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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's bumper edition of the newsletter is a fantastic read and shows you all the exciting things that the children have been experiencing as part of our 'Food and Farming' curriculum enhancement week. From tasting to cooking, drawing, to discovering about foods from around the world, the children have been engaged and involved in lots of fun activities. We have even had the opportunity to show the children around a real-life tractor!

As the two-week holiday begins, I am hopeful that this break will help the number of Covid cases to reduce at school. If over **the weekend** your child develops symptoms, you take them for a test and they are positive, could you kindly email the school office. That way, we can monitor cases most effectively and inform families as required.

Thank you and I hope you have a safe and relaxing break,
Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is:
parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk (The school office email account will be monitored weekly during the half term holiday).

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

And IT support queries should be sent to: itsupport@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 'Apple Guided Access'.

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.



Please turn off your engines

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.

Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club



The children have had a great time in Wraparound club this term and especially this week! They have fully enjoyed the Food & Farming and Halloween activities including a playdough 'Bake Off' and 'Making Mummies' by using rolls and rolls of toilet roll!

Mrs Graves hopes you all have a lovely half term and will see you in November with some more fun activities!

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

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!



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.

Bassetlaw Food Bank Donations



Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated items for the Bassetlaw Food Bank. We are so proud of the boxes that are going to be able to support families in our local area. Your generous donations were sent across to the food bank today with the help of our House Captains!

Always, Always



The first 'Always, Always' of the school year took place today in our Space area. Mrs Cowell-Clark drew names out of the pot this morning in assembly. We were so happy to be able to have it together for the first time in a long while!

The children enjoyed some snacks and a drink and it was lovely for them to sit and chat together! Thank you to Rozalyn, Isabella, Henry, Reece, Kai and Chloe for always being the best you can be!

Eco-Warriors

We are pleased to announce this year's Eco-Warriors:



Year 1- Edward and Annabelle
Year 2- Reiss and Ayda
Year 3- Bella and Rowan
Year 4- Heidi F and Stanley
Year 5- James and Anya
Year 6- Lexi and Ruben

A huge congratulations to you all
and we look forward to starting
our meetings next term!



Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)

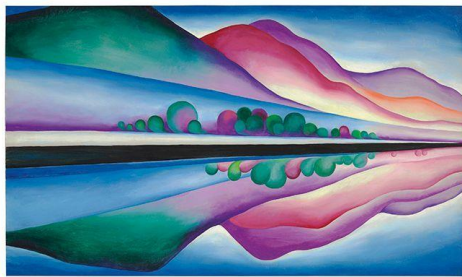
The children have been fantastic during our Food and Farming week and are becoming more confident at trying new foods; first by sniffing them, then by giving them a quick lick, then by having a mousey bite and then a tiger bite! Trying new foods is a really important skill and this week we have really been practising hard!

Have a wonderful half term everybody - the children are all being given a special bag to collect autumnal items in and we can't wait to see what they collected back at school in two weeks' time, when we will also be learning about Julia Donaldson's book 'Room on the Broom'.

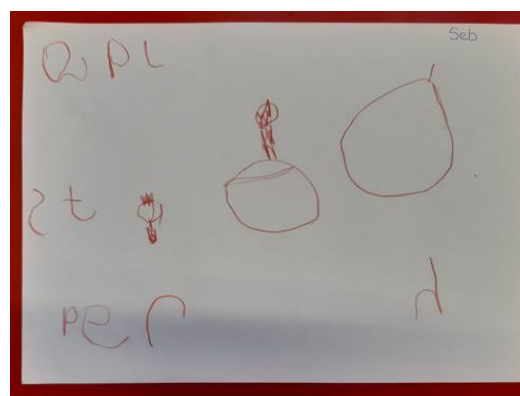




Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)



This week we have been learning about different types of vegetables. We have made vegetable bookmarks and produced some beautiful fruit printing and pictures.



On Thursday we made vegetable soup and chopped our own carrots, parsnips and onions. Later on, we tasted the soup with a slice of bread – it was delicious!



