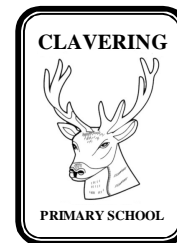




CLAVERING PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2015-2016 – Term 3A – Ed. 29

WELCOME BACK!

Half-Term 2B was only twenty-four school days long; however, a great deal happened in this short period of time!

BUILDING WORK AT CLAVERING

In every half-termly newsletter, we are now bringing you updates regarding our current building projects:

- Building work began during the Easter holiday in the Foundation Stage. At the moment, the work is focused on extending Mrs Corr's current classroom and altering the Reception toilets in advance of building an additional classroom for the Foundation Stage and a new Year 2 classroom.
- Children in Mrs Corr's class have moved into the Key Stage 1 library which has been turned into a suitable learning environment for her Reception pupils; Miss Ord's children have moved into Mrs Weightman's classroom; and our small Year 1 cohort is being taught in Mrs Carter's classroom with Mrs Carter and Mrs Weightman. All of the children (and staff members) are coping very well with the temporary changes and our Reception children are still able to access the Foundation Stage on a daily basis.

SPORT RELIEF 2016

A HUGE THANK YOU to every member of the Clavering Family who supported our efforts for Sport Relief 2016 and helped us to raise a stunning £2,095.10!

Organised by our School Games Organising Crew (Billy A, Jessie H, Dylan J, Scott T, Macy T, Laney S and Oscar W) our 'Clavering Sports Relief Mile' was a fantastic success with every pupil and member of staff completing their laps with great enthusiasm and enjoyment! Videos from the start of each race, plus a range of photos, were uploaded to our official PE and sport Twitter account: @ClaveringBolt. In addition to our 'Clavering Sports Relief Mile' our School Games Organising Crew sold hundreds of pounds worth of Sport Relief balls and wristbands.



Thank you for all your support in raising this fantastic sum of money!

FRIENDS OF CLAVERING EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Many thanks to all of the staff members and families who donated Easter eggs for our annual *Friends of Clavering* Easter Egg Raffle. £340.00 was raised for school funds.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2016

Our efforts for Fairtrade Fortnight 2016 were once again a huge success. Overseen by our Fairtrade Steering Group (Scott T, Neve B, Samuel M, Millie W, Maddison H, Lincoln T, Joe R and Tegan B), we participated in a variety of lessons, assemblies and activities linked to this year's theme: 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers!'

Mrs Hilton's Year 4 class and Mrs McLean's Year 5 class performed two inspirational Fairtrade-themed assemblies and children across the school enjoyed preparing for and participating in our 'BIG FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST' on Tuesday 8th March.

In addition, we supported the 'Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group' in their activities which included our Fairtrade Steering Group participating in a special Fairtrade-themed event at Catcote Academy with Luz Marina Garcia Ruiz who is a Fairtrade coffee producer from Asprocafé Ingruma Cooperative in Columbia.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

As you may have noticed, our regular Crossing Guard (commonly known as our Lollipop Man) Mr Gooding is currently off work. In order to ensure the safety of our families crossing Clavering Road in front of the school, five members of staff have been trained to cover his role. Many thanks to Mrs Howe, Mrs Robson, Mrs Rayment, Mrs Maxwell and Miss Newton.

ECO GROUP



Our Eco Group comprises representatives from every class from Year 1 to Year 6 who work with our Eco Coordinator Mrs Weightman. Our current representatives are: Naomi F, Bradley O, Daniel K, Louis O'N, Jack L, Isobel E, Holly M, Finn G, Layton H, Jessica L, Jack S and Martha S.

Our representatives have continued to monitor our 'Walk to School' charts and it is pleasing to see how many children are involved with active transport before and/or after school.

The Eco Group has also completed an eco review to see how our school monitors energy use, deals with litter, recycles waste, conserves water, promotes walking to school, encourages healthy living, teaches biodiversity, takes care and uses the school grounds, and incorporates sustainability into our Clavering Curriculum.

We are hopeful that Clavering will achieve the official 'Green Flag Award' in the near future.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

We are very proud that 94% of our current Year 6 cohort has participated in at least one Clavering residential. In addition, 60% have participated in all three residentials – meaning that, in total, they have been away from home for ten days as part of the Clavering Residential Programme.

