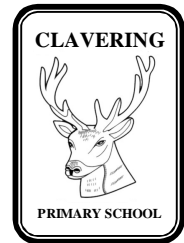




# CLAVERING PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## 2013-2014 – Term 3B – Ed. 6



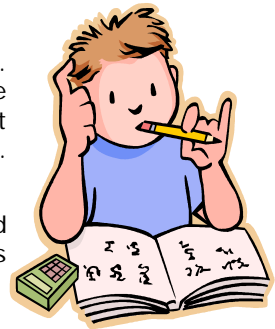
### WELCOME BACK!

Despite last half-term being only 23 school days long, it was amazing how much happened in school!

### KEY STAGE 2 STATUTORY TESTS

Children in Year 6 completed their SATs during the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This year there have, again, been changes to the tests with a different structure to the Reading Test and Maths Paper 2. The children were very positive throughout the test week and we are confident that they will have achieved an excellent set of results. Results are due out on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

Children from Year 2 to Year 5 have also completed tests in reading, writing and maths which will help inform teachers' 'teacher assessments' which are the levels reported on each child's Annual Report.



### JOHN MUIR AWARD CELEBRATION EVENING



*wild places:*  
**DISCOVER**  
**EXPLORE**  
**CONSERVE**  
**SHARE**

As will shortly be featured in the *Hartlepool Mail*, just before the half-term holiday, we held our third John Muir Award Celebration Evening to acknowledge and showcase the achievements of twenty-nine of our Year 6 pupils who have gained their John Muir Award. Clavering is currently the only school in the town to hold John Muir Award Provider status and we were delighted to welcome Paul Godwin (Senior Instructor at Carlton Outdoor Education Centre) to present the children with their awards.

During our February Ofsted inspection, the inspectors commented on how our pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a strength of the school and is promoted very well through an impressive range of activities. They were incredibly impressed by our John Muir Award Programme and we agreed with the inspectors that it would be fantastic to see more schools introduce the John Muir Award in their setting.

Many, many congratulations to the twenty-nine children who now join our Clavering John Muir Award Alumni: Philip, Craig, Aimee, Megan, Bailey, Leah, Daniel, Joseph, Matthew, Elissa, Peter, Heather, Jack H, Kieron, Alex, Justin, Sarah, Jack M, Joshua, Ethan, Laura, Owen, Lily, Ben, Max, Amy, Jay, Jack S and Kirsten. We are incredibly proud of you!

### FUNDRAISING AND CHARITABLE ENDEAVOURS



**Food Bank (organised by the Clavering School Council):** Many thanks to all of the families who have given so generously to our Food Bank. Members of our School Council transported the items which have been donated so far down to the Hartlepool Foodbank on Church Street shortly before half-term. The donated goods weighed a magnificent 68 kilograms!

**Friends of Clavering Summer Fair:** our annual Summer Fair will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. A flyer will be sent out by *Friends of Clavering* soon.

**Penalty Shoot-Out (organised by the Clavering School Games Organising Crew):** a letter will shortly be sent out by our School Games Organising Crew with details of this year's Penalty Shoot-Out which raises funds for school.

### FORTHCOMING HUMANITIES TRIPS

In order to enhance learning in history, as part of our History Curriculum we have a number of trips planned for this half-term:

- Years 1 and 2 will be visiting Beamish, linked to their Past Lives topic;
- Year 3 will be visiting Northumberland, linked to their Romans topic;
- Year 4 will be visiting the Jorvik Viking Centre and Jorvik Dig, linked to their Vikings topic; and
- Years 5 and 6 will be visiting the Bowes Museum linked to their Tudors topic.

In addition, Year 5 children will be visiting the Nasir Mosque to deepen their understanding of Islam which is their current RE topic.



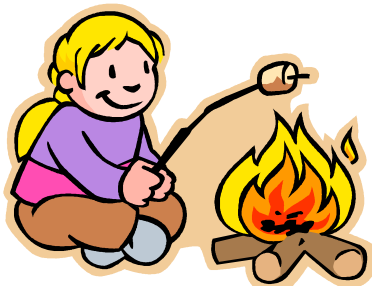
## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

On Friday 2nd May, 43 out of the 49 pupils in Year 5 (plus Miss O'Brien, Mrs Skirving, Mrs Winter, Miss Leighton and Mr McAvoy) headed off to the 'robinwood' activity centre at Barhaugh Hall near Alston for three days of adventurous activities.



The children showed great determination and bravery in completing all of the activities and we were very proud of how well they approached the activities and conducted themselves throughout the three days.