When we return to school we will be thinking about celebrations, especially Diwali and Bonfire Night, and we will be talking about the very important job that firefighters do.

I would also like to congratulate the children on a fantastic first half term; I am so proud of how quickly they have settled and how hard they are working!



Star of the week: Willow for putting 100% effort into everything this week and for being an absolute pleasure in class!

Year 1 (Joan Miro)

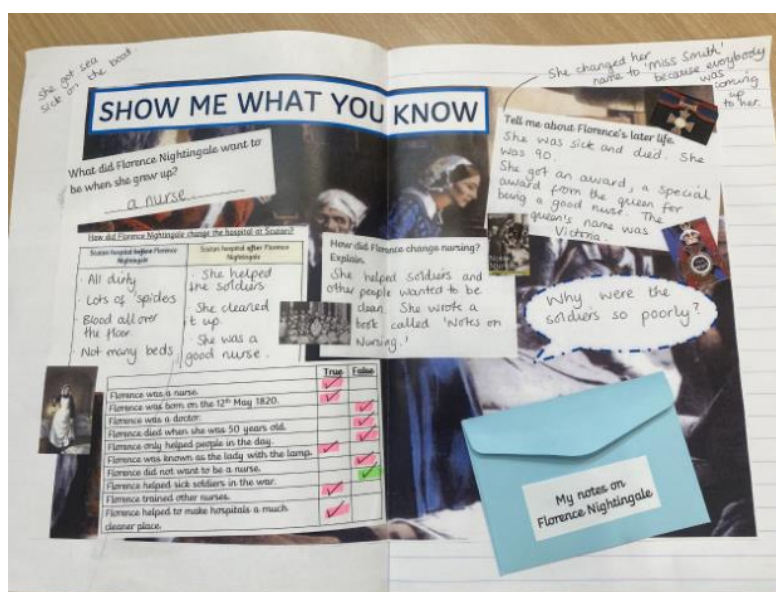


The children have really enjoyed Enrichment Week and have completed a range of activities based around Food and Farming. The children found out where food comes from before it arrives at the supermarket by following a journey of a juice carton; from picking the blackberries to popping it in a lunch box.

In Science, the children looked at a range of life cycles before creating their own. They also looked at a range of foods and then sorted them into groups of either plant, animal or both. The children also enjoyed a pop-up farm shop in the classroom and wrote their shopping lists before finding the correct coins. It has been great to see so many of you getting involved at home, look out on Seesaw for a virtual exhibition of the week.



On Thursday, the children learnt about recipes and dishes from Uganda and they made and tasted their own banana pancakes before presenting them to Mrs Cowell-Clark in our 'Cook Off!'. We were also very excited to see a real tractor in the car park on Friday too!



In Topic, the children completed 'show me what you know' about Florence Nightingale and it was great to hear them sharing their learning from the past few weeks. After half term, we will begin learning about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

Children have not been given spellings to learn over half term but will receive a bespoke phonics pack. It would be great if you could support your child in learning the phonemes (sounds) within the pack over half term. More information will be included in the packs.



Star of the week: Edward for his fantastic effort in phonics, reading and spelling!

Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)

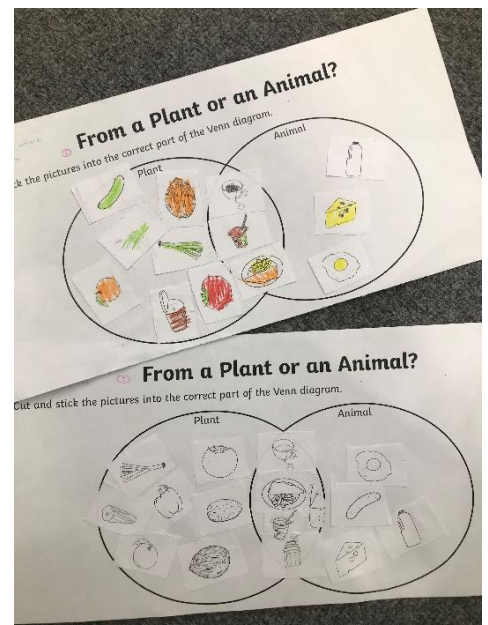


We have had a really fun week finding out about food and farming this week.