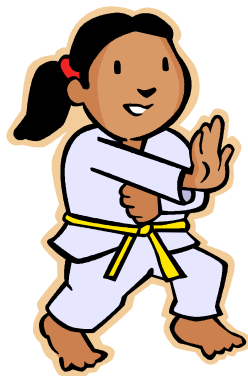
The thirty-six Year 6 children who participated in our Year 6 residential in March showed a great deal of grit and determination to tackle all of the challenges that we threw at them during our five-day residential. Based at Carlton Outdoor Education Centre (COEC), the children participated in a variety of activities in both the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moor which included caving, climbing, canoeing, a pre-planned expedition, a forest adventure, archery and a night walk.



Instructors at COEC are always very keen to emphasise that our collaboratively-designed Clavering programme is the best primary school programme and we are always delighted by the strength of character that our children demonstrate throughout the five days. Well done to all of our participants:

Arabella B, Neve B, Ellie B, Anna C, Phoebe E, Naomi F, Jessie H, Olivia H, Madeline L, Jessica M, Maddison R, Amy R, Abigail S, Laney S, Rebecca S, Layla T, Macy T, Scarlett W, Billy A, Daniel B, Jayden C, Max D, Adam E, Jack G, Dylan J, Kamil M, Den M, Matthew P, Luke R, Michael S, Owen S, Scott T, Ben T, Oscar W, Lewis W and Luke W.

Thank you, also, to all of the staff members who participated in the residential: Miss O'Brien, Mr McAvoy, Miss Peart, Mrs Skirving and Mrs Winter.



DESTINATION JUDO

Every child from Year 1 to Year 5 enjoyed a highly energetic judo workshop with British Judo Association coach Ian Hepple. Feedback from children and staff members was very positive and every child who participated in one of the ten workshops was given a voucher to attend a free lesson at one of the Hartlepool 'Destination Judo' clubs. We also have some additional vouchers available from the school office. Hopefully lots of pupils will take up this offer!

SPRING TERM BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Term Book Fair, organised by our English Leader Mrs Thèbé. £580.90 was raised for school funds which will be spent on books for our school libraries.

GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

Linked to their sustainability work in Geography, children in Year 3 visited Summerhill Country Park to study habitats, complete a wildlife audit and undertake litter-related activities. Children in Years 1 and 2 also completed separate local field work linked to their respective geography topics.

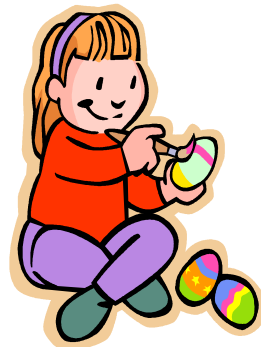
FIRE

Officers from Cleveland Fire Brigade delivered a presentation to Key Stage Two pupils about arson and youth fire-setting. Through working together, the fire service aims to stop nuisance fires and protect families, communities and businesses from arson.

CLAVERING SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council has representatives from every class plus a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Our current members are: Jack G (Chairperson), Katie B (Vice Chairperson), Arabella B, Matthew P, Emily Mc, Libby H, Jacob C, Grace B, Grace M, Roxanne D, Olivia G, Harry G, Imogen B and Jack O.

Last half-term, the children organised our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. Over two hundred entries filled our central corridor making the judging extremely difficult! Thank you to everyone for their very creative and imaginative ideas. Particular congratulations to our year group winners: Tobias M (Nursery AM), Owen F (Nursery PM), Heidi T (Reception), Erin T (Year 1), Lily A (Year 2), Scarlett A (Y3), Millie T (Y4), Joshua L (Y5) and Rebecca S (Y6).



Our School Council representatives have also been busy devising a British menu as part of our celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday on Thursday 21st April. We will write to you with further details of our planned activities later this week.

STEM UPDATE

Under the leadership of our Science and Technology Subjects Leader Miss Leighton, our additional opportunities in this area are continuing to develop:

- as part of our growing link with Middlesbrough College's STEM Training Centre, all Year 5 pupils participated in a bath-bomb workshop. The children enjoyed designing and making their bath-bomb, learning how the bombs are coloured and scented.
- Miss Leighton will be running our popular radio club again in the summer term, having managed to secure a second opportunity to loan the radio station kit.

