

Clifford Bridge News

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This week at Clifford Bridge

This week's news includes:

Wellbeing Top Tips from Dr Alex

Covid-19 advice

Teaching and Learning

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been great to hear the sound of laughter and see the big smiles, from both children and adults, as the sun has been making a welcome appearance this week. It's amazing what a little sun can do! The field has been in good use this week, including for Active Maths sessions.

We raised a fantastic £380 for World Book Day and £270 For Red Nose Day. Thank you for all your kind donations.

Gold Merit Celebration

Many children have signed up to the special lunch today of our very own version of a well-known burger chain, beginning with 'M'. It all began with a pupil in Year 3, asking me if all the children could have one for a treat at the end of term. I spoke to our catering team and tah-dah! It is important to us that children's voices are heard in school and each class has decided how they would like to spend their Merit Celebration this afternoon. I know there will be egg hunts, party games and even karaoke going on. I am sure there will be plenty of photos shared on social media later on!

Mrs Jonck

I have some fantastic news, Mrs Jonck is having a baby! This year, Mrs Jonck has been teaching 3B, alongside Mr Brown and has also taught in 6H and more recently she's been concentrating on our Trust Remote Learning offer. We are all extremely excited about her baby news and we can't wait to meet her little one. I wonder if it is a boy or a girl?

Mrs Dainty is coming back!

Mrs Dainty will be returning from maternity leave, after Easter! I am really pleased to tell you that she will be teaching 3B, with Mr Brown. Many of you will know Mrs Dainty, as she used to lead EYFS prior to having her little girl. Welcome back Mrs Dainty.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support this term. What a term it has been! I don't think any of us really imagined that we'd be in this situation one year on from the first lockdown but we are getting through this by working together and supporting one another. I hope you have an enjoyable break, I know I am looking forward to getting into the garden!

Take care and stay safe this Easter,
Mrs Morgan



5 Wellbeing Top Tips from Dr Alex, the countries ambassador for wellbeing.

Keep following Coronavirus advice:

- Regular handwashing
- Social distancing
- Wearing a face covering

You need to self-isolate if:

- You get symptoms of Coronavirus- you'll need to book a test at <http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Someone you live with test positive, or has symptoms and has not yet been tested
- You've been traced as a contact of someone who tested positive

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LET US KNOW

It is important you let school know if your child tests positive for the virus or your family are self-isolating. It may be necessary for us to Track and Trace as other children will need to self-isolate, if they have been in close contact with a positive case. During the Easter Holiday, please use this form to tell us. <https://forms.office.com/r/XFhTqiG1sM>

We return to school on **Monday 19th April.**
Happy Easter!

Learning this week at Clifford Bridge...

Nursery and Reception

We have had lots of growing in Nursery this week- tadpoles, potatoes, seeds and even bread as it rose!! The children have made cress caterpillars, we have made Easter cards with a lovely surprise inside! We made bread rolls on Wednesday and on Thursday we ended the week with an Easter egg hunt in our outdoor area! What a busy week. I feel all the children and staff are in need of a much deserved break. We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing Easter holiday



Reception have had a lovely week learning all about Easter. They have been busy painting chicks, making playdough chicks, learning about different animals on a farm and the names of their young. They have been making the most of the glorious sunshine and enjoying lots of outdoor play. They loved observing the changes in chocolate as they melted it to make their Easter nests. The highlight of the week was the eager arrival of the Easter bunny and going on their own egg hunt. There were smiles all around!



Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week we have been completing our final week of Poetry in Year 1 focusing on the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We came up with our own ideas of special things that could go in our own magical boxes. We had some fantastic suggestions from the bluest whale in the ocean and a ballerina dancing on a cloud to a cuddle from the oldest grandpa! We then planned our poems and published our finished work, using our most beautiful cursive handwriting. We were so proud of ourselves!

We began looking at 'Multiplication' in our Maths work, learning about equal groups and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We then used our knowledge to help us answer word problems linked to our times tables. We even improved our scores in some multiplication games on the computer!

