

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

In the blink of an eye, the second week has come to an end! We started off this week with our launch assembly for January's YoiMoji value, Creativity. The children loved listening to the story "Giraffe's can't dance" and their ideas were so insightful and entertaining. I had a smile on my face for the rest of the day, just thinking about all their responses and conversations!

On Tuesday we welcomed six teachers and trainee teachers to Clifford for a day of training all about Special Educational Needs and Thrive. As well as their sessions with Mrs Collett and I in my office, each of our visitors spent a while walking round classrooms looking at learning and chatting to children. It is absolutely no surprise that they were very complimentary about school and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to chat to all our brilliant children. Once again, the common feedback included the words "warm", "inclusive" and "happy". I couldn't agree more, and these are the things we are most proud of. As I said in my Christmas newsletter, it is absolutely fantastic to be 'top performing school in Coventry' in terms of Y6 attainment, but it's the warmth, kindness and personal development of the 'whole child' that really makes us proud.

It has been lovely spending time in some classes this week, Year 3 in particular have seen my face more than usual. I only popped in to deliver a message but their English work on newspaper articles was so interesting that I ended up staying ages!

The corridors and classrooms are gradually coming to life with all the work that children are completing as they launch their Spring Term themes. Year 5 and 6 have already transformed their wing of school into a Greek palace. They learned how to cook Greek dishes (courtesy of Mrs Young and her chef skills), and how to dance in a toga (Mr Woods led this session so goodness knows what the end-result looked like...). Keep an eye on Curriculum Letters this week which will detail what your little ones are up to in their classes this term.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in school over the coming weeks, as we run Y2 and Y6 SATs sessions and hold a Y5 Kingswood meeting. You should have our Spring Term diary dates now so please do put those important dates in your diary.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Mrs Amy Husband - Headteacher

Please find attached Spring Term Diary Dates - we will update you via Twitter, Facebook and Newsletter of any changes.

Merit Certificate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Delilah D	Phoenix G	Ethan K	Charlie G	Nicoll B	Ethan H
	Freya S	Aleks J	Elikapeka U	William N	NO MERIT	Corey K



22.1.2019	Young Voices -
22.1.2019	Year 5/6 Football Match -v- Richard Lee (H)
23.1.2019	School Nurses - Reception & Year 6 Heights & Weights catch up
24.1.2019	Year 5 & 6 Mat Football Tournament at Walsgrave
24.1.2019	Year 6 SATs Parents Evening 5.00 - 6.00pm
26.1.2019	Football Match at Willenhall
28.1.2019	PTFA Meeting 6.00pm - Everyone Welcome

KS2

Year 3 and 4

It has been a busy week in Years 3 and 4. We have launched our Theme "Here come the Romans". Year 3 looked at a range of Roman art and created their own mosaics, which are now on display on our corridor. Year 4 became archaeologists yesterday. They used magnifying glasses to look at Roman coins, and also dissected "Roman poo" to see if they could find out the types of foods that they would have eaten. They also dug up a time capsule and found some Roman artefacts. Year 3 will be completing these activities at the beginning of next week!

Year 3 have started to read their new story in English - The Iron Man. They have written character descriptions of him and are now preparing a newspaper report about his new arrival.



Year 5 and 6

The Gods of Olympus graced Clifford Bridge with their presence to begin the topic, 'Greek Legacy'. Athena: Goddess of wisdom and war, Hermes: God of cunning and trickery, Poseidon: God of the seas and Zeus: King of the Gods, all came to spend time with Years 5 and 6 and introduce them to the legacy left by the Ancient Greeks. The children enjoyed activities involving; dancing, food tasting and code breaking. As the Gods descended to the hill above the KS2 field, the reactions were priceless. This really could be an inspiring topic!

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RW	87.50%	RD	98.81%
1J	99.14%	1FS	99.58%
2M	97.08%	2E	97.08%
3C	99.60%	3E	94.17%
4T	94.40%	4HJ	94.28%
5O	99.11%	5Y	100%
6S	98.28%	6W	97.92%

Whole School Attendance is 97.10%
Best Class is 5Y 100%
Well Done



KS1

Year 1 and Year 2

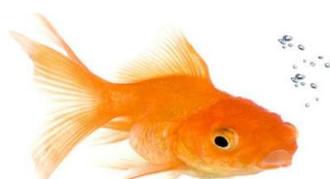
Year 2 have really hit the ground running this term. We started the term by using clues to work out what book we will be studying in English lessons for the next few weeks. The author is Roald Dahl, the illustrator is Quentin Blake and there are two disgusting and mischievous main characters. You guessed it...The Twits! We have loved listening to the story and hearing about all the disgusting things they get up to. We have also written disgusting descriptions of Mr Twit, following the writing process from drafting, proof-reading to publishing our final piece.

We have also been thinking about the value of the month which is **creativity**. We discussed the many different ways that we can show creativity and the used our creative skills to make our Theme book covers. Our new theme is The Big Smoke with a focus on Coventry and London. Over the term we will be developing our creative skills within Theme lessons including sketching, printing and collaging.

Birthday Zone	Birthdays from 7 th - 19 th January 2019	
		<i>Rhiannon R</i>
	<i>Oliver H</i>	<i>Mikolaj S</i>
	<i>Taylor J</i>	<i>Martha F</i>
	<i>Poppy F</i>	<i>Rahees I</i>
	<i>Layla B</i>	<i>Alfie Q</i>
	<i>Sofia S</i>	<i>Crystal W</i>
	<i>James T</i>	<i>Avaani B</i>
	<i>Athena B</i>	<i>Afrah K</i>

Non Uniform Day

On Friday 25th February it is wear something animal or animal print to school for a small donation towards the upkeep of the school pets. This can be a donation of sawdust or 20p, 50p and hopefully this will keep our school pets going the rest of the year.



Early Years

Nursery

Bundle Up!

You will be pleased to read that Nursery have gained magical powers this week! On Wednesday afternoon, after lots of interesting learning about the season of winter, we sat down to talk about the different sports that happen in colder countries. We watched skiers slalom down the slopes and snowboarders jump high into the sky. The children found this fascinating and wished for a sprinkling of snow in Coventry. When we woke up on Thursday it appeared the children's wish had been granted as a thin blanket of snow covered our houses and school. Unfortunately, we did not get enough snow to toboggan down sloping hills but we enjoyed crunching through it in our wellies all the same! Next week our book of the week is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' so do watch out for any grizzly bears knocking at your door!

Reception

It has been a fantastic second week learning all about the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have been practising telling the story using their special story actions. They have been creating boats and exploring the best materials to make them from, including foil. We have also been developing our scientific skills by investigating the effect of water on gingerbread men that are left submerged in it. The highlight of this week has definitely been making our own gingerbread men. We learnt all about the ingredients that are required and the instructions. It was so exciting to be able to mix and roll the dough, bake and decorate our own gingerbread men! We had a lot of fun.



