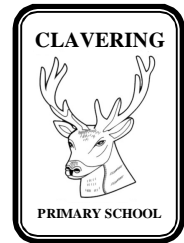




# CLAVERING PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## 2017-2018 – Term 2B – Ed. 40



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### WELCOME TO HT2B!

Half-term 2A was incredibly short; however, a great deal happened in just five school weeks!

### CLAVERING HOUSE SYSTEM AND CLAVERING PAWS POINTS

Every pupil from Year 1 to Year 6 continues to be in one of our four PAWS Houses. Our current leader board sees Pandas and Bears houses in first place:

1<sup>st</sup>: Pandas and Bears (15,895 points), 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tigers (15,885 points) and 4<sup>th</sup>: Lions (15,820)

### SPRING TERM PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who attended our Spring Term Parental Consultations. Over 88% of children were represented across the two nights. It was great to see how delighted so many parents and carers were when looking through their child's/children's work. We hope you found the time spent with your child's/children's teacher(s) useful.

### 'CRUCIAL CREW' WINNER

Congratulations to Kieran O and Maddison H from Year 6 who were amongst the annual winners in the town-wide 'Crucial Crew' competition about health and safety!

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### PUPIL-LED COMMITTEES

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE (Mrs Corr)

The democratically-elected members of our 2017-2018 School Council are Jacob C (Chairperson), Oliver B (Vice Chair), Ben N, Shelly W, Jack W, Isla B, Pierce T, Holly R, Erin T, Riley D, Ruby H, Fearne B, Emma M and Oliver W.

Last half-term, selected members of our School Council attended a cluster meeting at St Helen's Primary School. The children discussed what makes their school unique. The children were also involved in suggesting a theme for the annual School Council Conference which takes place in July.

As we are committed to taking action to improve the lives of children locally and globally, our School Council are currently organising and planning a school charity calendar. This will outline the various charities we will be fundraising for throughout the academic year. This should be completed next half term.

#### ECO SCHOOLS AND GARDENING UPDATE (Mrs Weightman and Miss Taylor)

The democratically-elected members of our 2017-2018 Eco Committee are Charlie W, Jessica G, Oliver D, Aaron N, Dylan I'A, Jessica L, Imogen B, Jack O, Harrison S, Heidi T, Oliver H and Nate C. The children have been busy in a variety of ways last half-term:

- daily litter picking is completed on a rota and the children are looking at new ways to reduce litter around school;
- our 'Walk to School' charts as part of our commitment to active transport are showing a pleasing increase in the amount of people walking or part-walking to school at least once a week;
- our committee completed an environmental review, evaluating how well we are reducing energy use and wastage, reducing litter, monitoring water use in school and reducing any water wastage, monitoring how our school takes part in global citizenship (e.g. Fairtrade), monitoring how we promote healthy living, monitoring how our school uses the outdoor environment to enhance learning, and how our school grounds are looked after to encourage wildlife.
- our committee members are busy planning our next campaign which will run in March: 'Waste Week'.





## **FAIRTRADE UPDATE (Mr McAvoy and Miss Dent)**

The democratically-elected members of our 2017-2018 Fairtrade Steering Group are Harrison E, Jodie W, Leland S, Eve-Alexa Mc, Ruby J, Charlie R, Kaitlin C and Amelia P. These children will be responsible for leading our activities during 'Fairtrade Fortnight' later this academic year.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 is from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. You will shortly receive a letter from our committee with details of our plans for Fairtrade Fortnight.

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## **RESIDENTIALS AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (Mr McAvoy)**

### **YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL**

Later this term (26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March), forty-five pupils will be participating in our annual Year 5 residential. As participating families will be aware, we have our Information Evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm.

### **1LD GOES WILD IN THE WOODS!**

Following the postponement of their trip to the West View Project's woods because of high winds, our Year 1 children in Miss Dent's class got wrapped up and enjoyed an adventurous day in the woods link to their studies in English and art.



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## **ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES UPDATE (Mrs Thèbé)**

Later this half-term, we will be participating in a sponsored reading initiative with Usborne Children's Books and World Book Day 2018. Watch out for more information!

