



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know from the announcement on Sunday, the Government have stated that they want to get children back into education as soon as the scientific advice allows. As part of this strategy, primary schools are to welcome back children in **Nursery, FS2, Year 1 and Year 6** as well as continuing to provide childcare for **vulnerable children and children of critical workers** as we have done since the end of March.

I have begun to plan and prepare for this and hope you can appreciate that there are many aspects to it and a lot of guidance to consider. I have sent a questionnaire to parents and carers of children in Nursery, FS2, Year 1 and 6 to gauge an estimate of how many children might return. I would like to thank you for your responses and the conversations I have had with some of you about this. This is a decision that has to be made by each family to take into account their personal circumstances, opinions about the COVID situation and work/ care commitments. It is different for everyone and a personal choice.

In the coming weeks I will send out more information about how school will be organised, including the curriculum, organisation of the school day, online learning and the challenges of social distancing, especially with young pupils.

If you have any questions regarding the school re-opening, please call or email the office and I will get back to you.

I have provided a link to the document from the government below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk or itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk or phoning school between 8:30 am and 5:00pm. I know some of you have found this particularly useful and we are here to help!

Thank you,

Mrs Cowell-Clark

#ThankOurChildren

Thank you to our fantastic school community for sending in all of your lovely photos of your children with their certificates – it really does make us smile to see all those happy faces!



Guess Who Photo Quiz

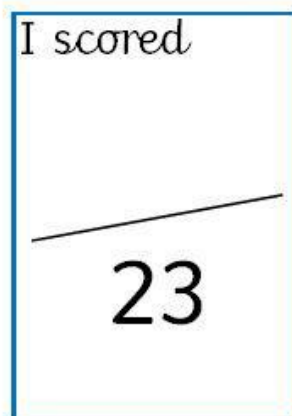
Last week we sent out a fun Guess Who photo quiz of the school staff.

We had a great response and we have included the answers below – How many did you manage to work out...?



Answers

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| 1. Mrs Garton | 13. Mrs Waring |
| 2. Mrs Osborn | 14. Mrs Bennett |
| 3. Miss Mayhew | 15. Mrs Brown |
| 4. Mrs Stocks | 16. Mrs Green |
| 5. Mrs Gulsever | 17. Mr Byrom |
| 6. Mrs Johnson | 18. Mrs Hardie |
| 7. Miss Green | 19. Craig |
| 8. Mrs Cooper | 20. Mrs Holmes |
| 9. Miss Marshall | 21. Mrs Cowell-Clark |
| 10. Mrs Goad | 22. Miss Orwin |
| 11. Mrs Dean | 23. Ben |
| 12. Mrs Turton | |



#TimesLikeThese

Inspired by the video very kindly made for school staff (which still has us reaching for the tissues!). We would love to make a video that we can share, to show how fantastic our school community is and for us to look back on in years to come. This will be shared on social media.

If your child would like to be involved we are asking for the following by **Friday 22nd May**:



Either a:

- photograph of them making the heart sign with their hands in front of their face or their body (example attached)
- photograph of them doing what makes them happy during lockdown
- drawing of either themselves during lockdown or what makes them happy during lockdown. If it isn't too clear what the drawing depicts then to have it written on there would be fab!

These should be forwarded by email to Mrs Cooper at itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk by next Friday, 22nd May.

If your child would like to do a drawing rather than a photograph, then please just photograph it in as straight a position as possible and then email that in.

The assumption will be made that any forwarded images are okay to be shared on social media.

As before this is completely voluntary. We look forward to receiving your images and the finished result!

This week:

Some of our children from key worker families have been taking part in a variety of activities including completing their work on Seesaw, more gardening, crafting and being 'creative'!



On Wednesday, the children had lots of fun decorating their own rocks.

The children were able to take them home so they could hide them around their homes for others to find or even keep them in their gardens.

The children played wonderfully together, building dens playing make-believe games and even some tennis!



They ended the busy day with a nice relaxing film....



On Thursday, the children made the most of the beautiful weather and built an amazing den in the school playground – there was a lot of excitement playing in this creation!

Today, the children have had a banquet meal with homemade sausage rolls, cheese and bacon parcels and Banoffee pie. Washed down with strawberry milkshake!

They enjoyed bashing the biscuits to make the base!



Outdoor Area Appeal

We are still looking for any other donations of the following if you have any to spare:

- Compost
- Flowers/seeds/fruit and veg plants
- Decking boards/timber
- Gravel or bark

Please get in touch if you think you can help!

Email us on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk or phone the office between 9.00 -3.30pm on 01777 708065.

Recycling

Whilst you are at home, if you have any empty crisp packets and bread loaf bags, please could you save them for our school recycling scheme if possible. We are able to accept any bread loaf bag and crisp bag but cannot accept popcorn bags, crisp tubes or any other packaging for this scheme. These can be handed in to the office when school re-opens. Thank you for your support.