THE ARTS AT CLAVERING

Under the leadership of our Arts Subjects Leader Miss Peart, Arts provision at Clavering continues to develop:

- peripatetic music teachers continue to offer brass and woodwind tuition;
- Mr Harbisher from Tees Valley Music Service has been leading whole class singing tuition in Reception and Year 2;
- Miss Proud, a specialist dance and gymnastics teacher from High Tunstall College of Science, has led a six-week block of dance tuition in Year 3;
- our Year 3 Craft Club, led by Miss Ord and Mrs Angus, has seen children producing a range of different arts and crafts masterpieces as they work towards their 'Discover Arts Award';
- our Year 5 Art Club, led by Mrs Ballingall, is helping children to extend and develop their art skills;
- our Glee Club for singers in Years 4-6 performed at our second annual North Hartlepool Family of Schools' Choir Event. This year's event had a movie theme and involved over forty Clavering pupils:
 - Year 4: Ruby C, Jessica G, Maddison H, Cara Mc, Chloe M, Lucy M, Piper R, Grace S, Phoebe S, Emma W, Ella W and Jo V;
 - Year 5: Alyssia B, Jessica B, Penny C, Alexa D, Naisia H, Anna H, Grace H, Emily Mc, Hollie M, Hannah R, Madison R, Ruby S and Millie W;
 - Year 6: Ellie B, Libby C, Phoebe E, Naomi F, Jessie H, Macey H, Dylan J, Madeline L, Luke R, Matthew R, Maddison R, Laney S, Layla T, Scott T, Macy T and Scarlett W.
- our Middle School Drama Club, under the leadership of Miss Peart, Mrs Carter and Miss Dent (along with Mrs Stephenson for props and costumes), put on an excellent performance of 'Porridge' for the whole school (during the day) and for friends and family members (on the evening). It was great to see over thirty children singing, dancing and acting on our school stage. Well done to all involved: Allister B, Nina B, Nicole H, Grace M, Lucy M, Freya M, Leland S, Olivia S, Amelia T, Charlie T, Arun B, Roxanne D, Eve-Alexa Mc, Cherri T, Sophie A, Jessica G, Joel R, Jay S, Lincoln T, Oliver B, Ruby C, Evie F, Lilly J, Maddison H, George H, Macie J, Holly M, Piper R, Grace S, Millie T and Jo V;
- our latest theatre trip involved twenty-two children in Years 4 and 5 travelling to the Sunderland Empire Theatre to watch 'Annie'. It was a great night for all of the boys and girls: Sophie A, Grace B, Isobel E, Dean Mac, Leon Mac, Joel R, Ella W, Colby W, Jacob C, Lilly J, Cara Mc, Lucy M, Millie T, Grace W, Jessie A, Alyssia B, Rhys C, Billy F, Libby H, Riley S, Aidan U-S and Grace H. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up part of their Easter holidays to accompany the children.



PUPIL PREMIUM ELIGIBILITY

Could your child be missing out on over £9,000 of additional funding during their time at Clavering?

If you think that your child/children is/are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and the school isn't already aware of this, please contact the school as soon as possible. We keep 'finding' children who are eligible for this funding and we are concerned that there are other children 'out there' who may also be entitled but are missing out because they haven't come forward. If you know another Clavering child who you think might qualify, please encourage his/her parent(s)/carer(s) to apply. For more information, please visit the 'Pupil Premium' section on our school website.

SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE

Do you follow @ClaveringBolt? We are currently up to 339 followers. Don't miss out on all the latest news from our multi-award-winning 'Clavering PE and Sport Programme'!

INTRA-SCHOOL SPORT

Clavering Olympics

All of our pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 continue to compete as part of their seven Olympic nations: Australia, Brazil, China, Greece, India, South Africa and USA.

In HT2B, the following competitions took place:

- our Year 4 Basketball Tournament was won by Greece;
- our Year 1 Cat and Mouse Tournament was won by China.

As in previous years, in addition to the points allocated for success in the tournament, twenty points are allocated to a child who best demonstrates each Clavering Sports Value (120 points in total, 20 for each of 6 children): determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork.

The leader board currently stands as follows:

1st: China 2nd: Australia 3rd: South Africa 4th: India 5th: Greece 6th: Brazil 7th: USA

Middle School European Championships and Upper School African Cup of Nations

Three-quarters of our Key Stage 2 pupils have signed up to compete in our intra-school football competitions. We have had the worst ever academic year in terms of access to our school field; however, we are confident that all of our intra-school football matches will be completed before the end of the summer term.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

• Year 2 Multi-Skills: *We are the Year 2 Multi-Skills Town Champions!*

We held our own multi-skills morning where our Year 2 team took over every spare space in school to run ten different activities testing our children's agility, balance and coordination. From this, twelve children were selected to represent Clavering in the first-ever Hartlepool Year 2 Multi-Skills Competition. Huge congratulations to our team who won the competition: Joseph C, Layton H, George H, William M, Pierce T, Jacob W, Lily A, Millie B, Olivia G, Jessica L, Ava N and Harriet W!

