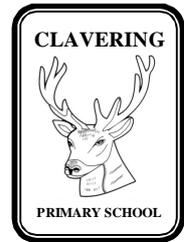




CLAVERING PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM!

After an extraordinarily wet half-term, we are all keeping our fingers crossed for a dry and sunny Summer Term at Clavering!

SNOW DAYS

Many thanks to every member of the Clavering Family for their support throughout our three Snow Days. Not one member of staff has ever experienced a single Snow Day, so to have to close the school for three days was extraordinary! All postponed events from the three days have now taken place and teachers have adjusted planning so that, hopefully, our children's learning hasn't been too adversely affected.

Thank you to all the families who submitted some brilliant Snow Day activity photos which were tweeted on our @ClaveringBolt Twitter account!



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 Tigers and Bears houses in first place:

1st: Tigers and Bears (19,110 points), 3rd: Pandas (19,060 points) and 4th: Lions (19,040)

MAYORAL VISIT

It was great to welcome back to Clavering the Mayor of Hartlepool who, this time, came to visit children in Years 3 and 4. The children had the opportunity to learn about the Mayor's role and further their knowledge and understanding of Fundamental British Values.

The Mayor also took the opportunity to meet and congratulate our Tees Valley Tri Golf Champions and present the school with a lovely glass plaque to recognise our outstanding achievements in PE and school sport.

BYE, BYE MRS VAYRO ... FOR NOW!

Last half-term, Mrs Vayro (teaching assistant in Year 2) took early retirement so that she can spend more time with her family. We thank Mrs Vayro for all of her energy and enthusiasm throughout her time at Clavering and we look forward to seeing her back at Clavering when she will be volunteering during certain trips and activities. Miss Redden is now supporting Mrs Weightman in Year 2 and we are delighted to have her as part of the Clavering staff.



EASTER SERVICE

Children from Reception to Year 6 spent the last hour of the half-term together as part of our annual Easter Service. Our Easter Egg Raffle raised £319 for school funds and every year group had the opportunity to share their learning from their recent Easter-themed RE topic.

EYFS EASTER EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who attended Reception's Easter Egg Decorating Coffee morning. The children and parents created some fantastic eggs and also raised £117 for Water Aid.

Thank you to everyone who attended Nursery's Mother's Day concert and Fairtrade event. The children enjoyed performing some of their favourite Spring songs to their parents and grandparents and enjoyed some Fairtrade coffee and muffins.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

It was great to be part of World Autism Awareness Week (WAAW). The children participated in a whole school assembly and age-appropriate lessons to raise awareness of autism.

PUPIL-LED COMMITTEES



FAIRTRADE

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 helped to plan and organise our events for this year's 'Fairtrade Fortnight' which, in 2018, had the theme 'come on in' for Fairtrade.

As you will be aware, we always do something BIG for Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and, to tie in with the national theme, this year we linked our termly open events to our learning about and taking action for Fairtrade.

It was fantastic to see hundreds of members of the Clavering Family 'come on in' into school to learn about Fairtrade, whether this was watching Fairtrade presentations, sampling snacks made with Fairtrade ingredients, playing Fairtrade lotto or singing Fairtrade songs. Thank you to everyone who supported our activities for Fairtrade Fortnight 2018!

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 School Council attended a cluster meeting at St. Bega's Primary School. The children discussed what makes their school unique and were involved in planning the annual School Council Conference which takes place in July.

Our School Council organised and judged our annual 'Decorate-An-Egg Competition'. There were so many fantastic entries and we hope you enjoyed the video of them all that was uploaded on our Twitter account. The winning entries were: Nursery AM: Simeon H (Pokémon), Nursery PM: Hayden S (Easter garden), Reception: Jack W (Ninja turtles), Year 1: Matthew H (emoji), Year 2: Isaac Mc (ice cream), Year 3: Kaitlyn C (pets), Year 4: Heidi R (solar system), Year 5: Lexi-Leigh W (bath time) and Year 6: Ella W (The Simpsons). The lucky winners won a Vue cinema gift card and an Easter egg.

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:

- Our Eco Committee led our annual 'Waste Week' campaign. Lots of excellent examples of children disposing of waste were observed around school by our committee who were able to award special stickers and certificates to pupils setting a good example to others.
- Daily litter picking is completed on a rota with the biggest issue being litter that is being dropped on a morning by people coming into school. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that this stops.
- Our 'Walk to School' charts (as part of our commitment to active transport) have shown an increase in the number of people who walk or part walk to school. It has also been lovely to see an increase in the number of children scooting or biking to school and taking advantage of our storage facilities.
- Finally, our Eco Committee ran our Recycled Model Competition which coincided with 'Waste Week'. It was amazing to see so many excellent models! The members of our Eco Committee had a hard job judging the models but the winners were: 1st – Ruby S-K (Year 4), 2nd – Caitlyn M (Year 2) and 3rd Imogen B (Year 3). All the children who entered got a small prize for taking part.



