

Clifford Bridge News



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This Week at Clifford Bridge

What a lovely week! Nursery and Reception have been making some beautiful art work this week, with a full washing-line of big, painted hearts dangling in the entrance to our Nursery classroom! I joined Year 1 on Wednesday morning for their 'London Bus Tour' around the National History Museum, the London Eye and Buckingham Palace. Mrs Ashley made a fantastic 'Queenie' and Miss Jones played the role of Big Ben with surprising gusto. The children had a lovely time and I learned lots of new facts too, all from the comfort of our classrooms.

We waved Mrs Farrington Smith off last Friday to begin her maternity leave, and shortly after half term we will be doing the same for Mrs Jonck. The Jonck family will shortly be welcoming their second baby into the world, and the Clifford Bridge family are so excited to meet the newest arrival. Please rest assured that we are busy in the background securing a strong teacher to join Mrs Hodder in 4HJ for the remainder of the year. We will update parents as soon as we can.

Mrs Liz Skidmore has made the decision not to return to work following her maternity leave. Mrs Skidmore has been at Clifford Bridge for several years now, and I know our current Year 6 children will remember all the way back to Year 1 when she was their teacher! Mrs Skidmore is really keen to come back and see you all before you leave the fold for secondary school, so keep an eye out in the summer term as she is planning a few visits. Mrs Docking and I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Skidmore for all her hard work over the years, and I know you will all join us in wishing her all the very best for her next chapter as a fulltime mummy to her two children.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break, filled with family fun and hopefully a bit of nice weather. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 25th February.

Mrs Amy Husband - Head teacher



The School Calendar

Don't forget to check
Twitter for regular updates



18.02.19	CBCA Jumble Sale 6.30pm
08.03.19	World Book Day
08.03.19	PTFA Movie Night 3.00-5.00pm.

Please can you ensure that both outdoor and indoor PE kits are in School every day.

KS2

Year 3 and 4

This week the children in Year 3 have been finding out about capacity. They found the volume of a variety of different containers using measuring jugs and compared them, using both litres and millilitres. They have also been finding out about diaries and looked at several diary entries before writing their own from the point of view of a member of Boudicca's tribe.

In Theme they explored how a soundtrack can change the atmosphere of a film before listening to music from the film *Gladiator* and drawing pictures to show the images that it created in their minds.

Year 4 have also been learning about Boudicca this week and wrote Newspaper Reports to describe the famous final battle against the Romans. In Theme they have been creating their own Roman shields. They designed how they wanted them to look and then painted and decorated them throughout the week. The results are stunning! In Science they continued to explore how to keep their teeth strong and healthy and did an experiment to find out the importance of toothpaste, using eggs and vinegar!

Year 5 and 6

What a week to finish the term. A full week of mornings doing SATs papers, mixed with lots of mindfulness and yoga to get us through the week. We are so proud of the pupils in year 6 for their maturity, hard work and supportive friendships this week. We really are lucky teachers to have such a wonderful set of children to teach every day. We have continued the message all week, as it has been all year, that the children should use the SATs as an opportunity to show off what they know and not feel the pressure for perfect marks in their tests, as perfection doesn't mean outstanding, outstanding means something that stands out for a good reason, and they all stand out every single day in their own unique and Wonderful ways.

Year 5 have begun to make their Greek pots. They showed lots of resilience and really enjoyed making them out of clay. We are looking forward to painting our designs on after the holidays. In Maths we have been comparing, ordering and adding some tricky fractions! Finally in English we have finished publishing our modern myth story similar to King Midas. Ask us about our own myth and ideas!

