

# Be the best you can be!

# Weekly Newsletter

W/e 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the support you have given to your children this week – their work on Seesaw has been brilliant! 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 <u>office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</u> or <u>itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</u> or phoning school between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. I know some of you have found this particularly useful and we are here to help!

Stay safe, Mrs Cowell-Clark

#### VE Day 75

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day – Victory in Europe. Activities on Seesaw will reflect this important historical event next week. Below are the plans put together by the local parish to celebrate VE Day safely whilst maintaining social distancing:







# This week:

This week was Captain Tom Moore's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, a true inspiration for anyone working towards being the best they can be! Through Seesaw the children were able to watch an art lesson this week and recreate their own version of the hero #CaptainTomMoore. I think you will agree that we have some very talented artists!



Some of our children from key worker families have been taking part in a variety of activities including completing their work on Seesaw, gardening, crafting, making parachute dolls and continuing to decorate the wall at the front of school. As you can see, it looks amazing and shows our appreciation to all the keyworkers who are doing a fantastic job at the moment!





# **Outdoor Space Appeal**

During the lockdown, we would really like to transform our outdoor space to create an inviting, safe and educational area for the children of key workers who are still attending school and for all of our other pupils when they return.

We are looking for any donations of the following:

- Compost
- Flowers/seeds/fruit and veg plants
- Decking boards/timber
- Large amounts of gravel or bark

Please get in touch if you think you can help! Email us on <u>office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</u> or phone the office between 8.30-3.30pm on 01777 708065.



# **Eco-Warriors - Eco-Schools Silver Award**

The Eco-warriors have been working very hard over the last term. They have undertaken mini projects, shared ideas, and made plans for Clarborough primary school's future.

Some of their projects have included; the promotion of recycling in and around school (we currently recycle batteries, bread bags, crisp packets, paper and pens), ensuring all classrooms remember to turn off their lights when not in use and ensuring taps aren't left running when not needed. They also had plans to make bird feeders to help with the wildlife and make a vegetable bed in the outside garden before the lockdown. Luckily, the key worker children were on hand and have picked up the Eco-warriors plans and made this possible.

With the key worker children's help and the whole school on board with their plans, the Eco-warriors are super excited to announce they have achieved their Silver Eco-Schools award.

#### A huge well done to everyone!

# 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.





# Virtual learning:

#### Debussy

This week, the children have been solving problems by counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and understanding multiplication as repeated addition.

They drew some fantastic pictures of Captain Tom Moore to celebrate his birthday!



Lots of children had a go at this week's Science experiments by poking pencils through a bag of water and making their own lava lamps!







They have also been very active and having a go at Ben's challenges.

#### Schwartz children

The children in Year Two have been working hard again this week. There have been some lovely pictures of Captain Tom Moore and it has been great to see you enjoying the activities that Ben has sent.

Everyone did a brilliant job comparing what school was like 100 years ago to school in the present day. Well done Year Two!





### Tchaikovsky

This week Tchaikovsky class have been revisiting their knowledge on

the environment. They have been researching tribes and animals that live in different rainforests all over the world.

They have been looking at their map skills and comparing the



similarities and differences between the Amazon rainforest to Clarborough village.



In Maths, they have applied their multiplication skills in a variety of ways.

#### Williams

This week Year 4 started to look at their new topic Technology, with a focus on the Ancient Greeks. They invented lots of things that contribute to things we still use today. Their task was to research Greece, and the children produced some wonderful work. Harry presented his findings very clearly in a video and Lexi did a beautiful poster to show everything she had learnt.

The children have also completed some great Maths on fractions and decimals, and used their inference skills in their English tasks.



Another brilliant activity they did, was to create a drawing of Captain Tom, they were all fantastic. We have some great artists in year 4!

#### Schumann

Schumann children have submitted lots of fantastic work this week. They have been:

- Doing lots of physical activity inspired by Ben's '26 Challenge' including cartwheels, trampoline flips, ball passes and push-ups as well as keeping up with Joe Wicks each day!
- Securing their understanding of Place Value in Maths;
- Using their imaginations to complete their Pobble challenges in English;
- Completing an outdoor Scavenger Hunt, looking for different objects made from natural materials;

• Learning about Colonel Tom Moore and helping to celebrate his 100th birthday by making cards, completing drawings of him and saying why he is so special.

Special mention this week to Rosie who has been learning sign language whilst at home. Miss Mayhew is amazed and inspired by her commitment to learning this new skill and was very impressed with the video Rosie sent showing what she has learned so far. Well done Rosie!



#### Puccini

Year 6 have been busy again this week. They have continued to practice their mental arithmetic during Morning Maths and they have begun to apply their knowledge of telling the time in their Maths activities.

In English, they have been developing their reading comprehension skills while learning about different religions.

Science this week required them to make a Tea Bag Rocket or have a go at the upside down water trick.





The children had to explain 'the science' behind the experiment:





#### Some children even sent Captain Moore a birthday card!

# Social media

As some of you may be aware, we have used Twitter for some time to promote what we are doing in school. We appreciate that not all of our families use Twitter, so following requests from some of our families we have re-launched our Facebook page too.

If you use Facebook, please 'like' our page to receive regular updates. This will not replace Twitter, our newsletters or ParentMail, it is just another way of connecting with you and the wider community.

Our page can be found by searching for

'Clarborough Primary' or '#TeamClarborough'.

We have uploaded a selection of tweets from the past and will now use both

platforms.

#### #ThankOurChildren

We hope that you have all seen the certificates that have been sent out to our pupils. The Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace, (the Queen's representative in our county) wanted to thank every child and young person across Nottinghamshire, for doing their bit in the fight against the coronavirus.

Sir John wanted the children to understand that their efforts are valued and are critical to helping the country to stay safe.







He recorded a message, including thank you's from doctors, teachers, paramedics, police officers, fire fighters and NHS volunteers that can be viewed at: <u>https://youtu.be/0F4NHdqQa54</u>

It would be amazing if you could take a picture of your child holding their certificate. If we get enough, we will make this into a collage to share on social media and our website. Photos should be emailed to <u>itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</u>





#### Coming soon...

As well as providing on-line assemblies, learning resources and ideas, art tutorials, music & PE lessons, we have just heard about an on-line book club that will be launched soon by the local authority, for those book worms among us!

We will let you know as soon as we have more information.

In case you missed it...

Below are some links from the Department for Education regarding things you need to know about school and education during the outbreak:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parentsand-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

Supporting learning for our younger pupils:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19

# 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 5:30, emailing <u>office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</u> or letting staff know when you drop off or collect your child.