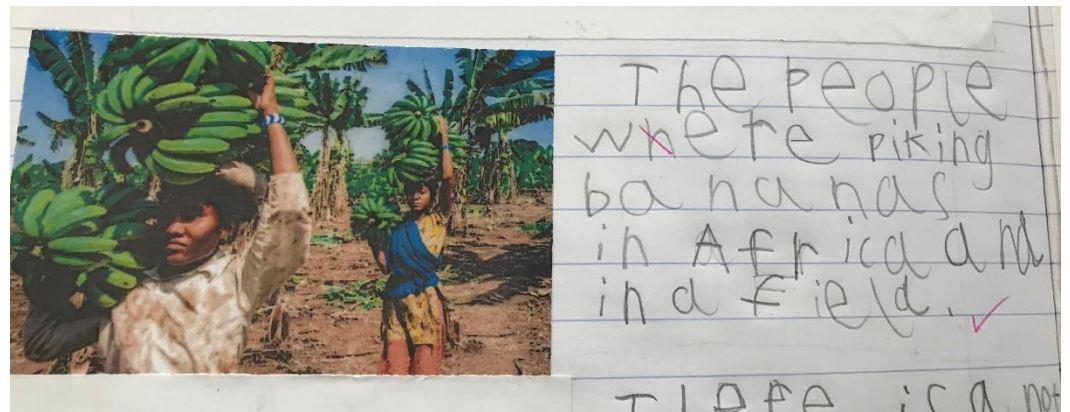
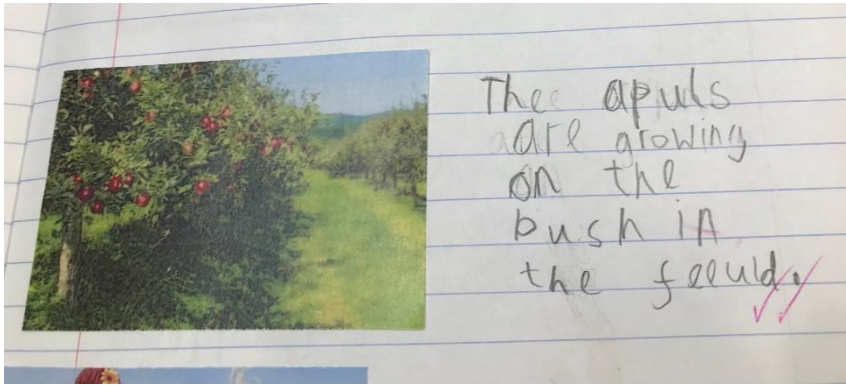
The children have learnt about the farming of animals, crops and plants, and how this becomes the food we eat.

We have talked about how we can get different foods from animals. For example, from a cow we can get beef, steak and burgers whilst we can also get milk which in turn produces cheese!

Following on from our discussions, the children had to then sort a variety of foods to say where they came from.



In English, we have learnt about adverbial phrases and we have linked this to our enhancement week on Food and Farming as well. An adverbial phrase is a phrase used within a sentence to add more information about where something is happening or has happened. The children had a few pictures linked to harvest time and they had to write a sentence containing two adverbial phrases. They produced some really great sentences, here are just a couple of them:



The children have been using their knowledge of number facts and number bonds they learnt in Year 1 in Maths this week. We have looked at number facts such as; if we know $8 + 2 = 10$ we can also work out that $80 + 20 = 100$. Over the half term break, see if your child can practise this skill and record different ways of making 100.

As part of our curriculum enhancement week and the Clarbrough Cook off, we looked at the country, Mexico and made some guacamole. The children had lots of fun, finding out how to make guacamole and actually making the dish before we took it to the hall along with all the other creations for Mrs Cowell-Clark to taste. We had fun tasting it ourselves in class first, just to make sure it tasted good enough to eat!