In the afternoon's we have been excitedly preparing for Easter by creating some very beautiful Easter cards. We can't wait to take them home to our families! For the final afternoon of the term we had so much fun enjoying our Gold Merit celebration and having a party with our friends. The Year 1 staff are all super proud of our hard work this term! 😊

Year 2

We've had another great week in year 2, learning and growing together! In English, we have written fact files about either tigers or elephants, based around 'The Jungle Book'. We loved doing our own research and learning some awesome animals' facts, for example did you know that elephants can use their trunks like snorkels?! We took advantage of the sunshine to go outside and do some active maths, applying our knowledge of shape to see how many different shapes we could find in the playground, some pairs found up to 100 different shapes! Year 2 have also made some amazing Easter cards, using our cutting and sticking skills to create some fantastic Easter eggs with tissue paper, we can't wait for you to see them! Even though this term has been a strange one Year 2 have never failed to try their best, complete excellent work and have fun doing it! Miss Griffiths and Mrs Allen are so proud of them and we can't wait for them to keep blowing us away in the summer term!

Year 3 & 4

Year 3

Year 3 have continued to use and find out about fractions in maths. In English they have designed and created a leaflet for their theme topic.

On Thursday when Mrs Tarka returned to school we have had an egtastic day of fun.

All the year 3 team wish you a very happy Easter!



Year 4

This week in year 4 has been great. In English, we have learnt about and written a biography on David Williams... I mean Walliams! The children learnt that David isn't just a judge! They were really impressed and inspired by his charity work. In maths we have been learning about decimals. The year 4 teams have been really impressed with the children's efforts as this can be a tricky topic.



We have loved having all of the children back in school, it really hasn't been the same without them. We hope you all have a good rest over the Easter break.

Year 5 & 6

Year 5

There have been a lot of lightbulb moments in Year 5 this week, as children have begun to make the link between fractions, decimals and percentages. Percentages in particular is an area of maths that children can be easily confused by, leading to lifelong confusion. So if you spot any percentage signs in the next few weeks, as we anticipate lots of sales when the shops open up again, do point them out to your children, and discuss what they mean.

The children have enjoyed immersing themselves in the writing of forest setting descriptions this week, with a particular focus on the use of personification. The images that they acted out included lily pads swimming across a murky pond, an old owl, like a silent soldier, keeping watch over the scene, and dust dancing slowly through the air. The resulting setting descriptions are an absolute delight.

Sponsored Read

We are delighted to announce that the final total raised by our sponsored read in the week of World Book Day, was £380. We are extremely grateful to Piper in RD, her mum, Chloe, and her family and friends, who raised the tremendous sum of £200. That is a massive achievement - well done Piper and family. Usborne Books have agreed to make an additional contribution to our book fund, meaning that in total, we have £494 to spend on new books. Mrs Moore is looking forward to collecting suggestions from the children about what books they would like, so that these can be ordered early next term. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Year 6

What a brilliant final week in Year 6! We have been extremely busy writing and publishing our gruesome and thrilling Greek myth stories. The children have been so imaginative and it's been great to read lots of interesting and exciting tales.

In maths land, we've been getting stuck into pie charts and being as accurate as we can to draw our own graphs - trickier than it sounds!

We are really excited for our gold merit afternoon to enjoy time together. It's been a tricky term with lockdown but the children have risen to the challenge and been amazing. They all deserve a well earned break during Easter! Well done Year 6! We'll see you in the Summer term!

Birthday Zone



Birthdays from - 22nd March - 1st April Happy Birthday

Caleb W	Phoenix F	Miller D
Macie J	Benjamin W	Evan F
Harrison C	Ethan D	Tiarna E
Zanthe R	Ryan J	Reece R

Red Nose Day Competition Winners



Thank you to all the children who entered our Red Nose Day competition.

The competition was tough but the school council did an amazing job at judging the winners and I am very pleased to announce who they are!

EYFS

Sienna-Nursery

Maya-RD

Key Stage One

Mason-2G

Alarna-2G

Lower Key Stage Two

Molly-3B

Seth-3B

Upper Key Stage 2

Amealia-Mai-5M

Evie-5E



Each winner received an Easter egg and all the entries will be displayed in our school entrance hall, so look out for all of these at the start of next term!