RESIDENTIALS AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (Mr McAvoy)



YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Forty-five brave Year 5 adventurers participated in our annual three-day Year 5 residential during the last week of the half-term. This year we switched our Year 5 residential to Dukeshouse Wood near Hexham, designing a programme with the staff at the centre that enabled our pupils to work towards the ten key learning outcomes of the Clavering Residential Programme. The children did brilliantly to tackle (and, in many cases, overcome) lots of different fears and difficulties and we were delighted with the resilience and determination they showed throughout the three days.

Well done to all forty-five pupils: Neo A, Lydia A, James B, Isla B, Allister B, Nina B, Will C, Jack C, Oliver D, Emilia G, Emma H, Nicole H, Daniel H, Grace M, Holly M, Daniel M, Amelia N, Amy P, Ethan R, Joe R, Leland S, Lois S, Olivia S, Amelia T, Oliver T, Charlie T, Kian T, Scarlett A, Arun B, Joe C, Jamie C,

Roxanne D, Billy G, Isaac K, Jacob K, Eve-Alexa Mc, Toby M, Aaron N, Molly R, Ariana S, Tom W, Joesef W, Jack W, Josh W and Abbey W.



Many thanks to all of the accompanying members of staff who were constantly on duty from 7:30am on Monday until the children returned on Wednesday afternoon! Thanks to Miss O'Brien, Miss Sutheran, Mrs Robson, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Skirving and Mr McAvoy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME

Paperwork has been distributed for our Year 4 Camping Residential with nearly every Year 4 pupil signing up to participate in this fantastic opportunity! Mrs Bellamy's class camps from 3rd to 4th May (with 2nd May being their preparation day) and Mrs Hilton's class camps from 10th to 11th May (with 9th May being their preparation day).

Our registered Year 3 children will be participating in the Year 3 element of our Middle School Residential Programme this week both on the school site and out in the wild at the Wynyard Woods.

ENGLISH AND LANGUAGES UPDATE (Mrs Thèbé)

Thank you everyone who participated in World Book Day 2018! As well as being able to hand out the World Book Day vouchers, it was fantastic to see so many pupils dressed as fairy tale characters, super heroes and a whole range of other popular book characters!

In addition, many thanks to everyone who supported our two 'Clavering loves Reading' fundraising projects last half-term: our Spring Book Fair raised £705.20 and our sponsored read for Usborne raised £1219.40. The child who raised the most money will be receiving a special prize in assembly this week.



THE ARTS UPDATE (Miss Dent and Miss Ord)

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 Miss Sutheran's Year 5 class guitar.
- Our Middle School Drama Club participants are making excellent progress in learning and rehearsing for our annual drama production. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have assisted their child in learning lines & songs! A date for the final performance will be announced in the coming weeks.
- Children in Miss Dent's class attended the Borough Hall to participate in 'Snappy Spring,' an event organised by Tees Valley Music Service. The children performed a set of songs for parents and carers and had a fabulous morning. Thank you to all who attended; we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did!
- A group of Middle School children has been attending a weekly after-school Arts & Crafts club, led by Mrs Jones. So far, the children have made lots of lovely Easter crafts and are really enjoying getting creative!
- Miss Ord has continued to lead our successful Year 5 Art Club. The children are working towards the 'Explore Art Award' which should be completed this term.

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

STEM involves our maths, science, design and technology, and computing lessons. The main STEM extra-curricular opportunity last half-term was Miss Sutheran's popular Lower School Science Club which is complimenting pupils' learning in their science lessons.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS (Miss Dent)



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

- Year 1 has established a relationship with a school in Italy and, as you may have seen on Twitter, the children were lucky enough to receive a special parcel in the post last half-term from our new friends. Watch out for more updates on our Twitter account!
- Also, the Paddington Bear scrapbook belonging to Miss Dent's class is almost complete. The contributions from parents have been outstanding! Could any parents who have yet to submit their photos, please do so as soon as possible so we can hopefully get it in the post shortly after the Easter break?
- *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.*

PESSPA UPDATE (Mr McAvoy)

YOUTH SPORT TRUST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Despite large areas of the country being closed because of the 'Beast from the East', Mr McAvoy managed to make it to and from the Ricoh Arena in Coventry to attend this year's Youth Sport Trust Conference.

