



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community



This week the children in Willow Class celebrated Chinese New Year. Lots of very engaging learning took place that included the home corner as a Chinese restaurant, making Chinese drums and paperchains and learning how to say happy new year in Mandarin. We were treated to a visit in today's assembly from a Willow Class Chinese dragon!

Last week Beech Class were excited to welcome Amelia's grandad Phil to the class. Phil is a postman and he kindly came to tell us about his job. In Beech class we have been reading 'The Jolly Postman'

in our guided reading sessions and have made our



Role Play area into a Post Office. In our role play times we have been writing and posting letters and measuring and weighing parcels. Phil told us about the journey of a letter from when we post it into a post box. We have also looked closely at stamps. Mrs Houston has kindly

given the children a stamp from her stamp album to add to their books and we have designed our own stamps.



This week we had our annual visit from our Hampshire County Council Education Leadership and Learning Partner (LLP) Nicola Tettmar. All Hampshire schools are allocated an LLP who comes into school yearly to scrutinise leadership, teaching and learning and the welfare and outcomes for pupils. Mrs Tettmar was very pleased to see high quality teaching, enthusiastic and engaged children and strategic and effective leadership.

Especially as I am currently working across two schools, I am delighted with the positive work ethic, integrity and skills that the staff show at all times at Cliddesden and would like to thank them all for their continued dedication.

One of the targets she set us is to build on the children's vocabulary so they can use it in their writing. This is also something that we would like you to encourage at home through quality reading and discussion.

GYMNASTICS



On Wednesday 30th January four, very agile gymnasts from Cliddesden Primary School travelled to Winklebury Junior School to participate in a Year 1/2 Gymnastics competition. There were 8 schools participating. The children had to perform a floor routine of about 10 moves sequenced together and a body management routine where they had to show agility, control, poise and balance. Our gymnasts were Olivia, Alexander, Albert and Amelia. After the two competitive rounds the children had some fun time

learning to vault. The children did extremely well and as a team were positioned third by the judges who were school children from Costello School. It should be noted that the scores of the top three schools were separated by tiny margins. Well done to our gymnasts who experienced a different location, a large audience and judges- all adding to the pressure and joy of competing and representing Cliddesden School.



DIARY DATES

Here are a few forthcoming dates for your diaries:

- Monday 11th February - Friends are holding a Cream Tea morning in the study from 9am - 10.15am. For £4 you can have a homemade scone, clotted cream and jam and a hot drink.
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- Friday 15th February - School finishes for the half term holiday at 3:15pm
- Monday 25th February - INSET day school closed to pupils. (*We are hosting training in the morning from Bex Shore who is a reading comprehension specialist and we are joined by delegates from other schools. In the afternoon we have safeguarding and health and safety updates*).
- Tuesday 26th February - Spring Term 2 starts at 8:45am
- Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March - Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30 - 7pm (*appointment booking slips will be sent out after the half term break*).
- Thursday 4th April - Friends School Discos. Willow and Beech 3:30 - 4:30pm and Chestnut and Oak 4:45 to 6pm.
- Friday 5th April - School finishes for Easter Holiday 3:15pm
- Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April - Year 6 SATs Easter School 9am - 12 noon.

NOTICES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- All Oak Class parents who have not yet returned the permission slip and parental contribution for the educational visit to Milestones please do so by Monday. Thank you.
- We have sent a letter out today with all Year 4 children regarding the Privett residential next term.

To view diary dates and class pages, find out about our curriculum, read all about our events in school, view your child's homework tasks, learn how to stay safe on the internet and much more please visit our school website www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

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