

# Be the best you can be!

# **Weekly Newsletter**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see so many of you attending meetings with your child's teacher over the week to discuss their progress and attainment so far this year.

The children have been busy today finishing off the term's learning with a focus on the Easter Story as part of our RE Day. Look out for photos on social media later.



I would also like to say a huge 'WELL DONE' to all of you who have supported our reading challenge this month. Each child who sent in their completed form has received a certificate and a little treat to recognise their resilience for sticking with the task.

I hope you all have a peaceful Easter break together and we look forward to welcoming you back to Clarborough at the start of the summer term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

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: <a href="mailto:finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk">finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</a>

# **National Online Safety**

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'Managing Device Stress and Anxiety.'

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.



# 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 Summer Term 1. Please note, these must be booked <u>one week in advance</u> 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.

# Star of the Week

Rather than a weekly theme, our star of the week will be chosen from our termly Clarborough Curriculum focus. This term, the focus is 'Resilience'.

Our Stars of the Week for this week are:



Reception – Everyone! Year 1 – Harry G Year 2 – Isabella Year 3 – Ella Year 4 – Ben Year 5 – Piper Year 6 – Gracie-May



Well done everyone!

#### **Merit and Courtesy Awards**

Year 1 Merit Award: Yazmin Year 1 Courtesy Award: Seb

Year 2 Merit Award: Lorelai Year 2 Courtesy Award: Rozalyn Year 2 Smashers: Jorgie and Isabella

Year 3 Merit Award: Logan Year 3 Courtesy Award: Alex Year 3 Smashers: Ayda, Lucy, Edwin, Ella, Logan, Poppy, Albert, Ashton, Georgie, Cole, Isabella and Edith

Year 4 Merit Award: Paige Year 4 Courtesy Award: Maia Year 4 Smashers: Oliver and Isla O

Year 5 Merit Award: Emily Year 5 Courtesy Award: Asya Year 5 Smashers: Heidi F, Charlotte and Winnie

Year 6 Merit Award: Sarina Year 6 Courtesy Award: Katrina Year 6 Smashers: Sarina, Finlay B, Sam, Georgie, Katrina, Aidan, Anya, Luke and Freya



## Always, Always Tea Party

Yesterday, Mrs Cowell-Clark was joined by this half-term's 'Always, Always' pupils for a treat or two and a chat. Congratulations to Alice, Elliott, Belle, Elliott, Georgie M, William, Charlotte and Molly!



A big thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the two Easter hampers. The two winners were Mrs Herdman and Izzy H – Congratulations!

## Year 4 Rome Projects and Exhibition

Year 4 loved sharing their work at their Roman Exhibition on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who supported them with their amazing creations and for attending the exhibition. A big thank you to Mr Potter for organising this and for dressing up for the occasion!









# Appeal for ELS books!

Please could you have a good look around your home for any ELS books that you may have. Look out for the yellow sticker on the spine.

These need to be returned to school as soon as possible in order for us to continue using the Education Library Service. Thank you.



#### **Nursery and 30hrs: Percy Shaw Class**



As we come to the end of a very busy term I look back again and see how far the children have come. One of the most important parts of Nursery is learning to depend less on adults and more on their peers, who can be far more demanding and less tolerant than grown-ups! Learning to play together and cooperate is so vital, and these photos show what a joy it is to witness this every day at school. Sadly, we have to say 'Goodbye' to Jenson, who is moving to Australia- we hope he will be very happy in his new life there! We are also looking forward to saying "hello" to our three new starters after the break. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all after Easter!



#### **Reception: Mary Anning Class**



This week has been all about Easter in the Reception class: We have listened to the Easter story and learnt why Easter is such an important festival for Christians. We have also made Easter nest buns and learnt that heat makes chocolate melt from a solid into a liquid; and that it can become solid again if we put it somewhere cold, like the fridge.

We have continued to learn about the life cycle of frogs and were very

excited on Monday morning when the frog spawn, that we have borrowed from Miss Holden's pond, had hatched into lots of very wriggly tadpoles!

Mrs Turton has been measuring the children's brains and they have amazed her again by how much their brains have grown and how hard they have worked - well done everyone!



#### Year 1: Garrett Morgan Class



This week, Year 1 have been moving forwards and backwards with numbers up to 50 in Maths and in English, they have been completing their Phonics screening assessments. Mrs Deakin and Mrs Beswarick want to say a huge well done to the children who are practising at home each week! In Clarborough Curriculum, the children have completed their 'Show me what you know' about Nelson Mandela and in Art, they made fruit kebabs for a friend. In Computing, Year 1 have been programming with Code blocks and they have also enjoyed making their colourful Easter cards!

