

Clifford Bridge News

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The last newsletter of November... where on earth has this month gone? It has been an incredibly busy week here at Clifford Bridge; which was kicked off in style on Monday morning with the most fabulous Family Assembly performed to us by Year 5. The children and staff have worked really hard to come up with such a creative, humorous and informative assembly, a real show-stopper at 45 minutes long! Well done Year 5, and thank you for all your hard work. I thoroughly enjoyed watching you perform, and my particular highlights were the fab performances given by Logan, Beth and Kya who played Mr O'Sullivan, Mrs Young and Mrs Shergill respectively. Very convincing!

Those children who attended the pantomime on Wednesday had a wonderful time. This year's Sleeping Beauty performance was a corker and the children had a great time. We know there were many children who couldn't attend this year due to a shortage of tickets (this really wasn't Clifford's fault!) but we will endeavor to book even earlier next year to secure more tickets. Special thanks to Mr Woods who led the trip with his usual level of volume and managed to get everyone there and back safely whilst ensuring they all had a fantastic time. The children who stayed in school also had a fun-packed day of arts and crafts led by Mrs Gilkes and Mrs Collins. Thanks to all involved in making it a great day for the children.

It was an absolute pleasure catching up with so many of you at Parents' Evening this Wednesday. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend, I am sure you will agree the evening was really successful and had a genuinely lovely atmosphere in the hall (I take full credit for the choice of background jazz music!). As always, a big thanks to all the teachers for their hard work and extra long hours on this day. If you were unable to attend, please do speak to your child's class teacher and we'll do our best to arrange an alternative appointment.

Wishing you a lovely (and hopefully less windy) weekend

Amy Husband Head Teacher

Merit Certificate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Olivia D	Olivia M	Louie A	Joshua D	Year 5	Evie L
		Kayden S	Maisy G	Austin B	Year 5	Zayd S

After School Clubs

Trampolining the last session will be on Tuesday 11th December

Cooking Club Wednesday 5th December

Band Tuesday 11th December

Choir Thursday 13th December

Information for clubs that will be running in the spring term will come out before the Christmas holidays. Please make sure your Sims Agora code is working as these will be on a first come basis. Sims Agora is the safest and securest way of paying for all trips and clubs as we are working towards a cashless school.



3.12.2018	Xmas Post Box - Please make sure name and class are written on the envelope
4.12.2018	Football Tournament at Walsgrave
7.12.2018	Non - Uniform Day for Tombola
7.12.2108	School Band playing at the Coal Vaults
8.12.2018	Christmas Tree festival at St Bartholomew's Church

Year 5 and 6

Year 6 had a fantastic visit from a real-life DRU member! We had a great afternoon learning about the role of an Emergency Support worker and how they play a major role supporting families and communities deal with the effects of a natural disaster.



After the incredible performance that was Year 5's Family assembly, they have had their noses back to the grindstone this week. They have been working so hard with some assessment papers carried over from last week as well as some incredible sketches of human figures (based on Pompeii) using chalk and charcoal.

Bikeability continues... and a big shout out goes to them for their resilience after being caught in a real down pour, they kept on smiling nevertheless!



Year 3 and 4

What a busy week! Years 3 and 4 had a visitor yesterday when Steve from Bikeability came to talk about how a bike works. He brought his own folding bike and explained how the different parts work. The children were really interested and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

In gymnastics, Year 3 had a chance to develop their balance and coordination whilst challenging themselves this week. They found different ways to travel along the apparatus and explored how to jump off safely. It was lovely to see their confidence grow throughout the lesson.

We have all been composing our own music. The children thought about the sounds that they might hear in a car factory and then tried to recreate them using percussion instruments.



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Year 1 and Year 2

What a fantastic week we have had in Year One. The children absolutely loved going to watch Sleeping Beauty at the Belgrade Theatre and have not stopped talking about it since! It was a joy to see them singing along, copying all the actions and seeing the awe on their face when the spectacular Dragon appeared. We cannot wait to go again next year. "Oh no we don't" ... "Oh yes we do!" We have also been reading the story of Whatever Next, about Baby Bear's adventure to the moon. We came up with some superb adjectives to describe Baby Bear's personality and appearance and cannot wait to write our character descriptions next week!

What a busy week we have had in Year 2! Christmas production rehearsals and a trip to the Panto as well as all of our normal lessons. Children are beginning to look at information texts and will be writing their own next week about toys. We are also beginning division in maths and children have been using counters to help them understand this concept.

Lost Property

Can we please remind you to name all items coming into school. Especially this time of year, hats, scarves and gloves - also children bringing in extra clothes for Christmas performances and non uniform days. All items with names in are returned to children all unnamed items are put in our lost property bin. We do hope to hold a sale of all unnamed logo items for 50p per item, before Christmas and all items without logos will go to a charity at Christmas.

100% Club Attendance			
Class % Attendance			
RD	94.29%	RW	96.19%
1J	98.97%	1FS	97.89%
2M	100%	2E	97.50%
3C	98.67%	3E	98.67%
4T	94.33%	4HJ	96.43%
5O	97.86%	5Y	99.29%
6S	97.24%	6W	98%

Whole School Attendance is 97%
Best Class 2M 100%
Well Done

Early Years

Nursery

On Monday the Nursery children drank one carton of milk each, but they were still thirsty! And so began our week learning all about the story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been exploring numbers and the counting system in Nursery all week. Mrs Brain made amazing pasta hedgehogs with the children; asking them to count how many pasta pieces they had added to their hedgehog. Mrs Newsome, Mrs Bennett and I have been blown away by the number knowledge of our very clever Nursery children. They have loved exploring our number of the week (number 5) and it has been wonderful to see this learning being shared at home.

On Friday Mrs Bennet introduced the children to the traditions of advent which filled them with excitement for the weeks to come. I'd like to personally thank each and every one of you who donated Christmas decorations; as you read this the Nursery team will be busy dressing the classroom for a magical surprise on Monday morning. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy those special moments of opening advent calendars early Saturday morning. We can't wait to hear all about it next week!

Reception

Reception have had a cosy week continuing to learn about hibernation. The children have been making different types of hibernation homes and discussing which animals hibernate during winter. We learnt about the properties of materials and why a hard material is useful for a tortoise to have for its shell. The children have thoroughly enjoyed carrying out scientific experiments with ice. They have learnt vocabulary such as melting, freezing and the conditions that cause this change in state of water. You will all make fabulous scientists. On that note, have a lovely weekend everybody and keep warm!

