

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

What a busy week it has been here at Clifford Bridge. We kicked off our week with an assembly about creativity. We had a chat about some famous masterpieces in music, art and literature, and how each one of these brilliant achievements started somewhere. From time to time, I think we can all find it tricky staring at a blank page not really knowing where to start, but in our assembly we talked about the importance of making your 'first mark' and seeing where it takes you. As always, the children were so insightful with their answers. I set them all a little challenge to go home and chat with their families about their own creative talents, and how they could encourage themselves to give something new a try even if they hadn't done it before and weren't sure where to start. Next week we will be talking about the importance of making mistakes, and learning from them.

You will have received a copy of the term's Diary Dates by now, if you haven't then please speak to the office staff. I look forward to welcoming you into school at the various events. Can I please take this opportunity to remind you about parking on the residential roads surrounding school; you need to park **considerately** and **safely** when dropping off and collecting your children, and when you are visiting school for meetings and school events. It is incredibly frustrating when we are trying to host school celebrations or meetings, and I am forced to run around the entire school trying to find the owners of vehicles that are blocking driveways because we have had complaints in the school office. It is not pleasant for anyone involved, and causes bad feeling all round.

We have seen some chilly weather this week. As the forecast continues into next week, please do make sure the children are wrapped up warm, with gloves and hats if possible. The playground and surrounding paths can get quite slippery in this weather, and although Mr Whale does a stellar job of gritting and salting the school site, it can still be slippery so please do take care and ensure sensible footwear on your feet (and theirs!); even I have been wearing my flats this week!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

*Mrs Amy Husband - Headteacher*

Merit Certificate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	No Merit	Ella R	Logan L	Drishy B	Amelia J	Corey K
	No Merit	Lucie P	Tayler-Mason W	Summer W	Emilia P Ben L	Matthew S Ethan H



28.1.2019	PTFA Meeting 6.00pm - Everyone Welcome
29.1.2019	Year 2 SATS parents meeting 5:00 - 6:00pm
29.1.2019	Year 5/6 football match v St. Christopher's

## KS2

### Year 3 and 4

This week Year 3 have been investigating how to measure the length and height of a range of objects and considering the best measuring tools to use for different situations. They have also been comparing different lengths and converting measurements from meters to cm and vice versa. In Science we have begun our new topic of "Forces". To start this topic, the children created their own mazes and had lots of fun investigating the different types of force that could be used to move a ping pong ball around them. Year 4 have continued to read Romeo and Juliet this week and have been rewriting the fight scene in their own words. In Science they have been finding out the answer to the question "Where does spit come from?" This involved chewing crackers, spitting them out and adding iodine!!



### Year 5 and 6

Action. Adrenaline, Adventure. It's Alex Rider time in Year 6. There has been so much excitement over the book, Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. Any opportunity has been taken to switch to super sleuth and army roll around the class or stealthily sneak into each other's classrooms (and that is just Mr Woods and Mr Seath). Now we have persuaded the head of MI6 to employ, next week will see us invent our own gadgets to use as spies!

## 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RW	99.52%	RD	92.38%
1J	98.67%	1FS	96.67%
2M	97.33%	2E	98.67%
3C	99.68%	3E	96.33%
4T	97.93%	4HJ	96.67%
5O	98.57%	5Y	97.14%
6S	99.31%	6W	99%

Whole School Attendance is 97.78%

Best Class is 3C 99.68%

Well Done

Year 5 have been learning about floating gardens? Yes, floating gardens! Year 5 have had a brilliant lesson full of cross curricular skills in science. They had the mission of testing the buoyancy and stability of different materials to create a floating garden with the biggest surface area possible in which they could grow plants. They had a budget and had to cost the materials they bought to make sure they didn't over spend. An amazing time was had by all!



## KS1

### Year 1 and Year 2

We have been very busy in Year 2 this week. It all started off when we were visited by Mrs Twit. She came to show us how to make wormy spaghetti so that we could write a set of instructions. We were a bit shocked and disgusted...she isn't very hygienic! We have produced some fantastic instructions, so watch out if we offer to cook dinner for you!

We also set up an on-going science investigation. We wanted to know if radish seeds would grow anywhere. To test this, we have planted the seeds in four different things: soil, sand, grit and cotton wool. Watch this space to see the results.



### **Birthday Zone**



### **Birthdays from 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

<i>Charly D</i>	<i>Isabella W</i>
<i>Charlotte M</i>	<i>Damian P</i>
<i>Scarlett T</i>	<i>Benjamin K</i>

### **Young Voices**

This week, I was lucky enough to take the choir to perform at the Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena. The children were part of a choir of 6000 children and performed to a sell-out audience. I was so proud of them all - they have worked so hard to learn all of the songs and it was a privilege to watch them on the day. Not only was their behavior impeccable, but so many of them overcame their nerves and fears to take part on the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves singing and dancing late into the night! It truly was a night to remember. Some photos on the next page.

## Early Years

### Nursery

#### We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

Michael Rosen would be proud of Nursery this week as we have had a full week of bear hunting! The children's knowledge of the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' has been excellent. Nursery have really enjoyed joining in with the repeated refrains of the story. I have to say a special 'shout out' to Oliver T. who went on his own bear hunt around Coombe Abbey and even found a real bear's cave! The children have loved taking part in the assortment of bear hunting related activities such as; creating binoculars, making their own bear mask and even enjoying bear toast!

### Reception

Reception have had such an exciting week! It has been full of pirate adventures and the classrooms have been a hub of activity. The children couldn't wait to board the pirate ship that arrived in our classroom over the weekend. Everybody has been busy making pirate hats, eye patches and beards to support their role play. The children have loved creating their own treasure maps to help them locate lost treasure. The highlight of the week was our surprise visit from Captain Barnacle. We couldn't wait to tell Mr Wilson all about it when he returned!



*A few pictures from Young Voices*

