



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd April 2020

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your family are well and that you are all keeping safe. It seems incredible to believe that just two weeks ago your children were all at school working hard and playing with their friends in the playground.

Since then the school has been open for children of key workers and the past two weeks have run very smoothly. However, it is not the same without you all and we are missing you very much! We hope that you are all coping well with the situation and that you are keeping in touch with each other.

Thank you for your emails, phone calls and good wishes for our staff; everyone is pulling together and we are deeply grateful for the co-operation and understanding of our brilliant parent body.

This is a time now to live out our mission by reaching out to those who are frightened, isolated or poorly. A friendly call or message can make a big difference to a person's day. This is when we can truly let our light shine.

God of joy,

we welcome you into our lives as the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus,

with respect, love and happiness.

Help us to remember that you are in all people and to try to make them feel welcome.

Amen.



SCIENCE WEEK



To celebrate Science Week, we have been taking part in a range of scientific experiments to increase our scientific knowledge. We began with a science competition to design a lab coat. We had some fantastic entries, using a variety of scientific topic areas and even had a life-size lab coat on a hanger entered! It was very hard for Mrs James and Mrs Kelly to choose their top five.

Mrs James led an assembly which began by creating a cloud in a bottle. She then introduced the theme of St Clement's Science Week by asking the children to identify how several photos were linked: plastic in the ocean, electricity pylons, a boat, a rocket ship and a seed. After some guesses, the theme of 'journeys' was introduced. Over the course of the week the children explored the theme of journeys through four areas: journeys on earth and beyond, journeys through time, journeys through nature and electric journeys. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed exploring different scientific ideas.



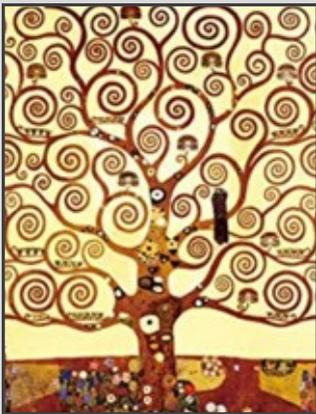
LIQUID NITROGEN SCIENCE WORKSHOP



On Friday 28th February, in anticipation of Science Week the following week, we were very lucky to have the opportunity to take part in a science workshop which looked at how gases are used, the effect of temperatures and we had the chance to observe experiments using liquid nitrogen. We were amazed by the effect extreme temperatures and liquid nitrogen can have on different everyday objects, such as a bouquet of flowers becoming brittle and being able to hammer a nail made from plasticine into a piece of wood with a banana.

Thank you to Mr van Loon and his team from Air Products for the amazing morning.

AMAZING ART WEEK



Recipe for an amazing art week...

A supreme team of eager staff

A school full of enthusiastic children

A copy of Gustav Klimt's "The Tree of Life"

Various art resources

A bucket load of creativity

Mix this together and what do you get? A fun, enriching and inspired art week at St Clement's!



The 16th March marked St Clement's art week and what a week it proved to be! Despite the pressure of Corona Virus threatening to destroy it, staff were determined to introduce the children to the amazing work of Gustav Klimt! Each class had the opportunity to think visually, creatively and to appreciate art. They practised new skills such as: colour mixing, printing, 3D sculpture, pattern making, collage and clay modelling to name but a few! The school was a hub of great activity and fun and for all the children and, most importantly, every child had the opportunity to try something new and excel in an area that they may not have done before. As for the staff; we saw the benefits of teaching art in a very special way; how art helps children to express themselves; persevere; take risks, self evaluate and learn from mistakes and most of all how Art gives every child a chance to produce something that they can feel really proud of.

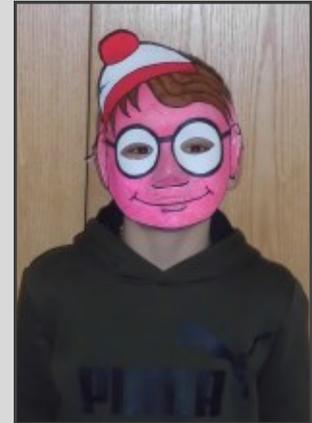
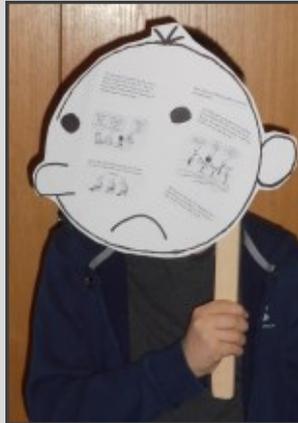
Remember, once upon a time, every famous artist was a child... in these difficult times, my

message to the children would be:

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON DRAWING!

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, the children created a mask to wear that represented their favourite book and/or book character. The masks were amazing and there were an array of designs, such as Paddington Bear, Ladybugs and Harry Potter. We also celebrated with teachers sharing a story with different classes to promote a love of reading and the librarian held a competition celebrating different book authors.



THANK YOU FRIENDS

Thank you to the Friends of St Clement's for planning, organising and supporting the Mother's Day Gift Room. The children really enjoyed choosing their gifts and writing lovely messages.

JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP EVENT 2020

A few weeks ago, Year 6 got the opportunity to take part in the Junior Citizen event held at Epsom Racecourse. This was a great chance for the children to learn how to protect their families and more importantly themselves. Two pupils from Year 6 have written a little bit about this thrilling event;

While attending the Junior Citizenship event, we were put into groups with a few children from Ewell castle. We covered six stations in total including: drug awareness, healthy eating, fire safety, internet safety with the police, how to stay safe in water and lastly how to save the planet by using the right bins. We definitely learnt some life changing information and we really want to do it all over again! We 100 percent encourage others to attend this fantastic afternoon.

Written by Luci and Mimi

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES



During the week of March 9th-13th, each of the school houses took part in a Lenten Prayer service. The prayer services were an opportunity to remember Jesus' total giving when he died on a cross for us. Reflecting on Lent as a time to grow closer to God, we explored how we could follow the example of Jesus through prayer, giving things up and doing good for others.

As well as having a time to share their own personal prayers, the children shared a litany:

*Lord, help us to take opportunities to do good
That we will remember to thank God each day for loving us.
That we may be kinder and more loving to friends and family.
That we may appreciate all those who help us.
That we may be grateful for Jesus' love for us.
That we may be more helpful in the classroom.*



MISSION TOGETHER REMINDER

Please try to continue supporting the Mission Together Project while school is closed to help raise vital funds for this important charity.

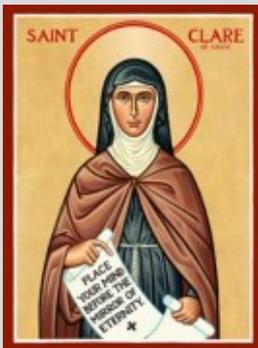
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday marks the start of our journey through Lent - a season of new beginnings and conversion. Fr Graham celebrated Mass with the whole school community reminding us that Lent is a special time of prayer, fasting and giving, to bring us closer to God.

*God of love, rich in justice and mercy,
may my Lenten journey of fasting, prayer and giving,
open my heart to reach out to others with love and joy,
recognising that Christ is present.*

Amen

ST CLARE HOUSE MASS



The children from St Clare's House gathered together with Fr Graham to celebrate mass on Tuesday 3rd March 2020, in honour of their patron.

St Clare founded an order of nuns called the Poor Clares, who exist to this day, praying and serving their communities. Everything she and her sisters made or grew, they gave to others, and others in turn gave to the sisters. Clare felt that the fewer things they had, the more room they had for God in their hearts. In this way they really shared the lives and poverty of those around them.

*God of Mercy,
You inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty.
By the help of her prayers may we follow the Christian poverty of spirit
and come to the joyful vision of your glory in the kingdom of Heaven.*

Amen.

EASTER PRAYER SERVICE



On Friday 3rd April, the staff and the children of our keyworkers took part in an Easter service. This was a time to think about the journey that Jesus was about to embark on as he spent his final days on earth. We know that Jesus' death was not the end and that Easter is a celebration of Jesus' rising to new life.

Dear Lord

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may share the joy and hope of Easter with our brothers and sisters around the world by reaching out with love to all.

Amen

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL NEWS

The children in the Year 6 Netball Teams have been enjoying a fantastic season so far!

The A-Team have played a total of six matches and the B-Team a total of four matches. They have all been played away at Stamford Green, Wallace Fields and St Joseph's. All the children have played amazing netball and really shown off their skills of attacking, defending and shooting. Their confidence has really grown. They have all shown great team spirit and encouragement towards each other which is wonderful to see. As you will see they haven't lost a single match! Brilliant!

A huge thankyou to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Kingswell and also for those dedicated parents supporting on a sometimes sunny but also very wet and cold sideline. Well done netballers!

	RESULTS	
3/3/20	St Clement's v Stamford Green	7 v 4 (A-Team) 5 v 0 (B-Team)
	St Clement's v Danetree	13 v 1 (A-Team) 14 v 1 (B-Team)
4/3/20	St Clement's v Wallace Fields	19 v 1 (A-Team)
	St Clement's v Cuddington Croft	19 v 1 (A-Team) 6 v 3 (B-Team)
	St Clement's v Cuddington Com	15 v 1 (A-Team)
11/3/20	St Clement's v St Joseph's	13 v 1 (A-Team) 9 v 2 (B-Team)
26/3/20	St Clement's v Southfield Park	



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HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 27th February, we took three teams of Year 6 children to a hockey tournament led by Epsom Hockey Club in which 14 teams took part. It was lovely to watch the children put into practise the hockey skills that they had been learning. We have some very determined and skilful players. All the teams played exceptionally well, winning many matches, drawing some and losing the odd one too. The C team built on their confidence and skills as they progressed through their matches, the B team just narrowly missed out on a semi final place and the A team won their group to go through to the semi finals. Unfortunately, after a very close match, they lost to a penalty goal.

We were all very proud of the children for their encouragement and sportsmanship towards each other. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Kingswell and Mrs Roberts for managing the teams and to all the parents who came out to support their children.