## **THE ARTS UPDATE (Miss Dent and Miss Ord)**

In 2012, we successfully gained the old form of Art Council England's Artsmark. The new Artsmark has various categories and levels and, following an application earlier this academic year, the assessors awarded us the Silver standard which is a fantastic achievement. The feedback suggested that we are actually working at gold standard; however, they wanted to see that our various initiatives become embedded so, hopefully, we will receive the Gold Artsmark in the not-too-distant future.

There have been a number of additional opportunities in The Arts last half-term:

- Mr Ingledew from Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS) is currently teaching Mrs Mackenzie's Year 5 class guitar;
- Mr Dorian (TVMS) has been teaching ukulele to Mrs Hilton's Year 4 class;
- Miss Dent's class has been invited to take part in 'Snappy Spring' at the Borough Hall in March. The event has been organised by Tees Valley Music Service and letters have now been sent home with further information. The children will perform a set of five songs, finishing with a spotlight song of our choice.



- Miss Ord has continued to lead our successful Year 5 Art Club. The children are working towards the 'Explore Art Award' which they will hopefully all achieve by Easter.
- Linked to this, this half-term children in Year 2 will be spending a day at Hartlepool Maritime Museum completing art-related activities and, hopefully, earning their 'Discover Art Award'.
- As part of our commitment to experiencing live theatre, a large group of Upper School pupils had a fantastic time watching 'Shrek The Musical' at Sunderland Empire.
- Our Middle School Drama Club, led by Miss Dent and Mr Savage, is now in full swing. This year's performance is called 'The Rocky Monster Show' and roles and scripts have been distributed. Many thanks in advance to all the families who are helping their children learn their lines and lyrics!

## **STEM UPDATE (Mrs Mackenzie, Maths / Miss Leighton, Science & Technology)**

STEM involves our maths, science, design and technology and computing lessons. Additional opportunities last half-term included:

- Mr Savage and his Year Three children went to Space to Learn to have a full day manipulating sound. They used the sound pod to record different styles of music before using the 'Audacity' software to manipulate it.
- Miss Sutherland has continued to lead our popular Lower School Science Club which is complimenting pupils' learning in their science lessons.
- For the fourth consecutive year, children across the school took part in Safer Internet Day which was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. This year's motto was 'Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you!'



## INTERNATIONAL LINKS (Miss Dent)

We continue to look for exciting opportunities to further develop international learning at Clavering:

- Miss Dent's class are now midway through their Paddington Bear scrapbook. Many thanks to all the 1LD families who have engaged so fully in this project!
- Miss Dent's class has also made contact with a school in Italy. As the children have been studying Pinocchio in English, they are planning to exchange their work on the fairytale and have been planning and drafting a letter to send to their new friends. The children are very excited at the prospect of having an Italian penpal!
- Mrs Jones' class are continuing to develop their partnership with Mas Clarà School in Barcelona, Spain.
- *If you are aware of anyone working in a non-British school who would be interested in establishing an international partnership, please contact Mr McAvoy or Miss Dent.*



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## PESSPA UPDATE (Mr McAvoy)

Despite the half-term being the shortest of the year, a huge number of PESSPA-related events took place!

## TEES VALLEY PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SCHOOL SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (PESSPA) CONFERENCE: MORE THAN SPORT

The biennial Tees Valley PESSPA Conference took place at the Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough, organised by the six Tees Valley PESSPA districts. Ali Oliver (the Chief Executive Officer for the Youth Sport Trust) delivered the keynote speech around the theme 'more than sport' and it was fantastic to see a record number of schools represented at the conference. For Clavering, it was a huge honour to be one of the keynote speakers, delivering our workshop with our close partner Claire Tennyson from the Youth Sport Trust and Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership with a focus on active schools. Our workshop was delivered three times during the day and registers suggest that we presented to representatives from over a quarter of primary schools in the whole Tees Valley. Since then, a number of schools have contacted Clavering to learn more about the 'Clavering 30:30 strategy for physical activity' and, hopefully, more children will gain from the many benefits of being physically active in school.