Last Week's Stars of the Week:

Holst: Reiss

Debussy: Isla O

Schwartz: Winnie

Tchaikovsky: Henry

Williams: Lexi

Schumann: Freddie S

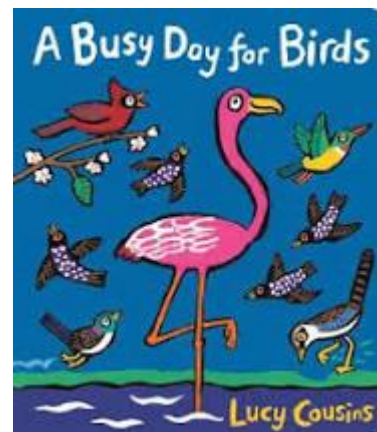
Puccini: Carla

Virtual learning:

Handel and Holst

We are still loving all the photos, videos and responses we are getting on Seesaw and it is so good to hear what you're getting up to in these strange times.

Bonkers continues to join in and Mrs Dean is particularly pleased with how many children are learning the new letters introduced each week. Our learning is based around Lucy Cousins book "A Busy Day for Birds" and there has clearly been some twitching going on in the gardens of our children! The home-made bird feeders are FANTASTIC!



Thanks for the feedback about activities given - it really does help as we all adapt to this different way of doing things.

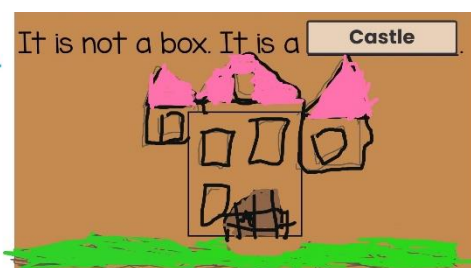
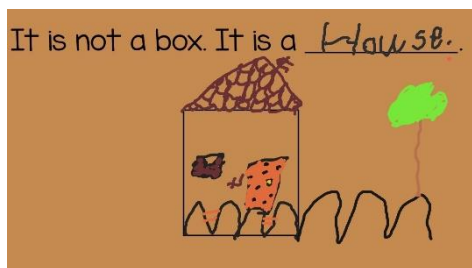


Star of the week: Ben

Debussy

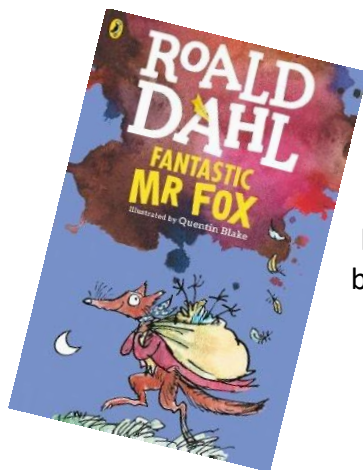
This week, the children have worked so hard with lots of different activities. In Maths, they have been using money to make different amounts and think about giving change.

They listened to the story 'It's not a box' and had to design something special for their 'not a box'.

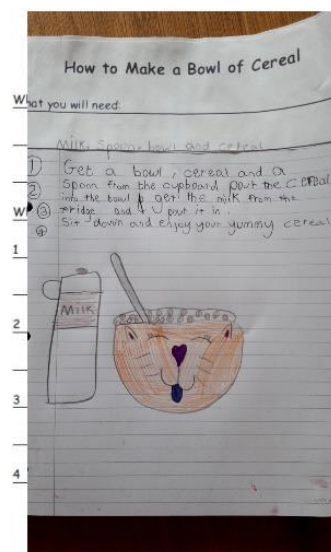


They had a very funny day telling lots of jokes as part of their well-being challenge!

In English, the children wrote some great instruction about how to make a bowl of cereal.



We have also finished our daily story time book, George's Marvellous Medicine and have begun reading Fantastic Mr Fox.



Plus, we are keeping an eye on our Science experiment this week to see if we can make crystals!



Star of the week: Rowan



Schwartz children

This week Year Two have been busy learning about shape and symmetry in maths. In English they had to write about all of the things that make them happy. It was lovely to read these!

Some of the children enjoyed trying a 10-minute science activity – How to grow a rainbow. Thank you for sending me all your pictures!



Star of the week: Stanley

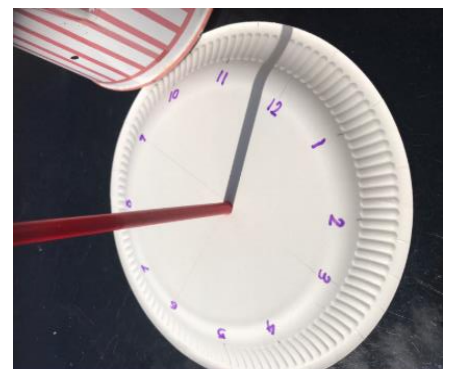
Tchaikovsky

This week, Tchaikovsky class have been recapping their 4 and 8 time tables. They have worked super hard trying to complete a number of different questions using a variety of methods.