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RW	93.33%	RD	88.10%
1J	96%	1FS	96.67%
2M	89%	2E	96%
3C	97.10%	3E	96.33%
4T	93.10%	4HJ	94.33%
50	99.29%	5Y	98.57%
6S	98.67%	6W	97.67%

Whole School Attendance is 95.48%

Best Class is Year 50 99.29%

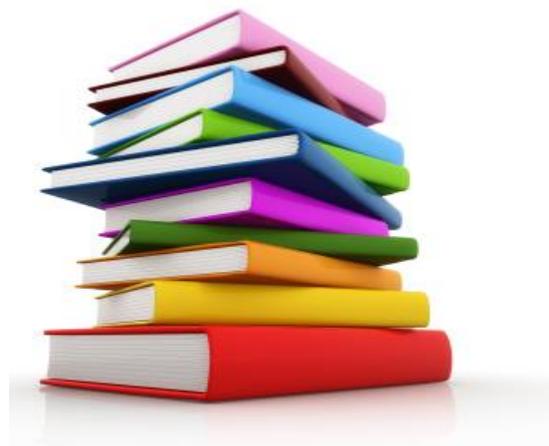
Well Done

World Book Day - Thursday 7th and 8th March

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 7th March and in true Clifford Bridge style, we will be celebrating by inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas to celebrate the tradition of bedtime reading. We will be dressing up in school on **Friday 8th March**. There will be prizes awarded in each class for the best dressed. Teachers and children will be taking part in a story swap afternoon to give the children a chance to listen to stories being told by different teachers from different key stages.

We very much welcome children bringing in their own favourite books or stories and look forward to sharing them together.

Your child should be bringing home a World Book Day voucher today. Happy reading.



KS1

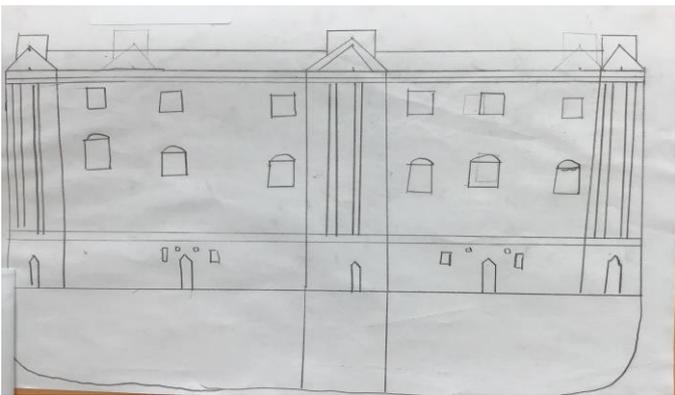
Year 1 and Year 2

What a fantastic end to the half term we have had in Year One. In English, we have enjoyed going on a tour around London and gathering facts about different places to visit, we then became our own tour guides and created our own video based on the facts we had learnt so far! We cannot wait to create our own leaflets about London when we come back after half term. To finish off a brilliant week the children collected their passports and took off on a 'Tour around Europe' as part of our Geography enrichment day. Their airhostesses flew them to each new destination where they learnt different languages, cultures and information about each country. We hope you have a lovely half term!

Reminder: Please can we have PE kits (both indoor and outdoor) in on the first day back after half term.

This week Year 2 have continued to find out more about London during theme lessons. They looked closely at Buckingham Palace and at the design of the building. A wonderful afternoon was spent making line drawings of the palace.

Children are also continuing to make detailed observations of the seeds that were planted. Some seeds are doing better than others and children are thinking about the differences in the plants and why this might be.



Birthdays from 11 th - 24 th Feb 2019	
<i>Emilia D</i>	<i>Laila-Mai-H</i>
<i>Liliana K</i>	<i>Oliver T</i>
<i>Thomas F</i>	<i>Harry D</i>
<i>Alfie P-E</i>	<i>Alice H</i>

Early Years

Reception

Reception had an awesome week learning all about the story of 'Zog'. It was interesting to find out about how many things Zog had to practise to become better at them. We learnt some important lessons, especially that 'practise makes perfect'. After receiving a letter from Princess Pearl, the children rose to the challenge to design some new wings for Zog. They quickly learnt to put their scientific skills to the test, as well as their design skills. They had to test which materials were light enough, were waterproof and were strong enough for wings. The best bit was definitely putting them to the test in our outdoor area! After all of that, we feel that we are all ready for a rest. We wish you all a lovely half term!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about the traditions of Valentine's Day. We made beautiful handmade cards, crafts and ornaments which we were pleased to present to our loved ones on Thursday and Friday. The Valentine's Day café has been a big hit with lots of delicious meals being served throughout this week. John Cadbury would be jealous of Nursery as we created our own chocolates (made from cocoa scented play dough).