• Year 3 Tennis: *We are the Cluster Champions!*

Every year, every Year 3 pupil has the opportunity to have a series of tennis lessons led by our tennis coach Mark Barras. Eight children are then selected to represent Clavering in the Tony Blair Sports Foundation Year 3 Tennis Competition. This year the following children were selected: Toby M, Arun B, Ethan R, Daniel M, Amy P, Grace M, Scarlett A and Isla B. The children played magnificently at our Cluster Competition, winning the event and reaching the Town Finals.



• Year 6 Dodgeball: *We are the top Hartlepool dodgeball team!*

Emma Turnbull, the Stockton School Games Organiser, organised the first-ever Tees Valley Dodgeball Competition and, of course, Clavering entered! Having lost only one match all afternoon, we finished as the top Hartlepool team and we were incredibly unfortunate to miss out on a place in the semi-finals. Well done to our first-ever dodgeball team: Millie M, Den M, Matthew P, Maddison R, Owen S, Scott T, Macy T and Oscar W.

- **Key Stage 2 Cross Country: *We are the Cluster Champions, we had 29 children qualify for the Town Finals and 6 children qualify for the Tees Valley Finals!***

Cross Country Cluster Competition:

Following our Clavering Cross Country Trials which involved every child in Key Stage 2, a team of 48 children qualified to represent Clavering at our Cluster Cross Competition:

Y3-4 Girls: Amy P, Grace M, Millie T, Grace S, Phoebe S, Eve-Alexa Mc, Sophie A and Holly M;

Y3-4 Boys: Arun B, Shay H, Lincoln T, Dylan R, Toby M, Charlie W, Tom Wa and Daniel M;

Y5 Girls: Hannah R, Lilly R, Naise H, Hollie M, Emily Mc, Leonie W, Anna H and Pennie C;

Y5 Boys: Jake H, Kobe S, Theo W, Tom Wi, Aiden U, Tom H, Callum F and Sam M;

Y6 Girls: Jessica M, Millie M, Macy T, Maddison R, Layla T, Macey H, Naomi F and Arabella B;

Y6 Boys: Scott T, Matthew P, Kamil M, Den M, Oscar W, Billy A, Luke R and Dylan J.

The team results for our Cluster Competition were as follows: Clavering: 200 points, West View: 56 points, Barnard Grove: 48 points, St Helen's: 27 points and Springwell: 0 points.

Cross Country Town Finals:

All of the children who finished in the top eight of their respective race at our Cross Country Cluster Competition qualified for the Town Finals at Summerhill. Many congratulations to the 29 Clavering children who reached this stage:

Y3-4 Girls: Amy (2nd), Millie (4th), Grace (5th), Grace (6th), Sophie (7th) and Phoebe (8th);

Y3-4 Boys: Arun (1st), Shay (2nd), Charlie (3rd), Lincoln (4th), Toby (5th) and Tom (6th);

Y5 Girls: Hannah (1st), Naisie (3rd) and Hollie (4th);

Y5 Boys: Kobe (1st), Jake (3rd), Callum (7th) and Aidan (8th);

Y6 Girls: Jessica (1st), Millie (2nd), Macy (4th), Macey (5th) and Maddison (6th);

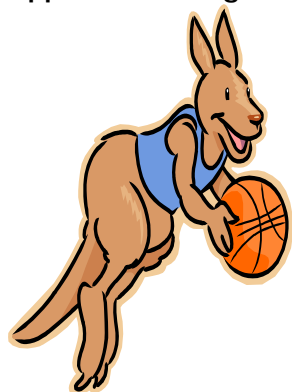
Y6 Boys: Scott (1st), Matthew (4th), Billy (6th), Den (7th) and Oscar (8th).

Cross Country Tees Valley Finals:

In order to qualify for the Cross Country Tees Valley Finals, you had to finish in the top eight at the Town Finals which is, obviously, a very impressive achievement. Huge congratulations to Scott T, Matthew P, Jessica M, Jake H, Hannah R and Shay H who all represented Hartlepool at the Tees Valley Finals at Stewart Park in Middlesbrough.



- **Upper School High 5 Netball: *We are the Cluster Champions!***



This year's Clavering Netball Team comprised the following children: Jessie H, Kamil M, Jessica M, Matthew P, Laney S, Owen S and Macy T. Our team won every match at our Cluster Competition to be crowned cluster champions. We have now won our Cluster Netball Competition every year since the launch of the 'Clavering PE & Sport Programme'; however, sadly, every year the Netball Town Finals clashes with our Year 6 Residential. One might think that this is a conspiracy! With every member of our netball team being away, we sent a team of Year 5 pupils to the Town Finals who competed with great skill and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Jessica B, Alexa D, Tom Wa, Tom Wi and Hollie W.