The annual conference provides an opportunity to share ideas, develop and broaden knowledge and understanding, and learn from national and international experts in the areas of Physical Education, sport and physical activity. As an ambassador school for the YST and with Mr McAvoy being a Headteacher Ambassador for the YST, it was well worth braving the snow to attend the conference! It would be great to see more Hartlepool schools taking this opportunity in the future so that we can collaboratively continue to improve provision in PE, school sport and physical activity across the town.



Youth Sport Trust



SPORT RELIEF 2018

A HUGE THANK YOU to every member of the Clavering Family who supported our activities for Sport Relief 2018. It was brilliant to see all of the pupils and staff members running our Sport Relief Mile, overseen by our School Games Organising Crew who also took the lead in selling Sport Relief memorabilia in school.

We raised a fantastic £1,482.70!

BALANCE BIKES

As part of our road safety programme, all pupils in Reception completed Balance Bike Training with instructors from Hartlepool Borough Council. Over the course of the three sessions, the children developed their balance and confidence needed to ride a bike with pedals.

DESTINATION JUDO

As you will have hopefully seen on our Twitter accounts, every class from Year 1 to Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant introductory judo session as part of the national 'Destination Judo' initiative.

INTRA-SCHOOL SPORT

- **PAWS School Games Cup**

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

- our Year 5 Basketball Tournament was won by the Green Lions;
- our Year 6 Basketball Tournament was won by the Orange Tigers.

Our current PAWS School Games Cup leader board is:

1st: Lions (1,850 points),
2nd: Tigers (1,720 points), 3rd: Bears (1,420 points), 4th: Pandas (1,130 points)



- **Intra-School Football**

As you can imagine, not having access to our school field because of the rain and snow is delaying our fixtures in both 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 and, hopefully, fixtures will be completed in the summer term. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

- **Girls' Football:**

WE WON HARTLEPOOL SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER LEAGUE!

Following their success in the unseeded round, our squad of eight girls (Grace S (c), Maddison H, Macie J, Cara Mc, Lucy M, Amy P, Millie T and Jo V) played in the top HSFA division and did exceptionally well to be crowned League Champions! They won five out of their six Premier League matches, scoring thirteen goals and conceding only three.



WE CAME THIRD IN THE HARTLEPOOL SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER CUP!

Despite missing one of our regular players, eight girls (Grace S (c), Maddison H, Macie J, Cara Mc, Eve-Alexa Mc, Lucy M, Amy P and Jo V) represented Clavering in this year's HSFA Cup and did incredibly well to win their group (scoring nine goals and conceding only one) and then were narrowly defeated 2-3 in their semi-final.

OUR GIRLS' TEAM WON THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL FINALS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TRUST CUP! WOW! WOW! WOW!

Stop the press! Having won the Hartlepool round of this national competition, our girls' squad (Grace S (c), Maddison H, Macie J, Cara Mc, Lucy M, Amy P, Millie T and Jo V) travelled to Harrogate to play in the North East Regional Finals. The girls did exceptionally well to win their group and then win the final to be crowned NORTH EAST CHAMPIONS! We were incredibly proud of how well the girls performed: to win was brilliant; however, the manner in which they conducted themselves (especially when faced with some 'interesting' opposing players and fans) was something that every member of the Clavering Family should be very proud of. Well done girls!



As we regularly mention on our @ClaveringBolt Twitter account, Pools Youth FC Girls continues to provide excellent opportunities for girls (age 4 upwards) who want to enjoy playing football. We would love to see more Clavering girls join this great club! Their facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/poolsyouthfcgirls/>

- **Boys' Football:**

WE CAME THIRD IN THE HARTLEPOOL ROUND OF MIDDLESBROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB'S LEE STEPHENSON CUP!

Once again, we participated in the Hartlepool round of Middlesbrough Football Club's Lee Stephenson Cup Competition which gives some of our younger children the chance to play competitive inter-school football. We were the only school to take the opportunity to enter two teams.

Our A team (Jacob W, Daniel A-B, Lewis C, George H, Thomas R and Pierce T) did very well in their first outing together, missing out on a place in the final by just one goal.

Although very challenging having to play against other schools' A teams, our B team (Archie H (c), Harry G, Layton H, Ellis H, Dylan I'A, Arun M, Roshan P Alexander S, Daniel S and Tomas W), demonstrated a great sporting attitude throughout their matches.

WE CAME FIFTH IN THE HARTLEPOOL SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER CUP!

Eight boys made up our squad for this year's HSFA Premier Cup: Kai F (c), Arun B, Jake D, Shay H, Jack L, Toby M, Ben N and Charlie W. In what was a very tight competition, the boys played some of their best football of the season to finish fifth overall.