Year 2 pupils have come home from school with a phonics pack. Please have a look at this and work with your child on the phonemes (sounds) to help them prepare for their phonics assessment later on this year.

We have had such a busy first half term back at school and thank you children, for all your hard work and parents for all your support. We hope you have an amazing, restful couple of weeks and can't wait to hear all about your adventures when we return to school at the beginning of November.



Star of the week: Mason for trying so hard in all of his work this week!

Year 3 (William Morris)



In English this week, the children have been learning about the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and then created fantastic descriptions of the terrifying monster.

In Maths, the children have produced some great work in addition and subtraction. The children have also been calculating perimeter. They designed their own dairy farms and measured the perimeter of each building on their farm.

We have had two brilliant days of planning and preparing our food for our special Food and Farming week. The children learned about beekeeping and tasted honey that had been prepared by the beekeeper. Everyone enjoyed the honey!

As part of our Greek topic we had a special Greek food day on Wednesday. Children listened to Greek music and enjoyed olives, feta cheese, made their own tzatziki, Greek spinach pie and vine leaves stuffed with rice. What an amazing day!

A delicious lunch was made by Class 3 on Thursday which included pumpkin soup, bread and apple crumble. It was fun and messy! We even used the pumpkin seeds for Maths. How many seeds do you think are in a small pumpkin? Estimates were from 40 to 90. After arranging the seeds in groups of 10, then counting in 10s there were actually ...637!



In Science the children took part in an investigation. Could we make plastic out of milk? Yes! Unfortunately, the mixture was very crumbly and so hard to mold into a shape but it has turned into plastic!



Star of the week: Bess for being such a helpful member of the class. She goes out of her way to think of others and will happily support anyone who needs her!

Year 4 (Salvador Dali)



This week the children have really enjoyed learning all about Food and Farming!

The children harvested vegetables from our school garden. A huge thank you for all of your donations too!





In Science, the children received a letter from Shaun the Sheep asking for help with creating a new plantation system to enable crops to grow in winter. They carried out an investigation of making their own mini green houses. They ensured they were carrying out a fair test by only changing one variable. Some children will be taking them home to look after over half term ... they may need help remembering to water them and please bring them back afterwards so we can complete our booklets!



For the Clarborough Cook off the children followed a Portuguese recipe to make Areias de Cascais or Sand biscuits. They were delicious and everyone wanted more!



The children also held a class competition called the 'Squashed Tomato Challenge'. They each had a tomato and access to recycled materials and they had to wrap their tomato so it was protected and didn't get squashed when being dropped from a height. We had so much fun!

Homework: Over half term, the children will be bringing home their Maths homework book. Their pages are labelled with what they need to complete (and I've popped this on Seesaw too). It would be beneficial for all children to ensure they are still reading and quizzing and practising their time tables too. Thank you for your continued support!

Smashers: Asya, Beatrice, Charlotte, Daniel, Harriet, Heidi F, Piper, Sienna, Stanley, Toby, Winnie and Reece.



Star of the week: Heidi G for always trying so hard in class!

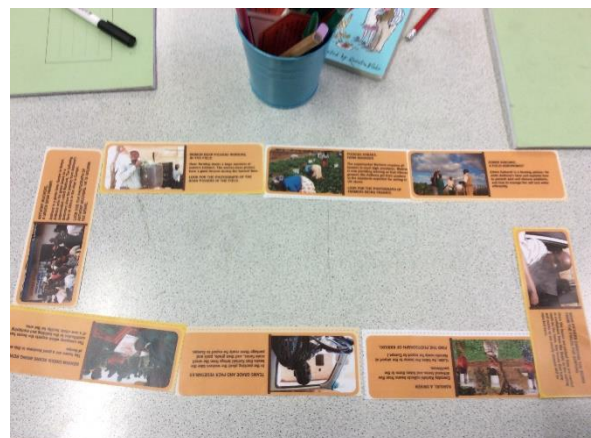
Plus the whole class for having such a fantastic week this week!