They have also enjoyed carrying out different science experiments, here are some below.

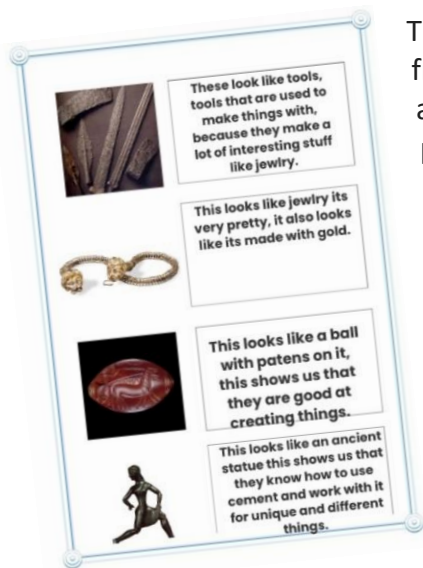


Star of the week: Sarina

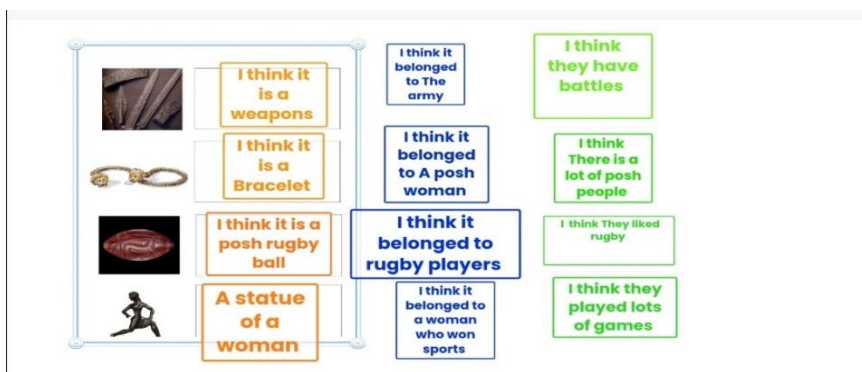


Williams

This week in Year 4 we have done lots of fantastic learning. The children have used Digimaps for the first time. They had to find the capital cities of different countries across the world using every letter of the alphabet, it was quite hard to do, but they worked really hard to complete this task.



They have also become archaeologists this week, looking at different artefacts from the past to decide what they were and what they could be used for. Luke and Rose thought especially hard about what the objects taught us about the past!



There has also been some great reading from the children this week. It is lovely to hear them read and using lots of expressions to make their reading sound more interesting. Yet another great week of learning from Year 4 - keep it up!



Star of the week: Harry

Schumann

This week, Schumann Class have been using the short film, 'Home Sweet Home' as the stimulus for their work and have completed English, Science and Art activities based on the animation. Their Science Challenge was to create a bridge strong enough to hold a food tin and Miss Mayhew was very impressed by the different designs and materials used!





In Maths they have been securing their understanding of multiplication and division, including factors and prime numbers.

Lots of fun has also been had completing Ben's PE challenge and continuing to workout with Joe Wicks every morning. Special mention to Levi, Lexi and Mum for filming their daily workouts and sharing how much fun they are having keeping fit together!



Star of the week: Emilia

Puccini

This week Year 6 should have been doing SATs but with the current situation they obviously couldn't do them. However, Mr Byrom still felt it was appropriate for them to have a more relaxed week as they have all worked so hard in the build-up.

Year 6 have been doing their own 'unique' version of SATs this week:



*As SATs week arrives it is not quite the same,
The tests that were printed this year never came,
The displays all still up; walls full of Maths 'rules',
But Year 6 very different, at present, in schools.*



*For some of you, happiness, lots of relief,
For others a sigh of pure disbelief,
That you worked really hard in advance of this week,
Expected and Greater Depth marks you did seek.*



*Algebra, fractions, the times tables drills,
Inference, retrieval, in-depth reading skills,
Past, present, progressive...and all that SPaG terms,
You've practiced and mastered them over the years.*



*Fear not though, the SATs yes, won't happen this term,
But remember tests don't measure everything you learn,
Primary subjects are varied; you've always tried your best,
And many of those skills that you've gained can't be defined by a test.*



*So, here at Clarborough you've made us so proud,
We sit here with pride and we shout this out loud...
'Year 6, you amaze us, you've come incredibly far...
And we don't need a test to see how amazing you are!*



Star of the week: EVERYONE IN YEAR 6!

Childcare during school closure

The number of pupils using our childcare during school closure can vary depending on whether parents need to use the service. In order to make sure staffing numbers are correct, please ensure that you have informed school when your child will be here. Please let us know **the day before you need us** by phoning the school office from 8:30 until 5:00, emailing office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk or letting staff know when you drop off or collect your child.