- **Upper School Table Tennis:**

WE CAME THIRD IN THE TABLE TENNIS TOWN FINALS!

Our Table Tennis Team (Chloe M, Piper R, Shelly W, Ella W, Oliver B, Bradley L, Ben N and Jay S) did extremely well to finish third in the Table Tennis Town Finals; their first ever table tennis competition!

- **Year 2 Multi-Skills:**

WE WON THE MULTI-SKILLS TOWN FINALS!

Having been crowned Cluster Champions, the Clavering Sharks (Harry W, Sullivan L, Niall Mc, Connor B, Evan W, Natasha B, Isabella R, Isabella C, Caitlyn M and Khloe O) performed brilliantly at the Town Finals. Their focus throughout all activity stations was excellent and they were crowned worthy winners!

- **Table Top and Target Sports Tees Valley Event:**

WE HAD TEN CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN OUR FIRST EVER TEES VALLEY TABLE TOP AND TARGET GAMES EVENT!

Congratulations to our Table Top and Target Sports Team (Sophie A, Grace B, Isobel E, Jodie W, Emily S, Sean C, George H, Ben H, Ethan M and Joel R) who competed brilliantly across eight different activities at our first ever Tees Valley Table Top and Target Games event.



- **Upper School Netball:**

WE CAME THIRD IN THE NETBALL TOWN FINALS!

Having had to repeatedly postpone our Cluster Competition because of bad weather, our squad of six children (Maddison H (c), Macie J, Grace S, Jake D, Kai F and Alfie Mc) competed in the Netball Town Finals, finishing third overall! They won all of their matches, apart from their first, scoring 14 goals and conceding only 6.

WE ARE THE NETBALL CLUSTER COMPETITION A TEAM CHAMPIONS FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR IN A ROW!

Because of repeated poor weather, our Netball Cluster Competition ended up being after the Town Finals; however, this didn't stop our A Team (Maddison H (c), Macie J, Grace S, Kai F and Alfie Mc) from winning all of their matches!

We are the NETBALL CLUSTER FESTIVAL B, C AND D TEAM CHAMPIONS!

Last year, we established a Cluster Netball Festival, designed to give more children the chance to play competitive inter-school netball:

- our B Team (Shay H (c), Jake D, Dean Mac, Lucy M, Piper R and Millie T) did very well to finish first overall, based on goal difference;
- our C Team (Charlie W (c), Jacob C, Ruby C, Lilly J, Jack L, Cara Mc, Dylan R, Grace W) played brilliantly as a squad, winning all of their matches;
- none of our other cluster schools took the opportunity to enter a D Team; however, our D Team (Ben H (c), Grace B, Sam C, Jessica G, Leon Mac, Ben N, Laura O'N and Colby W) showed great determination to beat all of the other schools' C teams.



In addition to all of the fantastic results achieved last half-term, we are even more delighted by the fact that – despite Hartlepool not having a School Sport Partnership and nearly all Hartlepool School Games competitions being aimed at A teams – we have managed to provide ability-appropriate opportunities for every current Clavering Year 6 pupil to have been selected to represent the school at least once in competitive sport during their time at Clavering!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT CLUBS

In addition to the above competitions, children were able to participate in the following PESSPA clubs and training sessions during HT2B:

- 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);
- Wednesday Girls Active Club (Key Stage 2 girls with various members of staff);
- Friday Multi-Skills Club (Year 2 to Year 3 pupils with Mr Stoddart);
- U11 Netball training (selected pupils on various lunchtimes with Mr McAvoy);
- U11 Table Tennis training (selected pupils on various lunchtimes with Mr Stoddart);
- Lunchtime 'Get Active' clubs (Years 3-5 with Mr Stoddart and our PESSPA Leaders);
- Physical literacy intervention (selected pupils on various playtimes with Mr Stoddart and our PESSPA Leaders);
- Y4 Skipping training (various playtimes with Mrs Robson, Mrs Bellamy and our PESSPA Leaders).

Our Upper School PESSPA Leaders continue to play an important role assisting some of our extra-curricular PESSPA activities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PD Days 2017-2018:

Thursday 19th July

Friday 20th July

Residential:

Year 4 (Mrs Bellamy): 3rd to 4th May

Year 4 (Mrs Hilton): 10th to 11th May

Additional dates:

Year 6 SATs Week: 14th to 17th May

Year 2 SATs: throughout May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: 11th to 15th June

Parental consultation 3:

Week beginning 2nd July

We look forward to working with you throughout the half-term.

Miss H. J. O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr N. C. McAvoy
Deputy Headteacher