Year 5 (Banksy)



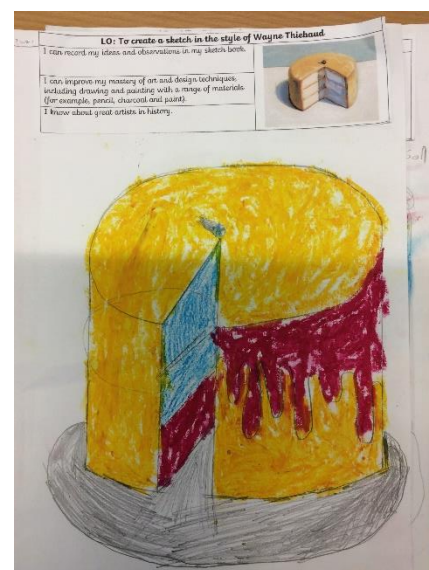
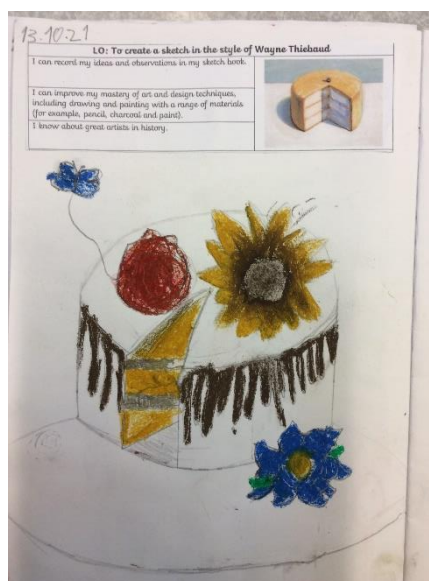
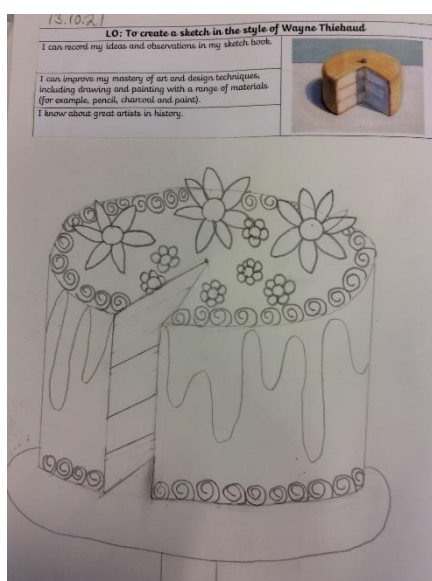
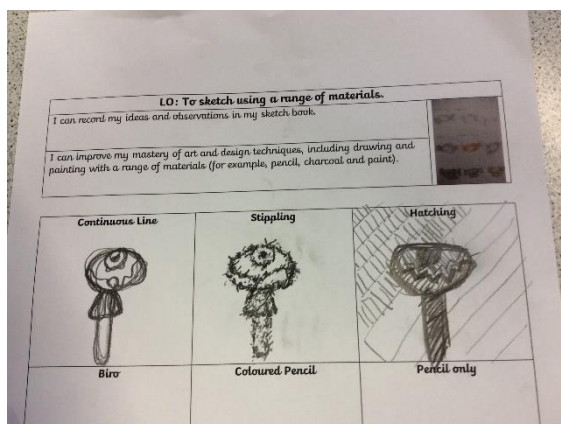
Banksy Class have thoroughly enjoyed our Food and Farming week, engaging in a variety of different activities.

Initially, they explored the idea of food connections by comparing runner beans grown in the UK with those grown in Africa. They played a domino-style game to learn about the production process involved in both countries before comparing the positive and negative impacts of growing beans in both countries. It was fantastic to hear the children use words such as 'climate change', 'pollution,' and 'global responsibility' in their mature conversations and ideas.



Using our sketchbooks, the children have explored making marks using different mediums. They used techniques such as stippling and hatching using pencil, charcoal, felt tip and pastels. They then applied these

techniques to sketching a single lollipop. Following this, they explored the work of Wayne Thiebaud, an American painter who paints foods such as cakes, lollipops and sundaes, before sketching their own cakes in his style.