We also had a large number of children selected to represent Clavering in our first-ever Cluster Netball Festival. Sadly, on two occasions, this event has been postponed because of wet weather.

We are hoping that our other cluster schools will want to reschedule the event this term ... we are certainly ready! Congratulations to the following children who were all selected to compete in our three festival teams: Bradley A, Bradley O, Millie M, Katie B, Finfeen B, Macey H, Tom Wi, Alexa D, Hollie W, Tom Wa, Jessica B, Kobe S, Josh N, Emily Mc, Abigayle N, Naisé H, Ben T, Layla T, Olivia M and Ellie B.

- **Year 6 Boys' Football: *We are the Hartlepool 'Kids' Cup' Champions!***

Having won the Hartlepool round of the Football League's 'Kids' Cup' competition, our Year 6 boys' football team travelled all the way to Morecambe to compete in the North of England round of this national competition. The boys did very well, only losing to the two eventual finalists. Huge congratulations to: Dylan J (c), Jack G, Kamil M, Matthew P, Michael S, Owen S and Oscar W.

- **Hartlepool United FC Half-Time Penalty Competition: *We reached the quarter finals!***

The members of our Penalty Team are Dylan J, Kamil M, Matthew P, Owen S and Oscar W. The boys narrowly lost 3-2 to Barnard Grove in the quarter finals of the competition.

- **Year 5 Boys' Football: *We have qualified for the HPSFA Championship!***

Following trials, eight boys were selected for our Year 5 boys' football team: Rhys C, James C, Jake H, Sam M, Kobe S, Alfie T, Tom W and Tom Wi. Following their first round of matches, the boys have qualified to compete in the HPSFA Championship League this half-term.



- **Year 4 Boys' Football: *We are the Hartlepool Champions of Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation's Cup!***

Following trials, seven boys were selected for our Year 4 boys' football team: Jake D, Kai F, Shay H, Jack L, Alfie Mc, Ben N and Charlie W.

The boys competed very well at Hartlepool United Community Sports Foundation's Competition and won the Hartlepool round of Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation's Lee Stephenson Cup. The boys will now compete in the Tees Valley Finals later this half-term.

- **Girls' Football: *We have qualified for the HPSFA Girls' Cup Final!***

The eight members of our Girls' Football Team are: Katie B, Phoebe E, Jessie H, Jessica M, Amy P, Grace S, Laney S and Macy T. The girls performed brilliantly at the qualifying round of the Hartlepool Primary Schools' Football Association's Girls' Cup Competition to reach the semi-finals which they won 3-0 against Sacred Heart. The girls will now play Stranton in the final at Victoria Park on May 4th. More details about the final will be published on @ClaveringBolt once they are available.

We also had eighteen girls represent Clavering in friendly matches against St Helen's on the last day of the half-term. Our Year 6 girls (Katie B, Anna C, Phoebe E, Jessie H, Madeline L, Jessica M, Laney S and Macy T) won 5-0 and our Years 3-4 girls (Sian A, Tiegan A, Jessica B, Alexa D, Evie F, Amy P, Grace S, Sienna S, Millie T and Hollie W) won 5-3. Well done girls!

In our continued efforts to give as many children as possible the chance to represent Clavering, we are always very keen to hear from any primary school that is interested in playing friendly matches in any sport, in any age range and at any level of ability!

- **And finally...**

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Robson who completed her first marathon in Manchester! We are all very proud of her achievement!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT CLUBS

In addition to the above competitions, children were able to participate in the following sport clubs during HT2A:

- Monday Upper School Girls' Table Tennis Club (Years 5 and 6);
- Tuesday Football Skills Club (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2);
- Wednesday Gymnastics Club (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2);
- Thursday Year 5 Boys' Table Tennis Club (Year 5);
- Friday Football Skills Club (Key Stage 2);
- Lunchtime Netball Training (Years 5-6);
- Breaktime Handball Training (Year 6).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PD Days 2015-2016:

Friday 27th May
Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July
Wednesday 20th July

Residential:

Year 5: 29th April to 1st May
Year 4 (Mrs Hilton): 18th to 19th May
Year 4 (Miss Moore): 25th to 26th May

Open Evenings:

Term 3: 6th July

Additional dates:

Year 6 SATs Week: 9th to 13th May
Year 2 SATs: throughout May
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: 13th to 17th June

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

Miss H. J. O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr N. C. McAvoy
Deputy Headteacher