

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

January is finally over! Although it feels like the weeks are whizzing by in terms of Clifford Bridge, it feels like January has gone on for a hundred days! As we come to the end of our third week the thematic curriculum is really springing into life. It has been great to see Year 4 doing their 'iodine and cracker' experiment, and Key Stage 1 filming all their fact-files about London. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the family of George B in Reception for their incredible generosity. They very kindly donated funds to buy two beautiful rugs for our reception classrooms. I think you'll agree they look absolutely beautiful, and in tough financial times for education these little luxuries are hugely appreciated.



Thanks to all those parents who were able to attend Year 2 and Year 6 SATs information evenings. If you were not able to come along then please do ask your child's teacher for a print-out of the information shared.

Our PTFA met on Monday evening of this week to start to plan some Spring and Summer fundraisers. They blew me away with their ideas, so watch this space for information about the exciting upcoming events. We need all the support we can get with these events, there is so much work that goes on behind the scenes in terms of setting them up, organising the stalls/resources, and packing away, and sadly we just don't have enough hours in the day to manage it on our own with our relatively small PTFA-army... so WE NEED YOU! If you can spare even a few hours to support with our fundraisers then please pop in to speak to Mrs Hiscox in the office once the details of the events are shared.

Our 'animal print' day raised a fantastic amount last week, and it was lovely to see all our children in their vibrant prints! We have raised £356 overall which will keep our 'zoo' up and running for quite some time! Thank you all for embracing our animal-print day and donating so generously. If you're ever about to throw-out a bag of carrots or the odd lettuce that's been at the back of your fridge, please pop it into school instead and we will happily feed it to our guinea pigs or tortoise. Also, any bags of sawdust etc you might not have use for please drop them into Mrs Tarka.

Wishing you all a lovely (abeit chilly) weekend!

Mrs Amy Husband - Headteacher

Merit
Certificate



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isabella R Alexandra A	Xavier E	Lilly H	Jovan S	Evie D	Lucas C
Nora-Grace R Austine S	Ion C	Grace R	Daniel G		



08.02.19	Nursery deadline for September 2019
12.02.19	Reception Hearing Tests
12.02.19	Kingswood Parents Meeting 5.00-6.00pm
15.02.19	PTFA End of half term cake sale

KS2

Year 3 and 4

This week Year 3 have been enjoying poetry. They read a variety of list poems together and created a list of their features to help them when they write their own next week.

In Maths they have been using their knowledge of the measures of length to solve a variety of real life problems, including those where the units need converting. They used bar models to represent the problems and then solved them using their knowledge of multiplication and division.

In Science we have been exploring the effects of friction. The children made predictions as to whether different types of surface would affect how far a car travelled and then tested their ideas using a ramp.

In RE the children have been considering prayer and discussing why some people choose to pray. Ammarah brought in her own prayer mat and talked to the rest of the children about her beliefs.

This week the children in Year 4 have been finding out about their digestive system and created life size diagrams showing the main parts of the body involved in the process.



Year 4 have had fun in English writing Roman poetry using rhyming words. In Theme we have been finding out all about Boudicca using drama and freeze framing to show her life. Maths has seen us adding and subtracting fractions which even involved chocolate to help us understand this concept!

PTFA on the last day of this half term Friday 15th will be holding a cake sale in school. Donations of cakes can be sent in and these will be sold to the children during the day. Cakes will be sold for 50p and please do not send more than a £1.00 in any cakes still available at the end of the day will be open to parents.

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RW	89.05%	RD	90.95%
1J	94%	1FS	97%
2M	94%	2E	100%
3C	95.81%	3E	93%
4T	96.55%	4HJ	95.33%
5O	95.71%	5Y	98.57%
6S	91.72%	6W	98%

Whole School Attendance is 97.78%

Best Class is 3C 99.68%

Well Done

Year 5 and 6

Q branch have been hard at work creating a new gadget for the MI6 agents to use on missions this week. All manner of items that a teenager might use every day have undergone transformations into the most incredible gadgets to use on espionage missions. Along with other scientific experiments this week Year 6 have been analysing the way that light travels and how strong light is using light meters.

Year 5 are a golden year group but they really have had the Midas touch this week! As part of a cross curricular link, they have read and discussed the story of King MIs ready to write their own versions of the story next week. They have also had lots of fun playing (safely) with electric circuits where they have been problem solving correct and incorrect circuits. In maths this week, making line graphs and interpreting the data has been the challenge, but one they have passed with flying colours.

C KS1

Year 1 and Year 2

Year One have been exploring measurements in their Maths work this week and have shown some very impressive skills indeed. We began using rulers to measure height and length and even tried measuring the height of the classroom using a Metre stick!



This week, Year 2 have been researching famous places in London. They had a great time using the ipads to record facts for their plans. Why not ask them how many facts they can remember about the London Eye?

We have also looked at the seeds that were planted last week to see which ones are growing quicker and stronger than the others.



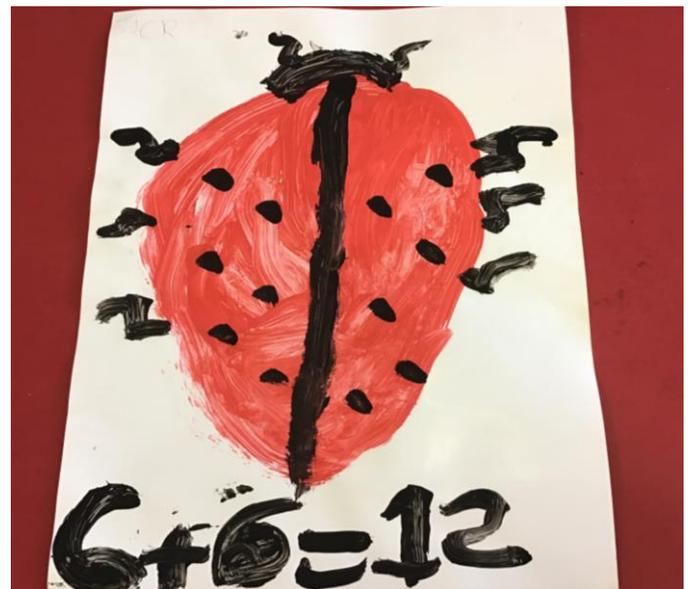
Early Years

Nursery

The children have loved retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs this week. They have been busy making 'pig cakes' (a tasty sponge, drenched in pink icing and smarties). We also created our own houses made of straw, sticks and bricks which we used to decorate our role-play area. Mrs Newsome brought a special story to school on Wednesday; The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. The children were roaring with laughter at the subtle differences in the story, not to mention the very naughty pig who went to extreme measures to 'blow down' the little wolves homes. It is a must read for children and adults alike! Next week we will be learning all about Chinese New Year and will be celebrating it in style on Tuesday! As part of our learning we will be tasting fortune cookies.

Reception

The Port Side Pirates arrived in Reception this week! We had a lovely surprise arrive from the office on Monday morning and it was the story of Port Side Pirates. Captain Barnacle wanted us to learn some pirate songs. The children loved learning a range of pirate songs and also created their own. As our maths focus, we learnt about doubles and the children enjoyed doing this through a range of maths games and painting some beautiful ladybirds.



Birthday Zone



Birthdays from 27th Jan - 2nd Feb 2019

<i>Toluwani A</i>	<i>Aarav A</i>
<i>George B</i>	<i>Conor C</i>
<i>Aaron M</i>	<i>Mia S</i>
<i>Brady J</i>	<i>Samuel F</i>