



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems that spring has sprung this week so we have been able to make lots of use of our school field for the first time this year. On dry days, the fields will be open for the children to use during lunch times.

Due to increasing popularity, we have a vacancy for an After School Club Assistant. The advert is at the end of the newsletter. All information about the post is available on our school website.

STOP PRESS!

I'm really pleased to introduce the new roving reporters here at #TeamClarborough!

Our House and Vice captains have taken on the role of 'Press Gang.' This means that they will be talking to the children themselves and writing the class sections of the newsletter. Keep on reading to see this first edition produced by: Finlay, Joey, Luke, Harriet, Freddie, Adem, Jenson and Olivia.

Thank you,
Mrs Cowell-Clark



Contacting us:

Calls can be made to school Monday to Thursday from 8:30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am - 4pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Finance queries should be directed to: finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'Supporting children to deal with upsetting content' and 'Brighten someone's day online'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.



Recycling



We are continuing to recycle old pens, crisp packets, cans and old batteries in school. Please send any recycling into school with your child. **We are now also recycling used/empty printer ink cartridges!**

Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Parentmail is now open for you to book your child's lunches, Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Spring Term 2. Please note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.



Please also note that Breakfast club starts from 7.45am and children will not be allowed into school before this time. Thank you.

We're on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook and Instagram! Search for 'Clarborough Primary' and follow us for regular updates and see what we are getting up to!



Please turn off your engines and considerate parking



Please turn off your car engines whilst waiting in the village hall car park and on Hillview Crescent. This is more environmentally friendly and considerate to those around them.

Further, for those parking at the village hall, please can you ensure that you park your vehicle appropriately and in the correct parking spaces provided to ensure that other parents can get in and out of the car park easily.

Toys and Fidget Toys

Please note that fidget toys or any other sort of toy should not be brought into school unless you have spoken with your teacher and they have permitted your child to bring it in.

Playground Work

I'm excited to tell you that work will be happening to improve a few areas of our playground. We are having the soft pour areas changed for AstroTurf in the main playground. The surface is also being improved within the Foundation Stage playground so there will be more space for playing and climbing safely. Work is due to begin on 28th March. Photos of the finished work will follow.

Red Nose Day – Thank you!

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated to our Red Nose day. It was great to see so many children wearing red!

We will count up the money donated and let you know next week how much we raised for this worthy charity!



Forest School Club

Week 4 Activities: This week the children enjoyed making their own mini pizzas and cooking them on the open fire pit. They used knives to cut their pizza bases and used forks to spread the tomato puree before finally adding their cheese. The children were excellent and remembered their fire safety rules when being around the fire. They then explored the forest and field for sticks and wrapped them in different coloured wool to make butterflies or wands.



Bird watch of the week



Chaffinch

- The male bird is handsome with a blue-grey cap, pink cheeks and body with distinctive wing bars
- The females and young have a dull grey-brown upper and dull grey-white lower with distinctive wing bars
- The chaffinch can be found in gardens, hedgerows, farmland and parks
- It is known for having a so called 'rain song' and it is said it can predict the coming of rain

Eco Warriors



This week the Eco Warriors of Clarborough met up on Monday lunchtime to plant some hedgerows at the front of school. The Tree Council kindly donated them to increase wildlife and habitats on our grounds. Well done team!



The children also agreed that at lunchtime too many crisp packets are being thrown away in our general waste. The Eco warrior team have agreed to collect the empty crisp packets from tables after lunch and pop them in our recycle bins. This will hopefully encourage everyone in school to recycle their crisp packets, especially as we receive money for recycling them!

School Swimming

This week's swimming session took place at school! The children were learning about water safety and what we need to do if we find someone distressed in open water. The children learnt about the importance of NOT getting in to try and rescue the person, but help them by giving them something that floats to hold onto.

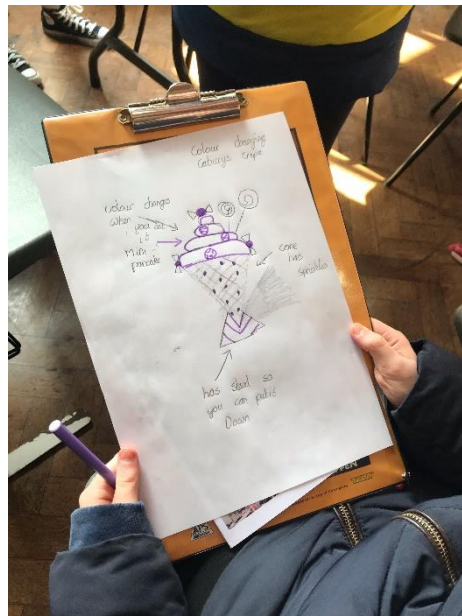


Accurate throwing was the key so we had lots of fun practicing ... we even used moving targets. Thank you to Schools Swimming for coming in to deliver the session.



STEM Fair at QEHS

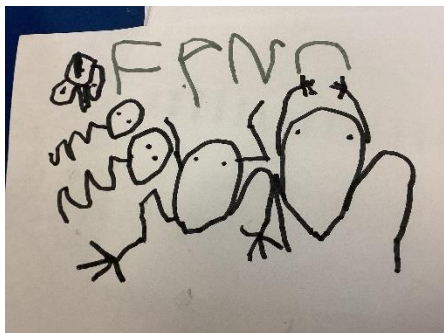
On Tuesday, two children in each class (Years 1-6) attended a science fair at QEHS. The children had the opportunity to try lots of activities. Making and launching their own rocket and watching the sixth form students making elephant toothpaste were the highlights! They also took part in an advertising and engineering workshop from students at the University of Lincoln. They had to design their own ice cream and to think what the unique selling point might be. Lexi and Toby impressed the judges and won a sweet for their designs. As part of the engineering workshop the children chose a famous scientist and were able to make their picture into a badge to keep. Winnie chose Stephen Hawking because that is the house she is in. Thank you to all the children who took part so enthusiastically. We had a great morning!



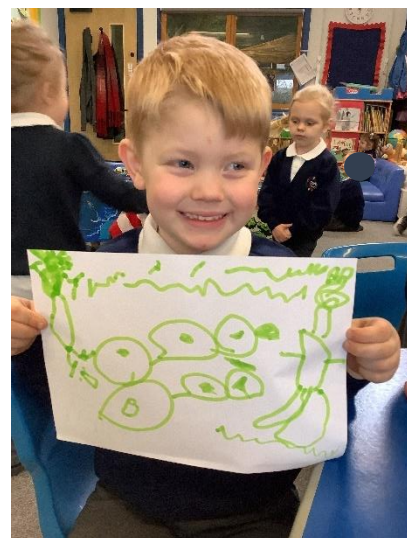
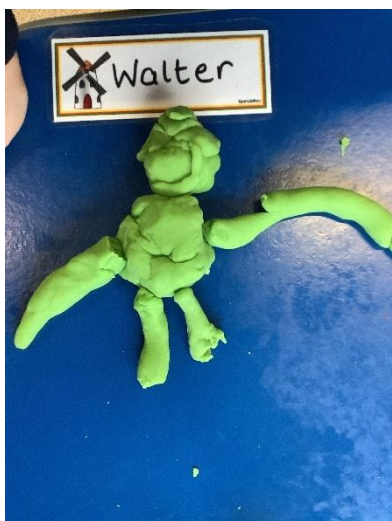
Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)



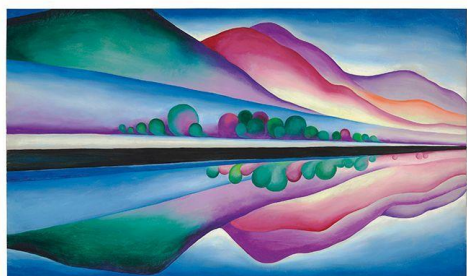
Another fantastic week of learning in Nursery! This week we have been thinking about frogs and other pondlife. The children have been exploring how to draw frogspawn and tadpoles and as you can see here they have done fantastically well!



We have also had a lot of fun hiding eight frogs each day and the children have become adept at finding them in all kinds of weird and wonderful places, as well as counting them up as they find them.



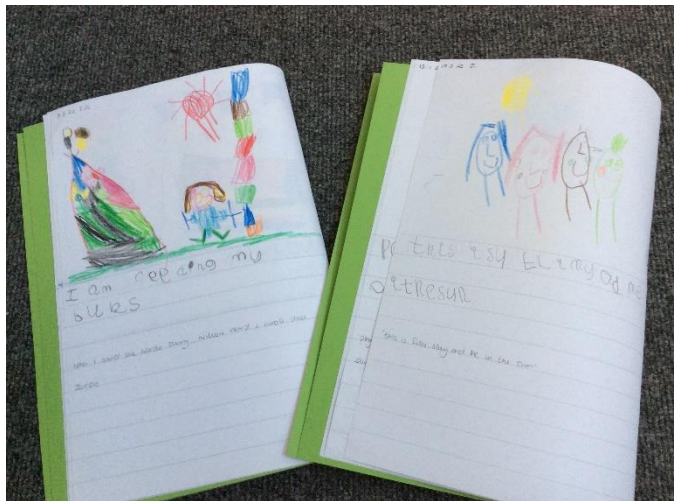
I have been so proud my how much they have learnt with this topic and next week we finish it with farm animals.



Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)

This week we have been learning about animals that live underground and the names of their homes. We have also been talking about what plants, animals and people need to grow.

We have looked for signs of spring and noticed the changes that have been happening to the bulbs that the children planted last year... there are lots of beautiful daffodils, crocus and hyacinths growing.



The children have applied their knowledge of repeating pattern to make 'coding worms' - a practical way to practice coding for computing! They have also enjoyed using very tiny paintbrushes to paint carefully and have used special colouring pencils that turn into paint when water is brushed over them.

Finally, lots of the children have helped Mrs Turton to create a garden centre role play area for us to use next week and they did an amazing job!

Next week, we will be learning about farm animals and continuing to talk about the signs of spring and how things change as they grow.

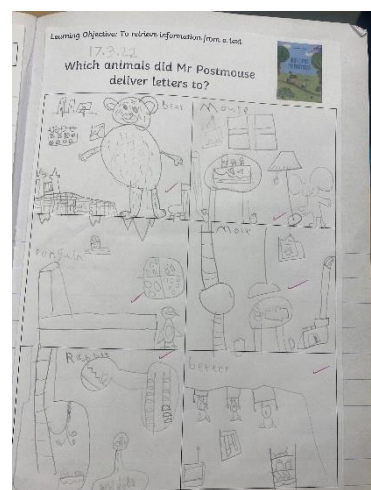
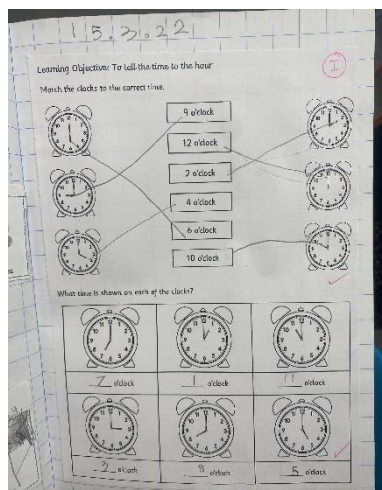
Star of the week: Arthur for always trying his best with everything he does!



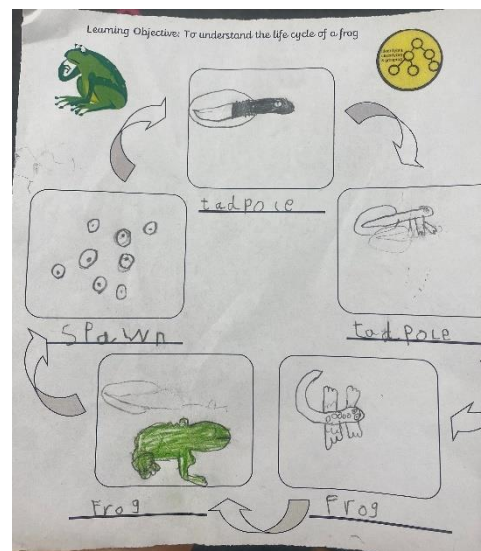
Year 1 (Joan Miro)



In Maths this week we have been telling the time to the hour. In our English we have been reading our new book Mr Postmouse and drawing and labelling who had post delivered.



In Science, the children have created lifecycles of frogs and humans and looked at how humans change as they get older.



Next week, the children will be telling the time to half past the hour.



Star of the week: Jorgie for her positive attitude to learning and fantastic behaviour!

Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)



In Maths this week, Year 2 have been solving problems involving lengths. In our Clarborough Curriculum, we have found out about the host countries of the Olympic Games and used atlases to find these locations on a map.

Next week, we will be writing a non-chronological report on the Olympics.



Star of the week: Ernest for having a wonderful attitude towards school. You are such a hard worker and we are so proud of the progress you have made!

Year 3 (William Morris)



This week, we have been using Spelling Shed to help us with our spellings. We have started to plan our own folk tales too. In Maths, we have been using column addition methods to help us add larger numbers.

Next week, we are planning an investigation in Science about the human body and writing our folk tales. We will also be learning more about chords for our ukulele.



Star of the week: Sebastian for your great attitude to learning!

Year 4 (Salvador Dali)



This week, we have been busy designing bags with African designs. In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about fractions and have been finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have been continuing to write our survival stories.

Year 4 have also been singing 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers.

Next week, we will complete our survival stories and will be busy sewing our bag designs. We are also going to learn about decimals in Maths.



Star of the week: Nathan for your resilient attitude to Maths!



Year 5 (Banksy)

This week in Maths, we have been comparing, adding and subtracting fractions. We have been using our grammar skills to write up our Science where we have been learning about the phases of the moon.