Well done to: Charlie, Maddy, Mia B, Morgan, Kacey, Dylan, Connor, Lucy, Kyle, Jack C, Sophie, Mia F, Thomas, Millee, Tilly, Emily, Joanne, Sarah, Owen, Jay, Duane, Jasmine, Eddie, Aiden, Ben, Robert, Olivia, Jenna, Harrison, Stephanie, Tegan, Ellie-Mae, Isobel, Amy, Luke, James, Jayden, Evie, Jack S-K, Ethan, Molly and Isaak.



## YEAR 4 CAMPING PROGRAMME

Over the next two weeks, 42 out of our 48 Year 4 pupils will be spending a night out in the wild as part of our Year 4 Camping Programme. They will be relying on each other to pitch their tents and cook their meals on Trangia stoves whilst camping at Pybus Campsite which is at the foot of the Cleveland Hills.

Following the success of last year's programme, we are confident that they will have a challenging but amazing experience.

## 'CLAVERING LOVES READING': EOIN COLFER COMES TO HARTLEPOOL!

Following the success of the visit of Cathy Cassidy to Hartlepool (which all of our Upper School girls were able to be a part of), we are delighted to say that a group of twenty-five Clavering boys will have the chance to participate in Eoin Colfer's visit to Hartlepool later this month. Eoin (pronounced Owen) Colfer is currently the Children's Laureate for Ireland and is most famous for his globally-successful Artemis Fowl series of books.

## 'CLAVERING LOVES READING': NURSERY TREASURE BASKETS

Members of staff from the Hartlepool Libraries Service visited our nursery children to promote reading and share their treasure baskets.

## 'CLAVERING LOVES READING': 'WAR HORSE' THEATRE TRIP



A group of lucky pupils from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an evening visit to the Sunderland Empire Theatre to watch the National Theatre's production of 'War Horse'. The play, based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, is a powerfully moving and imaginative drama, filled with stirring music and magnificent artistry which had the Clavering pupils on the edge of their seats.

It was lovely to watch the children's reactions as the narrative progressed and how they responded to how the Handspring Puppet Company brought to life the breathing, galloping, full-scale horses on the stage. Following the success of this trip, we are planning on organise similar live theatre trips in the future.

## UKULELE LESSONS

Children in Year 5 have been enjoying a series of ukulele lessons, delivered by Tees Valley Music Service.

## THE WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION

Children from Reception to Year 6 had the opportunity to watch a production of 'The Wizard of Oz' in school.

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## SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE

### INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

#### Clavering Commonwealth Games

During Half Term 3A:

- Canada won the Year 4 Modified Tag Rugby Competition;
- Jamaica won the Year 3 Modified Tag Rugby Competition;
- Jamaica won the Year 2 Football Competition; and
- Kenya won the Year 5 Kwik Cricket Competition.

Please see the 'Clavering Commonwealth Games 2013-14' webpage for more information and hundreds of photographs.

The leader board at the end of HT3A is as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Jamaica 2<sup>nd</sup>: South Africa 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kenya 4<sup>th</sup>: India 5<sup>th</sup>: Canada 6<sup>th</sup>: Australia 7<sup>th</sup>: Scotland**



## **Clavering European Championships and Clavering African Cup of Nations**

When the weather permits, matches are currently being played in our **Clavering European Championships** for children in Years 3 and 4 and **Clavering African Cup of Nations** for children in Years 5 and 6. Currently, **Germany** is at the top of our Clavering European Championships' leader board and **Ghana** is in the lead (but only on goal difference) in our Clavering African Cup of Nations.

## **INTRA-SCHOOL SPORT**

- **Our Girls' Football Team came second in the Hartlepool Town Cup Competition**

The girls (Sarah, Amy, Izzy, Holly, Mia, Tegan, Sophie, Alex and Macy) played in an extremely even and entertaining girls' final at Victoria Park, narrowly losing to a single goal in the first half. We are extremely proud of how well the girls have played all season and how they have conducted themselves on and off the pitch. We are also delighted to have now made the Girls' Town Final for three seasons in a row.

- **Our Year 4 Skipping Team is the Cluster Skipping Champions and came second in the Town Finals**

Our Year 4 skipping team is made up of twenty-nine pupils: Laney, Anna, Phoebe, Macy, Ellie, Madeline, Matthew P, Matthew R, Oscar, Rebecca, Jack, Kamil, Libby, Luke W, Luke R, Dylan, Arabella, Macey H, Jessie, Billy, Maddison, Millie, Jessica, Den, Layla, Owen, Max, Olivia and Michael.