## YOUTH SPORT TRUST: 'AMBASSADOR SCHOOL' STATUS

We are extremely honoured to be one of only thirty-one schools nationally (and one of only six UK primary schools) to be asked to become an 'Ambassador School', advocating for the power of PE, school sport and physical activity. It is very early days in terms of what Clavering and what this network of schools might be able to achieve; however, it is clearly testimony to the work of the whole Clavering Family that we have been awarded this status and asked to be a part of this network of schools.



## ACTIVE LEARNING: NEW PARTNERS

As you may have seen on our Twitter accounts, our teachers have signed up to the Premier League's 'Primary Stars' programme and the BBC's new 'Super Movers' programme (in partnership with the Premier League). Both programmes are offering resources to assist with active learning, particularly in the areas of English, mathematics and PSHEE. All of the 'Super Movers' resources are freely accessible at home for Clavering families. The website address is <http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/supermovers>

In addition, teachers have also signed up for the 'Active Kids Do Better' programme which is a partnership between Nike and Discovery Education. This new resource is currently being developed and there is a section for families available at <https://www.activekidsdobetter.co.uk/active-home>. The people behind the programme have already been in touch with us to learn more about the 'Clavering 30:30 strategy for physical activity' and it is likely that we will be offering input into the new 'Active Kids Do Better' programme as it develops further.

## INTRA-SCHOOL SPORT

### • PAWS School Games Cup

Last half-term, four intra-school competitions were held as part of our PAWS School Games Cup:

- our Year 1 Multi-Skills Tournament was won by the Purple Bears;
- our Year 2 Multi-Skills Tournament was won by the Purple Bears;
- our Year 3 Netball Skills Tournament was won by the Tigers;
- our Year 4 Netball Skills Tournament was won by the Green Lions.

Our current PAWS School Games Cup leader board is:

1<sup>st</sup>: Lions (1,500 points),  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Tigers (1,400 points), 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pandas (1,210 points), 4<sup>th</sup>: Bears (990 points)



- ***Intra-School Football***

Hopefully, the school field will be accessible at some point in HT2B so that we can continue with our intra-school 'European Championships' football competition in Middle School and intra-school 'African Cup of Nations' football competition in Upper School; both competitions have the large majority of pupils involved in them. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

## **INTER-SCHOOL SPORT**

***Over eight different pupils represented Clavering during HT2A! This is a fantastic achievement, but we are always striving to find more opportunities to involve more pupils. Unfortunately, we are hindered by the fact that Hartlepool only has one part-time School Games Organiser, the fact that the official Hartlepool Competitive Sport Calendar is entirely A-team focused and that there is no School Sport Partnership in the town. Despite this, we enter more events than any other Hartlepool school and will continue to work with other like-minded organisations to try and provide more opportunities for more pupils.***

- ***Sportshall Athletics:***

**WE CAME THIRD AT THE KEY STAGE 2 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS TEES VALLEY FINALS, OUR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TOP-FIVE-FINISH!**

**WE ARE THE KEY STAGE 2 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS TOWN CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

**WE ARE THE KEY STAGE 2 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CLUSTER CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

Twenty-seven children represented us at both the Town Finals and Tees Valley Finals: Scarlett A, Roxanne D, Maddison H, Macie J, Grace M, Cara Mc, Eve-Alexa Mc, Holly M, Amy P, Grace S, Lois S, Phoebe S, Millie T, Arun B, Joe C, Will C, Jake D, Kai F, Shay H, Liam H, Ben H, Alfie Mc, Toby M, Joe R, Leland S, Kian T and Charlie W.

To win the Hartlepool Town Finals and finish third in the Tees Valley Finals is an outstanding achievement! This is the fifth year in a row that we have been the best Hartlepool school and one of the top five Tees Valley schools. It would be easy to take this achievement for granted which is why we feel the need to highlight just how impressive it is! Well done to our twenty-seven athletes this year!