Next week, we will be producing our sci-fi stories in English and continuing to learn more about fractions. We will also be creating some artwork inspired by Peter Thorpe.



Star of the week: Emilia for always being ready to learn!



Year 6 (Lucian Freud)

This week, we have been designing Celtic tartan. In English, we have written letters imagining we were applying for a job in the copper mines. We have also written some sentences using our Rainbow Grammar skills. In Science, we have been learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and we have had three lessons in DART: knife crime, communication and peer pressure.

Next week, we are learning about reflection and rotation in Maths, writing poems called kennings and learning about drug and alcohol misuse in DART.



Star of the week: Joe for his excellent attitude and behaviour!

Dates for your Diary....

Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April – Assessment Week

1st April – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 19th April – Children return back to school

Out of School Achievements

If your child has any out of school achievements that they would like mentioned in the newsletter, please send in your photos/certificates by Thursday to ensure it is included in Friday's newsletter.

A big well done to Rion who received her Certificate of Investiture as a Beaver Scout in the 1st Clarbrough & District Beaver Colony – Great job Rion!



A big well done to Rowan who received the Man of the Match trophy for his Retford United football team this week – Great effort Rowan!

A huge well done to Isla who received a medal for taking part in a girl's football tournament. Isla plays for Retford FC under 8s and they won the tournament with Isla scoring 5 goals! Well done Isla!





A big well done to Henry who received the Man of the Match trophy for Retford United this week for trying his best and for great dribbling skills – Great work Henry!

School Vacancy



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March 2022

After School Club Assistant

We wish to appoint an After School Club Assistant to assist the After School Club Supervisor in the management of wraparound care from April 2022 to July 2022 initially.

It is anticipated that the successful candidate will be offered a NJC Grade 1 salary, although this is currently subject to job evaluation, with the actual rate of pay being confirmed at interview.

The post will require the post holder to work for 8 hrs per week and will be required to work for 39 weeks of the year, (covering term time only).

The club runs from 3:30pm – 5:30pm, Monday to Thursday and is based in the main hall at Clarborough Primary School. Children who attend the club are offered a snack which is prepared by the After School Club Supervisor and Assistant.

The After School Club Assistant will work together with the After School Club Supervisor to ensure the safety, general welfare and proper conduct of pupils during this period, supervising snacks and engaging children in a range of activities which will be based on play and relaxation, not school work.

If you are interested in applying please ask in the office for an application form or visit our website. Applications should be completed and returned no later than Friday 1st April at 10 am.

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Just a friendly reminder...

Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Local News

CDCA is seeking additional Trustees

Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA, Charity Commission 502076) is seeking new Trustees to help power forward. The Board of Trustees is particularly keen to hear from anyone who has financial experience who can guide our charity to accessing funding for the long-term maintenance and development of our hall building.

We are also keen to engage with younger members of our community to enable us to make our hall available for weekend events such as children's parties as well as other special occasions. The Tree Lighting Fair, which took place in December last year, was a really good example of what can be achieved when our community works together.

Retford Stands with Ukraine

15/03/2022

Retford residents will once again be showing solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine, with a Candlelit Vigil and fundraiser on Monday 21st March at Retford Town Hall.

They will be joined by local civic leaders, including the Mayor of Retford, Cllr Carolyn Troop and the Chair of the District Council, Cllr Jack Bowker.

Retford Town Centre Chaplin, the Rev David Bean will lead prayers for peace, before a minutes silence and contemplation.

The Ukrainian Flag will be then raised and flown from Retford Town Hall.

There will be a collection and cake sale in aid of the Support Ukraine UK campaign.

The event is led by Retford resident and business woman MariaPoala Ditch, who is the [Support Ukraine UK](#) coordinator for Nottinghamshire.

Maria Ditch said:

"Retford stands with Ukraine! Our candlelit vigil is a way of showing solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine and raise money towards humanitarian supplies for those displaced by this horrific war. We will be sending pictures of the vigil and the Ukrainian flag flying from the Town Hall to friends and relatives in Ukraine and letting them know that we stand together."

From 6:15pm Gather in Retford Market Square

6:30pm Candlelit Vigil begins with address from Mayor of Retford
Prayers for Peace – Rev David Bean, Town Centre Chaplin
Minutes silence
Ukrainian Flag Raising
Closing address – Maria Ditch

6:45pm onwards Cake sale – Retford Town Hall Ballroom

[Ends]

For more information contact: Maria Ditch 07816 167 923.

Candlelit Vigil in support of Ukraine

6:30pm Monday 21st March
Retford Town Hall

Collection and cake sales with proceeds
to Support Ukraine UK campaign



For more information please contact Maria Ditch on 07816 167 923.