Having shown great skill, determination and flair, the children were crowned overall winners at our Cluster Competition. They then went on to compete in the Town Finals where they missed out on first place by just 12 points. The team won Gold in the following events: 'Double Balance Girl' (Phoebe); 'Pretzel Girl' (Macy T); 'Run Jump Out' (Max, Jessica, Matthew P, Luke R, Kamil and Matthew R); and the 'Skip Dance' which involved all twenty-nine pupils and a giant space-hopper! Our 'Skip Dance' was described as being the best dance formation in the history of the competition! Huge congratulations to the children who competed brilliantly both individually and collectively and many thanks to our superstar choreographer Mrs Robson.

- **Our Girls' Kwik Cricket Team came fifth in the Hartlepool Town Finals**

Despite their relative inexperience, the girls (Sarah, Holly, Jay, Sophie, Mia, Evie, Tegan, Ellie-Mae and Charlie) played extremely well at the Girls' Town Finals, finishing fifth overall.

- **Our Year 6 Boys' Kwik Cricket Team came third in the Hartlepool Town Finals**

The boys (Jack S, Craig, Nathan, Ethan, Max, Matthew, Joshua, Philip and Jack M) demonstrated brilliant batting, fielding and bowling skills throughout the tournament which was held at Seaton Cricket Club. Coming third in the Town Finals is our best cricket result in recent years.

- **North Hartlepool Family of Schools' (NHFoS) Football Tournaments**

As will soon be featured in the *Hartlepool Mail*, Clavering has, again, volunteered to host the NHFoS' Football Tournaments which this year had a World Cup theme with each school adopting a different country that has qualified for the World Cup. Because of our African links and the fact that we play in green, we chose to 'adopt' Nigeria. The Year 4 Tournament was, sadly, postponed because of rain, but **our Year 2 Team won the Year 2 NHFoS Football Tournament and our Year 3 Team won the Year 3 NHFoS Football Tournament!**

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who represented the school in these two tournaments:

Year 2 Team: Kai, Charlie, Jake, Shay, Jack, Kieron, Alfie, Cara, Mille and Laura.

Year 3 Team: James, Jake, Samuel, Louis, Kobe, Thomas, Lilly, Anna, Hannah and Hollie.

Also, a huge congratulations to the Clavering School Games Organising Crew (Aimee, Amy, Megan, Sarah, Alex, Justin, Ben and Joseph) who planned, organised and ran the tournaments.

*For more details about any of the above competitions, please visit the 'Competitive Sport' section of our school website where you can find hundreds of photographs of our Clavering sports superstars!*

- **Still to come...**

Before the summer holidays, we expect to be competing in the following inter-school competitions:

- the NHFoS Year 4 Mixed Football Tournament;
- the Cluster Competition (and, hopefully, Town Finals) of the Year 5 Kwik Cricket Competition;
- the Year 5 Athletics Cluster Competition (and, hopefully, Town and Tees Valley Finals);
- the Year 6 Athletics Cluster Competition (and, hopefully, Town and Tees Valley Finals).

Within school, we have matches left to play in our **Clavering European Championships** and **Clavering African Cup of Nations**. In addition, watch out for a letter from our School Games Organising Crew which will give details of our School Games Festival which will include our **Clavering Sports Day, Commonwealth Cultural Day** and conclusion to our **Clavering Commonwealth Games**.

Please pray for dry weather this half-term!

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT**

In addition to the above competitions, children have been able to participate in the following clubs:

- Football Skills Club (Reception to Year 6);
- Girls' Football Club (Years 4, 5 and 6);
- Boys' Football Club (Years 5 and 6);
- Gymnastics Club (Reception to Year 6).

Many thanks to the Clavering members of staff and coaches from the Hartlepool United Community Sports Foundation who have led our different sports clubs last half-term.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **PD Days 2013-2014:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Clavering Sports Day:**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July (or Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July is Tuesday is wet):  
AM: Years 3-6 and Morning Nursery  
PM: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Afternoon Nursery

### **Residentials:**

Year 4: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June (Mrs Hilton's class)  
and 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June (Mr Piggford's class)

### **Additional dates:**

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Test  
8<sup>th</sup> July: Term 3 Parental Consultation

We look forward to working with you throughout the summer term.

**Miss H. J. O'Brien**  
Headteacher

**Mr N. C. McAvoy**  
Deputy Headteacher