

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2017

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

On Monday 6th November we welcomed John McCorkell to St Clement's. John is the Founder and Director of "It's All Normal – see the world in a different perspective" where he visits schools promoting and teaching about inclusion of people with disabilities.

John started the day with a whole school assembly which was followed by a series of workshops for all year groups. During the workshops John used a range of activities to demonstrate the challenges faced by people with limited mobility, sight impairment and hearing loss.

John believes that capturing the curiosity of the children will help them to understand that people with a disability "can do" anything; it might just take a little longer.

"Disability Awareness Day made me realise that we are all the same and not different from anyone else." (Benjamin Year 3)

"Listening to John, I realised that it's hard in everyday life. We need to be patient with people that have a disability. People should show respect to people who face challenges; they aren't different." (Kia Year 6)

A huge thank you to the Governing Body who agreed to cover the cost of the workshop.







YEAR 3 HISTORY WORKSHOP

Digging for buried treasures, making a human time line and building Stonehenge were just a few of the activities enjoyed by the children in their prehistory workshop. Archaeologist, Mortimer Wheeler, really brought the past to life in an engaging and memorable way, enhancing our learning about the Stone Age.



YEAR 4 HISTORY WORKSHOP



On Thursday Year 4 enjoyed an Anglo Saxons' Workshop with archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler. The children engaged in looking at artefacts, role playing traditional Anglo Saxon families and village life and creating Anglo Saxon warrior battle scenes. The History topic this term was certainly brought to life and the children loved it.

YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY BELONGING



The Year 1 assembly was related to our R.E. topic of Belonging. In class we painted colourful pictures of our families and explored why they are so special to us. Mrs Rayner was very proud of how they spoke and sang and signed *God Made Me As I Am*.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE VISIT

On Wednesday 1st November, Year 2, together with several other Primary Schools from the Borough, visited the Garden of Remembrance at Bourne Hall. The Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Councillor Liz Frost, led the ceremony and a two minute silence was held to remember the brave men and women who lost their lives in conflicts. The children were then given the opportunity to plant a cross in remembrance.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we shall remember them."



This Sunday 12 November, there will be a <u>Remembrance Day Church Parade</u> at St Clement's Church at 10.30am Mass. All Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to attend in full uniform please.

NEW HEDGING DONATED



Last year we were invited to take part in a tree planting event on Epsom Downs, organised by the Woodland Trust. Our School Council children represented the school. Following this event we have been sent some free hedging which we will plant behind the Statue of Our Lady in the front playground. Our thanks to Mrs Patrick for her advice in the placing, planting and care of the saplings.

ANCHOR BOOK WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received Headteacher Awards at our recent Anchor Assembly;

Year 6	Ruby Meeson and Shaya Haake
Year 5	Monty Spiteri Honigsfeld and Julia Buczek
Year 4	Aoibheann Maloney and George Palmer
Year 3	Raul Rasulov and Amischa Richards
Year 2	Sonia Gurbet and Ben Hillier
Year I	Marta Da Silva and Theo De Bergolis

Jocelyn Saville and Xavier Higgs

Reception



SPORTING SUCCESS!

FOOTBALL

Last week some of our Year 6 boys took part in a 7-a-side football tournament at Pound Lane. We played six back to back matches showing fantastic teamwork and won the group stage. The semi-final was as close as it could get, finishing with a draw. We had to go to penalties, which was also a draw at 2-2 and then it was sudden death! Unfortunately it wasn't our day but what a wonderful afternoon. The whole team were amazing and such ambassadors for St Clement's!

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Yesterday twenty-two of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a Sportshall athletics competition at Rosebery. It was a very busy and competitive event with children participating in several track and field events from 12 different schools. All the children were superb with fantastic performances from sprinters, jumpers, javelin throwers and speed bouncers! Their encouragement towards each other and team spirit was wonderful to see. The scores were in at around 6 o'clock and finishing positions were announced...

We won!!! What a brilliant achievement for all those children. Such a proud moment for all!

A huge thank you also to all parents for your support at both the events.







Our winning Athletics Team!

YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY OURSELVES

Last week we enjoyed an assembly given by Year 5 on one of their R.E. topics, 'Ourselves'. They reminded us that we have all been gifted with different human qualities and talents, by God, which can be developed, practised and worked on and that we should not be envious of others talents and qualities. To help with this message, they performed a story, called 'The Stone Cutter' and shared a class litany, celebrating the talents and qualities of everyone in the class.

They also reminded us that each person is made in the image and likeness of God, but everyone one of us is unique, which is illustrated in the scripture of Peter: I Peter 2:9 'But you are a chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light.'

Dear God

Father, creator of all,

you 'ordered the earth' to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating family life.

Teach us the beauty of human love, show us the value of family life

and help us to live in peace with everyone.

Amen.



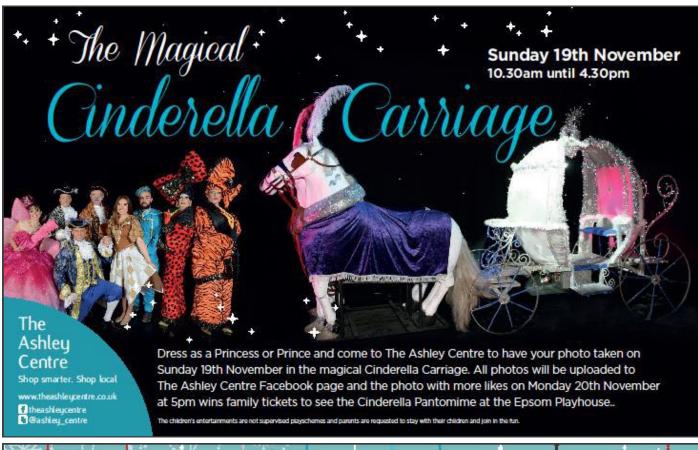
MATHS SUCCESS!

Four of our Year 6 children represented us in a team Maths competition run by Explore Learning. It is a national competition with the same challenge set for each school; the team are observed throughout and judged not only on the accuracy of their results but also on their team's approach and attitude to the task. Our four representatives worked very well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the event.

We are extremely proud to announce we have just heard that the team has progressed through to the next round. Congratulations!

ST CLEMENT'S DAY

Letters will be handed out next week detailing our plans for St Clement's Day. There will be various activities in the morning followed by Mass at 2.15pm in the Hall. All are welcome to the Mass and we look forward to sharing this special day with the school community.









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UPDATE

Santa and his elves are busy preparing for the Christmas Fair. From next week we will be collecting any **new or loved cuddly toys** which you are able to donate.

We also have a general **tombola** and are collecting any items you have at home which would be suitable as prizes for this.

Please leave any donations in the boxes outside the School Office.

Thank you,
The Friends of St Clement's

GRAND DRAW

Grand Draw tickets will go home on **Friday 17th November.**The class which sells the most will win a **movie night** for their class!

Tickets are 50p each. Details to follow with the tickets next week.