

Clifford Bridge News

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This week at Clifford Bridge

Attendance

New Remote Learning Offer

Teaching and Learning

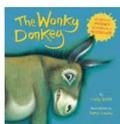
Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a week full of Writing, Maths and Science and I've thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children almost burst with excitement all around their learning!

I revealed our next school value, 'Joy' to go alongside 'Curiosity' and 'Integrity'. We have got 3 more to reveal next half term. It's been wonderful to hear children spotting these values in the behaviour, actions and attitudes of classmates as well as in themselves.

"Joy is at the heart of everything we do at Clifford Bridge. Like a warm fire in a cold room, joy is a focal point that radiates warmth and draws people near. Each flicker of pride that we feel for our own achievements and those of others, enables the fire to grow and burn brighter. We aspire to ignite joy in every pupil at Clifford Bridge; through exciting learning experiences, opportunities to excel and lots of fun".

We read the book, 'Wonky Donkey' which made us all giggle as we joined in together.



How do I notify school of a positive Covid test or if we are self-isolating?

Please ensure you inform us by clicking on the link below. We may need to track and trace during half term so it is very important that you notify us. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/XFhTqiG1sM>

Last but certainly not least, Mrs Jonck has had her baby! I am over the moon to announce that she had a beautiful little girl. We are all delighted for her and her family. Congratulations!

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy a good rest. We all look forward to seeing you on Monday 7th June.

Mrs Morgan

Whole School Attendance is 95.78%

Best Class 1S 98.62%

Well Done!

Class % Attendance

RD	94.23%	3B	98.06%
RW	95.34%	3T	97.35%
1P	90.00%	4O	96.55%
1S	98.62%	4J	96.67%
2A	95.31%	5E	97.00%
2G	96.67%	5M	97.87%
		6S	93.75%
		6H	92.23%

What will Remote Learning look like at Clifford Bridge Summer 2?

If your child is absent for an extended period due to Covid reasons. E.g. has to self-isolate for 10 days then your child will be provided with the remote learning offer below:

- The class teacher will upload your child's learning onto Tapestry (EYFS) or Class Dojo (Y1-Y6) by 9am on the second day of absence. This work will be the same learning taking place in class.
- Please upload completed tasks onto Class Dojo or Tapestry or, if you prefer, your child can bring in their work when they return to school. Teachers will provide feedback, just as they would if your child had attended the session.

Learning this week at Clifford Bridge...

Nursery and Reception

Nursery have had a lovely week reading the story 'Owl Babies'. They have enjoyed re-telling the story pretending to be Sarah, Percy and Bill as they call for their Mummy who has flown off to find food. We also had a go at making our own nests outside using big cardboard boxes, ribbon and offcuts of material and dressed up as giant owls to sit on our nests! The children have also been showing us their fantastic creative skills by creating owl collages to display in the classroom. We learnt that owls are nocturnal, what this word means and learnt about other animals that come out at night too. Later on the week we also made bird feeders for our feathery friends in the outdoor area which we are going to hang out after half term. I wonder what types of birds will visit our garden?



Reception loved exploring the story "I like bees, I don't like honey!" We were able to have a lot of discussion and circle times around individuality and feelings. The children learnt to express their preferences around foods that they like and don't like, especially favourite fruits and vegetables. They particularly enjoyed making pasta salad with their favourite vegetables. They shared past times and activities that they particularly enjoy and why. The children learnt that their feelings and opinions matter about everything in their world. Our most valuable lesson from this week taught us that it is ok to like and dislike different things, that is what makes us different and ultimately makes us special!



We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday!

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Year 1 had an exciting start to the week with two Science days where we learnt about the topic 'Flowers and Plants'. We found out the names of the parts of plants and talked about their different functions. One of our favourite activities was exploring our outdoor area with our magnifying glasses looking for wild flowers. We observed dandelions, buttercups, daisies and even stinging nettles! Miss Payne and Mr Peet said we made super Plant Detectives!

In our English work this week we have been focusing on key skills, such as using different punctuation in our sentences and learning the spelling rules when changing words from singular to plurals. In Maths we have continued our work on Measuring by estimating and measuring the capacity of different containers. We loved completing our investigations outside in the water tray!