- ***Basketball:***

**WE CAME FOURTH IN THE TEES VALLEY FINALS OUT OF OVER 200 SCHOOLS!**

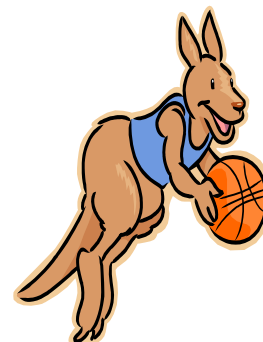
**WE QUALIFIED FOR THE BASKETBALL TEES VALLEY FINALS FOR THE FOURTH YEAR OUT OF THE LAST FIVE!**

**WE ARE THE BASKETBALL TOWN CHAMPIONS FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW!**

**WE QUALIFIED FOR THE BASKETBALL TOWN FINALS FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

Our squad of eight children (Maddison H, Macie J, Grace S, Jake D, Kai F, Shay H, Alfie Mc and Charlie W) competed in our Cluster Competition, the Hartlepool Town Finals and the Tees Valley Finals in quick succession, performing brilliantly in all three rounds of this year's basketball season. They won all of their matches at the Cluster Competition (scoring 20 field goals and conceding only 2) and all of their matches at the Town Finals (scoring 26 field goals and conceding only 7).

At the Tees Valley Finals, they didn't concede any goals until a tight 2-1 loss in their semi-final. We are very proud of the level of teamwork shown by the eight children in all of their matches and additional training sessions!



- ***Cross Country Running:***

**WE HAD THE LARGEST GROUP OF QUALIFIERS AT THE CROSS COUNTRY TOWN FINALS! ELEVEN OF OUR RUNNERS QUALIFIED FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY TEES VALLEY FINALS!**

Regardless of what position they finished in, the grit and determination shown by our thirty-runners at this year's Town Finals was very impressive! Well done to all of our runners:

- Y6 Girls' Team: Grace S\*, Millie T and Phoebe S
- Y6 Boys' Team: Shay H\*, Kai F, Ben H, Cameron H, Charlie W and Dylan R
- Y5 Girls' Team: Amy P\*, Grace M\*, Roxanne D, Scarlett A and Lydia A
- Y5 Boys' Team: Toby M\*, Ethan R\*, Arun B, Tom W, James B, Daniel H and Jay G
- Y3-4 Girls' Team: Lily A\*, Polly R\*, Holly R, Olivia G, Elsie R and Lexi G
- Y3-4 Boys' Team: Pierce T\*, Lewis C\*, Daniel A-B\*, Ellis H, George H and Jack O

Children marked with an asterisk have qualified for the Tees Valley Finals at Stewart Park. We have the largest number of qualifiers from a single Hartlepool school.

- **Skipping:**

**EVERY YEAR 4 CHILD HAS THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SKIPPING WORKSHOP!  
WE CAME SECOND IN THE FIRST-EVER HARTLEPOOL YEAR 2 SKIPPING FESTIVAL!**

Our annual Year 4 'Skipping School' workshops were very popular with all of our Year 4 boys and girls. Skills from the workshops have been developed further in some of our Year 4 indoor PE lessons.

Following our first-ever Year 2 'Skipping School' workshops for every Year 2 pupil, thirty children were selected to participate in our first-ever Skipping Festival. The children showed great dedication during their morning playtime practice sessions with Mr Stoddart, Mrs Rochester and some of our Year 6 sports leaders. Well done to all thirty children: Theo C, Fearn B, Harrison S, Ella M, Connor B, Isabella C, Leighton H, Lily L, Sullivan L, Luke R, Isabella R, Khloe O, Harry W, Samuel F, Rhys B, Millie C, Ruby H, Caitlyn M, Niall Mc, Euan S, Zachary G, Elliot Mac, Natasha B, Amritha P, Jack B, Orla B, Maisey E, Robyn T, Maisey I'A and Evan W.