A big well done to Amelia and Esmay who received their Sparkly Pencil Licence this week – Great work Amelia and Esmay!







\*\*Please note that homework for Year 1 is a creative project for over the Easter holidays making a Solar System. Your child's project needs to be in on the first day back to school. Further details can be found on Seesaw\*\*



# Year 2: Professor Brian Cox Class

This week, Year 2 have been finding <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> of a number, measuring in metres and looking at addition and subtraction problems. In English, the children have written and published their Easter poems and in Clarborough Curriculum, they have looked at the Winter Olympics and Paralympics and completed their 'Show me what you know' on the Olympics. In Computing, Year 2 have answered quiz style questions and in Music, they have learned notes C and D on the glockenspiel.



#### Year 3: Mary Jackson Class



This week in Maths, Year 3 have been looking at right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. They have also been sorting angles according to size and looking at AM and PM in time. In English, the children have completed their Maya folk tales with editing and improvements and then publishing them. The children also re-wrote the story 'The Great Kapok Tree'. In Clarborough Curriculum, they have been sorting events on to a timeline (BC and AD), made and tasted Maya hot chocolate (they weren't too keen on the chilli and cinnamon additions) and finished their 'Show me what you know' about the

Mayans. For RE Day, Year 3 looked at the Easter story and discussed 'Hope and despair' and the idea of life after death.





#### Year 4: Richard Leakey Class



In Maths this week, Year 4 have continued to look at decimals. They looked at comparing, ordering and rounding decimals using their knowledge of place value to support them. The children also used their Roman exhibition day to develop their understanding of Roman numerals by solving a Roman numeral spy mystery challenge. In English, the children started the week with some Rainbow Grammar lessons looking at using speech and building sentences up using subordinate clauses. They also, as part of RE Day, wrote newspaper reports describing the crucifixion.

In Clarborough Curriculum, History took over! As part of our Roman day, the children made simple pots out of clay and mini catapults out of lollysticks. They also learnt how to play games played by soldiers when they travelled from place to place. In Art, the children created some stain glass windows as part of RE Day and in Computing, they developed their 3D building skills. For RE Day, the theme was sacrifice and Year 4 discussed what Jesus sacrificed for the world. They considered what they have sacrificed in their lives and read some Bible stories which contained elements of sacrifice.



Year 5: Hedy Lamarr Class



This week, Year 5 have been finding fractions of amounts and have found the whole fraction from an amount. In English, they have read about the fictional Rhiswanozebtah and created their own mixed up animals, writing about their mannerisms and habitats. In French, the children completed the 'My House' unit with a speaking, listening, reading and writing challenge. For RE Day, Year 5 created their own Easter story outside using sticks and other items found in the forest area. The children also looked at Easter around the world, the history

of the Easter egg and discussed what is important to pupils and Christians at Easter time.

When we return after the Easter holidays, Year 5 will be starting their new topic on Ancient Egypt. Have a lovely Easter!



## Year 6: Alan Turing Class



This week, in Maths, Year 6 have been finding missing angles within shapes and in English, they created their own world based on the short film 'Pandora' by Avatar. The children focused on their descriptive writing and vocabulary for this activity. They have been looking at healthy and unhealthy foods in their French lessons and they held their DAaRT graduation on Monday afternoon. For RE Day, the children celebrated the Easter Story, and the resurrection and salvation by completing a range of fun activities.







# Dates for your Diary....

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Rosie who came 1<sup>st</sup> place in her Street and Lyrical performances at the LCSD dance competition this week - Fantastic work Rosie!





Congratulations to Alice who gained her 5m Rainbow Distance Certificate this week – Brilliant work Alice!

Well done to Jack who completed his first swimming lesson and received his Stage 1, 2 and 3 from Swimstars and Dolphins - Great work Jack!





Congratulations to Harry who received his 10m Rainbow Distance Certificate – Super work Harry!

A big well done to Edwin who completed his first swimming lesson and received his Stage 1, 2 and 3 from Swimstars and Dolphins - Amazing work Edwin!





A huge well done to Reuben for learning to ride his bike this week – keep up the good work Reuben!



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

Nottinghamshire County Council use CCTV cars to enforce parking outside of schools. They visit schools in Nottinghamshire and will record whilst passing, the details of any cars parked illegally.

If vehicles are in parked in contravention the registered keepers will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

These restrictions are in place to provide a safe area outside of the school where the children will gather or cross the road therefore, we ask for your help in keeping this area free of parked vehicles. The school can request enforcement from the car if there any concerns regarding parking.