Our afternoon lessons saw us finding out more about the city of London for our Theme work. We learnt about the difference between human and physical features before labelling our London map to show whether some of the landmarks were natural or had been man made. We can't wait to find out about the Great Fire of London after half term!

Year 2

We've had a fantastic week in Year 2! We began the week with 2 full days of science. We became plant detectives and learnt everything we could about plants! One of our favourite parts was the wild plant hunt where we got to go outside and see how many different flowers we could find! The hunt was described by Alex in 2G as 'The greatest time in his life' so Miss Griffiths is unsure how to top that next term. With the science fun over we returned to looking at fractions in Maths, and we are now experts at halves, quarters and thirds! In English, we became poets and have written some incredible poems based around Kathy Henderson's poem 'This is the city'. We loved getting to be creative and thinking of the strangest things we could find in our versions of a city, including a mermaid on a bench and a cat with a mohawk having a dance! Miss Griffiths and Mrs Allen hope you have a fantastic half term break and can't wait to see you for the final term soon!

Year 3 & 4

Year 3

What a final week of the half term it's been in Year 3 this week, where amongst other things we celebrated all things science in our 'Amazing bodies' unit of work!! The children explored some of the vocabulary associated with the human body, before learning all about the functions of a human skeleton, how it works and what enables it to move. Then, it was on to the muscles and their specific names and functions (Mr Towe helped us with this bit, as Mr Brown hasn't got any muscles according to the children!) Finally, we all went outside and completed some exercises which worked the different muscle groups - it was great to see everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves out in the sunshine whilst learning about the human body. All in all, it was another lovely week in year 3! Have a great half term all and thanks again for your continued support. :)

Year 4

This week, we spent some time going round the outside of the playground! We were mastering how to measure the perimeter of shapes. In English, we have been using our Theme knowledge about Boudicca to prepare for our journalistic writing. Using freeze frames, we were able to get into character and retell the story of Boudicca and her army! To finish off a fantastic week, we held a press conference where we were able to interview our very own Boudicca (thank you to Thomas and Annabelle!) and takes notes in preparation for our newspaper report after half term. Well done Year 4!

Year 5 & 6

Year 5

Once again, the children in Year 5 have loved having a whole day devoted to science this week. Thankfully, it's been a little less messy this time, with the major component being water! We spent Wednesday learning about the water cycle, which the children found fascinating because of the constant recycling of this essential substance that has always taken place on Earth. The children are always shocked to hear that we essentially drink dinosaur 'wee' because the water we have on Earth does not get replenished from anywhere else. Unusually for a science lesson, the children were able to enjoy a drama session, recreating the stages of the water cycle before creating miniaturised versions of the cycle during the afternoon. Thank fully, they all stayed on the windows overnight, meaning that the classrooms were not flooded the next morning! Everyone in Year 5 agreed that this science day was a great success and the children have really developed their understanding of the water cycle, whilst demonstrating Clifford Bridge's value of curiosity by asking tons of interesting questions.

Year 6

What an incredible week Year 6 have had! In our science days we investigated dissolving; separated materials; made fireworks out of paint; drew pictures by candlelight; got covered in shaving foam: and topped the days off with the grand finale: the infamous cola and mentos investigation. If that wasn't enough fun for one week, we also found out what our end of year production will be (shh... it's top secret) AND had some very entertaining auditions! What a time to be alive! We've all worked so hard - I think we'll take next week off!

Birthday Zone



Birthdays from 15th May - 28th May.

Happy Birthday

Millicent C

Victoria S

Lilly B

Zefie A

Henry H

Alexandra T

Esha M

Jack Q

Tyler James E

Lewis T

Lauren B

Luca S

Alia L

Merits

RW	Holly H	RD	Olivia G	1P	Poppy F	1S	Aneeka M	2A	Kian J	2G	Yah Yaa M	3T	Layla B
3B	Aaron M	4O	Evie-Mae V	4J	No Merit	5E	Maja B	5M	Tyler-James E	6S	Zara J	6H	Amber J