- **Multi-Skills:**

**EVERY YEAR 2 CHILD PARTICIPATED IN OUR ANNUAL YEAR 2 MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL!  
WE ARE THE MULTI-SKILLS CLUSTER CHAMPIONS FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW!**

We held our annual Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival in school, giving every Year 2 child the chance to participate in the different activities involved in the Hartlepool Year 2 Multi-Skills Competition. From this, we were allowed to send two teams (we would have rather sent six teams) of ten children to our cluster competition. The Clavering Sharks were crowned Cluster Champions and the Clavering Dolphins finished in fourth place. Well done to the twenty children:

Clavering Sharks: Harry W, Sullivan L, Niall Mc, Connor B, Evan W,  
Natasha B, Isabella R, Isabella C, Caitlyn M and Khloe O

Clavering Dolphins: Luke R, Theo C, Harrison S, Rocco D, Sonny B,  
Liliana M, Millie C, Amritha P, Heidi T and Fearn B

- **Football:**

**OUR U10 TEAM FINISHED SECOND IN THE HSFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE!**

Our U10 team is made up of eight boys: Arun B (c), James B, Joe C, Dan M, Toby M, Ethan R, Tom W and Joesef W. Following their success in the unseeded round in January, the boys qualified for the U10 HSFA Champions League and did extremely well to finish second overall! Well done boys!

**OUR GIRLS' TEAM HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE TOP HSFA GIRLS' LEAGUE!**

Our girls' team is made up of eight pupils: Grace S (c), Maddison H, Macie J, Cara Mc, Lucy M, Amy P, Millie T and Jo V. The girls played with great spirit in the unseeded round and have qualified for the top HSFA Girls' League.



**OUR PENALTIES TEAM REACHED THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE HUCSF HALF-TIME PENALTY COMPETITION!**

Our penalty team is made up of six boys: Arun B, Jake D, Kai F, Shay H, Toby M and Charlie W. Following victories in the previous rounds, the boys narrowly lost 7-6 in the semi-final of this year's competition.

**OUR GIRLS' TEAM WON THE HUCSF CUP!**

In the last week of HT2A, our girls competed in the qualifying competition of the HUCSF Cup Competition, scoring 25 goals and conceding only 3, winning all of their group matches and then their semi-final 3-1 against St Patrick's of Thornaby. The final was then held under the floodlights at Victoria Park last Saturday. In a thoroughly entertaining match, the final score was 2-2 and we then went on to win 2-0 in a tense penalty shootout! Our girls' team has been a joy to work with so far this season and, despite their contrasting levels of experience, they have played brilliantly together as a team!

*As we have mentioned before, we thoroughly recommend that any Clavering girls (of any age) who are interested in playing football outside of school get in touch with Pools Youth FC Girls. Their facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/poolsyouthfcgirls/>*



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT CLUBS

In addition to the above competitions, children were able to participate in the following PESSPA clubs and training sessions during HT2A:

- Monday Multi-Skills Club (Reception and Year 1 pupils with Mr Stoddart and PESSPA Leaders);
- Tuesday Multi-Sports Club (Year 4 to Year 6 pupils with Mr Stoddart);
- Wednesday Gymnastics Club (Reception to Year 2 pupils with Mrs Riley);
- Thursday Girls Active Club (Key Stage 2 girls with Mr Stoddart);
- Friday Multi-Skills Club (Year 2 to Year 3 pupils with Mr Stoddart);
- U11 Basketball Training (selected pupils on various lunchtimes with Mr McAvoy);
- U11 and Sportshall Athletics Training (selected pupils on various playtimes and lunchtimes with Mr McAvoy and Mr Stoddart);
- Y2 Multi-Skills Training (various playtimes with Mr McAvoy, Mrs Rochester and our PESSPA Leaders)
- Y2 Skipping Training (various playtimes with Mr Stoddart, Mrs Rochester and our PESSPA Leaders).

A fantastic development with our playtime, lunchtime and after-school clubs last half-term has been the inclusion of our forty-two PESSPA Leaders who all graduated from our PESSPA Leadership Academy. Well done to all forty-two children, including Grace M and Leland S who were the first winners of our 'leader of the half-term' award.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### PD Days 2017-2018:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

#### Residentials:

Year 5: 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 (Mrs Bellamy): 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 (Mrs Hilton): 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May

#### Additional dates:

Year 6 SATs Week: 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 SATs: throughout May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June

#### Parental consultation 3:

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> July

We look forward to working with you in our final half-term of the Spring Term.

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

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