In English, they watched a short, animated film about an innovator called Geoff, who works in a baked bean factory, and designs new bean tins for different numbers of people e.g. the one for one, the one for two and the one for all. This led the children to design their own bean tins such as: the one for unicorns, the one for special occasions and the one for football skills!



We have also had a lot of discussion about food miles and enjoyed using the website <https://www.foodmiles.com/food/calculator> to calculate the miles that some commonly eaten foods have travelled before arriving in our homes.

Participating in 'The Great Clarbrough Cook Off' on Thursday meant that we were able to make and sample our Brigadeiro (Belgian truffles). They were delicious!

Finally, the pupils completed their assessment pieces based on what they have learned about the Tudors.

As part of their learning about Inspirational People in RE, Banksy Class have been finding out about William Booth, who founded The Salvation Army. William Booth established this church and charity to support families living in poverty and his legacy still continues today. The Salvation Army operates in over 120 countries worldwide offering support and advice to those in need. Pupils in Banksy Class decided to support this charity by making a donation to the local charity shop in Retford.



I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and I look forward to starting our new topic when we return: Marvellous Maps.

Smashers: Saffron, Sarina, Madeline, Katrina, Ayda, Anya, Luke, Freya, Kai, Gracie-May, Isabella, Emilia, Henry, Aidan, Ruby and Molly



Star of the week: Katrina for demonstrating excellent sketching and drawing skills!

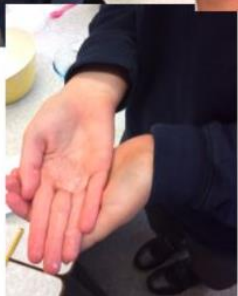


Year 6 (Lucian Freud)

This week, Class 6 have been working flat out! It has been our Food and Farming enrichment week and so, all of our activities have had an agriculture feel to them and I can honestly say, that we have had a huge amount of fun this week.

In Maths, we have designed and created our own farms, costing up how much it would be to buy and run a farm and how much we would need to sell our products for in order to make a profit. The diversity of ideas that we had was amazing. We had alpaca fur farms, beef farms, rare-breed rabbit farms and even a scorpion venom farm! A few of the children managed to make a small profit while most ended up hundreds of thousands and in one case millions in debt.

This week the children wrote stories from the perspective of a carrot or other root vegetable being dug up from its home by a tractor. We had to describe the terror and the anguish of being tucked up safe in the mud before being ripped from the earth by a huge beast to be packaged off only to wake up later in a supermarket. We also created harvest sunset art using a decoupage/ collage style.



Year 6 tried to make bottle-less water bottles using the spherification process - ask about them all about it!

We rounded our Thursday off with designing the tractor of the future and cooking a Spanish omelette for Mrs Cowell-Clark to taste in assembly.



At the end of the week, the children held a debate about veganism and discussed whether people should go vegan or vegetarian in order to protect the planet. The children researched their own ideas and then debated with each other. We sang harvest songs to the tune of 'Shotgun' and 'Castle on the Hill' and I challenged the children to make up their own harvest song to the tune of a popular song.

Finally, in the wise words of Winnie the Pooh:

'Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved'.



Star of the week: Harry for approaching his work this week with maturity, resilience and confidence!

Dates for your Diary....

Friday 15th October - Last Day of Term

Monday 1st November – Children return back to school

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th November – Parent Consultations (by phone)

Friday 5th November – Bonfire Lunch (please book in on Parentmail)

Thursday 11th November – Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) session for Reception to Year 6 children

Out of School Achievements

A big well done to Tobias for getting Star Player for Retford United football team this week – Great work Tobias!



A big well done to Ayda who took part in her first dance show on Sunday 10th October at the Majestic Theatre with the Louise Clarkson School of Dance. The show was 'At the Movies...the sequel' and included tap, ballet and street dance! Ayda absolutely loved being part of it – Amazing effort Ayda!



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 or Mrs Woods on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk