

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We raised an incredible **£502.96** for Children in Need last week! Thank you so much to everyone who donated. So many of you took part in the 'Decorate a Duck' competition that I know School Council had a really difficult job in choosing the winners. I had a great time yesterday awarding prizes. A big thank you to Mrs Jonck and School Council for organising such a fabulous day.

Well-being

Key Stage 2 took part in an important Assembly this week with the Coventry Mental Health Team. Some of the classes have already taken part in the well-being workshops and they will continue for other year groups over the next couple of weeks.

Anti-bullying week

We kick started the week with a virtual assembly and Odd Socks Day. Thank you to everyone who took part and raised awareness of bullying. The children have been learning about what is bullying, who to talk to if they have any worries and the importance of being kind.

Pupil Premium Funding

Please see attached to this newsletter a poster advertising the Pupil Premium Grant. If you think you might be entitled to this, then please do apply. Universal School Meals mean that school dinners are free for our younger children and due to this many of you may not apply, despite the fact you may be eligible. As a school, we receive £1,345 per child for this so please do help us. We could be missing out on a significant amount of funding.

Entry and exit to our site

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to wear face coverings every time you are on the school site. Please do not be offended if a staff member reminds you to wear one, unless you are exempt, as we are working together to minimise risk to you, your children and our staff. Please do not congregate around the school gates at the beginning and the end of the day. I am receiving an increasing number of concerns about this as it is sometimes tricky to retain the necessary 2 metre social distancing.

Please ensure that when you collect your child, particularly at the end of the day, that they walk with you as you walk around the site. There are an increasing number of children who like to run and beat their parents/ carers to the gate which not only causes unnecessary congestion but an increased safeguarding risk.

Many thanks for your support as always,
Mrs Morgan





W/B23rd November	
23rd - Year 4 Assembly	25 & 26th - Nursery & Reception Parents meetings

Nursery and Reception

Our book of the week in Nursery has been *The Gingerbread Man*. The children have really loved this story and have taken part in a number of activities including making their name using gingerbread men letters, measuring the gingerbread man and decorating gingerbread men biscuits.

We will be continuing our topic on fairy tales next week by reading *'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'*

The children have also enjoyed 'Nursery Rhyme Time' with Mrs Newsome this week.

In small groups the children have been learning lots of familiar and new rhymes and it has been lovely to hear the children singing them during their independent play.



Reception have had a superb week learning about the story of *'The Little Red Hen'*. The children learnt that they must always be kind to one another. This was an important moral that they learnt from the story and they agreed that it was not fair that the animals wanted to eat the bread in the end. They learnt to help each other whenever possible and never hurt each other's feelings. The highlight of the week was making soda bread and learning about the ingredients that go into the recipe. The children had a fabulous time tasting it afterwards!



KS1

This week in Year 1, we have continued our focus on the traditional tale of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We have worked to edit and improve our super Troll descriptions and publish them as a 'Wanted' poster!. In Maths, we have been continuing to build upon our understanding of number bonds by completing some practical addition work. We have been learning some top tips to help us with this such as putting the largest number in our head and counting on. In the afternoons, continuing our theme focus of *'In the Toy Box'*, we designed some fantastic sock puppets and thought carefully about the materials we will need to make them. We have also been gearing up for KS1

Christmas Performance by beginning to learn our festive dances with Kirstie. We can't wait to share these with you at the end of term. More details will follow soon so watch this space! All in all, a very busy and exciting week!!

This week Year 2 have been delving into the world of *Little Red Riding Hood*. They have written a fabulous character description for Red, interviewed the characters in the story and have even challenged themselves by expanding their descriptive sentences with conjunctions. We are building up to rewriting a whole new version of *Little Red Riding Hood* where we can showcase all of our learning. The Christmas play excitement is building and we are very excited to start rehearsals next week.

Once again Year 3 have had a busy week. The children have published their Information Booklets on the History of the Bicycle and these will now be making their way to the transport museum in Coventry. We have then immersed ourselves in poetry and are looking forward to doing some drama with the children through poetry. In Maths we have started to subtract with renaming (for those oldies this means borrowing!). The children, in their usual Clifford Bridge way, have embraced this wholeheartedly and seem to be conquering this column method of subtraction.

We have also been looking at E safety in PSHE and as a year group we have been discussing the pro's and con's of using the internet and also most importantly how to stay safe whilst using the internet. E safety is such a challenging area and things change all the time, if possible could you chat with your child about this at home.

We have had a busy week as ever in Year 4! In Maths, we have been tackling fractions. We can now confidently add and subtract fractions with a smile on our faces - success! English has taken a persuasive turn this week and we have been preparing to pitch a healthy snack to Dragon's Den. We have carefully designed a healthy snack, using expanded noun phrases and rhetorical questions to aid our persuasion. Finally, we have been finishing off our clay tiles as part of Theme. We spent the afternoon adding colour to our transport designs which has enhanced our beautiful creations!

Mrs Morgan came to talk to the Year 5 children on Monday morning, but not because they were in trouble! She had spent the weekend reading their amazing persuasive letters, in which they asked her to allow everyone at Clifford Bridge to recycle some of our plastic. To say that Mrs Morgan was persuaded, was an understatement! She was totally wowed by the quality of the writing, and particular, all of the techniques that they had included in their letters, to get their points across. Needless to say, she is more than happy to let this go ahead, and has tasked Year 5 with getting it organised. We aim to spend some time very soon, on coming up with a plan so that in the future, Clifford Bridge's impact on the environment will be reduced and some money will be donated to charity on our behalf. Watch this space for further news about our plans.

We have an odd predicament in Year 6 this week as there may be wolves living in the walls... Our Year 6 family don't quite know what to do, but what we do know, is that something HAS to be done. This week, we have been reading *The Wolves in the Walls* by Neil Gaiman. Keep an eye out for our alternate endings by the end of next week.

100% Club Attendance

Whole School attendance is 98.10%
Best Class 2A & 5E 100%
Well Done!

Class % Attendance			
RD	96.67	3B	99.68
RW	93.75	3T	95.71
1P	99.29	4O	99.31
1S	97.83	4J	98.18
2A	100	5E	100
2G	99.29	5M	98.62
		6S	97.98
		6H	96.33



Birthday Zone

Birthdays From 16th to 22nd November



Neve S	Lola B
Alfie C	Mason H
Alfie N	Charlie B
Alex B	Ruby-Rose A
Jacob J	Jenson J
Matei D	Sophie E
Hannah H	

Classroom Ventilation

As you are aware, keeping classrooms well ventilated with windows and doors open for longer periods of time, minimises transmission of the virus. Following guidance, we keep some of our windows open to allow for air circulation. Now the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has an additional layer of clothing to wear should they feel they need it. I would like to reassure you that the heating in school is on.