



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd October 2021

## MESSAGE

As the first half term of this academic year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the incredible support that you have shown both the children and the school. It has been wonderful to return to some kind of normality in school this half term. We have been able to gather together in assembly for the first time in two years as a whole school which has meant so much to the children and the staff team.

This half term Year 6 have taken up their roles and responsibilities throughout the school and it has given us great joy to see how much they have responded to this. They have led us through assemblies, they have acted as role models for our younger pupils in their prefect roles and they have been teaching the younger children how to play old fashioned games at lunchtime. They have really risen to the challenge and made us incredibly proud.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the coffee morning yesterday. We hope to hold more events like this in the next half term so that we can continue to reestablish our strong school community.

Our new Reception children and parents have created the most wonderful Harvest hampers for the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank. Thank you for your kind donations as this has really modelled for the children the value of compassion. In November, we will continue to focus on the value of kindness in school. As we approach the Advent Season, our focus will then move onto the value of Peace.

On behalf of the staff team and myself, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term.

Mrs Kelly

**At the end of this school term we give thanks to God:**

**For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,**

**For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;**

**For the respect and care that has been shown.**

**We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown**

**For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,**

**For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days**

**And for the love that has kept us going.**

**We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord**

**to bless all our learners, their families and our staff**

**Grant us your protection and peace during this holiday**

**Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.**

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen**

# YEAR 6 NEWS

It is so important that every child at St Clement's is taught to take responsibility for their school and to contribute positively both to the school and wider community. To enable this to happen we choose Year 6 Leaders.

This year our team consists of the Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl, Well Being Ambassadors, Prefects and House Captains. Together, they will work to improve the school and suggest solutions to various dilemmas.

All the children are keen to find new ways of leading and nurturing all children within the school; acting as a pupil voice and ensuring that they still develop their sense of responsibility and lead by example, enabling even the youngest children to know that they are safe and growing in love and learning.

We are delighted to have appointed this year's **Primary Leaders Team** and consider all of these roles to be of great importance. We know that all the children will act as true ambassadors for our school as well as role models for their peers and our younger pupils. Every year 6 child was invited to apply for a role, doing so in writing initially, then also making a presentation to their class and teachers. This year the standard of applications was extremely high and we are really proud of every child in the class!

**We are very proud to announce the following appointments:**

<b>Head Girl</b>	Laila
<b>Deputy Head Girl</b>	Maya
<b>Head Boy</b>	George
<b>Deputy Head Boy</b>	Aidan

## **Well Being Ambassadors.**

Logan and Scarlett

## **Prefects**

**Reception:** Dan , Lily and Tyla

**Year 1:** Ben , Beth and Nerisha

**Year 2:** Julia , Logan and Scarlett

**Year 3:** Lola , Mia and Joseph

**Year 4:** Charlie , Isla and Michael

**Year 5:** Ari and Lois

**Year 6:** Matthew and Maya

## **Year 6 Classroom Prefects**

Joseph, Nathan, Rodrigo and Sophie

## **Art and Display Prefects**

Aidan, Ashley, Ethan and Laila

## **Curriculum Prefects**

Ari, George, Sonia and Tom

## **ICT Prefects**

Henry, Leo , Lola and Tom

## **Librarians**

Ashley, Ethan, Isla and Sonia

## **School Council**

Charlie and Tyla



## **House Captains.**

**St Clare:** Leo and Lois

**St Benedict:** Ben and Nerisha

**St Francis:** Matthew and Sophie

**St Margaret:** Henry and Rodrigo

## **Task Force (6 children)**

Dan, Julia, Mia, Michael, Nathan, Beth and Lily

**The Year 6 children have made an enthusiastically uplifting start to the year and we know that we shall see wonderful things from them – we are already so proud of them!**

# RECEPTION HARVEST ASSEMBLY



The children in Hedgehog Class performed their very first assembly at St Clement's School this week. They confidently acted out the story of The Little Red Hen and explained how Important it is to help our friends and to share with each other. They reminded us how important the Harvest is and how we should thank all the farmers. The children were amazing at learning their lines, they sang beautifully and they all spoke confidently and clearly. The Reception teachers were very proud of them and they all received a raffle ticket for their amazing assembly.

# YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Year 1 performed their first class assembly of the year. The theme of the assembly was Belonging. The children reminded us that we all belong to different groups and that we are proud to belong to these groups as it makes us feel valued and included. They also spoke about how each one of us belongs to a very special group- their own family and how spending time with our families makes us feel loved, safe and happy. They re-told the story of Clarence the Crocodile about a crocodile who was made to feel that he didn't fit in until finally he found a group where he belongs. Year 1 then reminded us that we all belong to God's family and that we are welcomed into God's family when we are baptised. The children reflected on ways they show how they belong to Jesus' family in how they act by treating people with kindness and care. Finally, they finished their assembly with a lovely rendition of "Everyone belongs" by Glyn Lehmann.

Everyone belongs  
Where they can sing their song  
And live in harmony  
With neighbours, friends and family

The children worked really hard to learn their lines and the song lyrics. They spoke clearly and confidently. Well done Year 1!

# YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

In our R.E. topic, "Homes" we explored how God is present in every home and we reflected on what is special in our own homes. We listened to the words of St Paul to the Romans, telling us what we need to do in order to create a happy family atmosphere in the community and then we acted out some examples of how we could follow that advice in school. We were inspired to write a class recipe based on our Mission Statement, "Growing together in love and learning."

Bake some friendship  
100g of making the right choices  
Two teaspoons of love and laughter  
Gently pour in some faith in yourself  
Sprinkle in some teamwork  
Carefully spread some sportsmanship  
Add a handful of courage and responsibility  
Mix in a teaspoon of recycling and respect  
Sprinkle in a handful of hugs  
Mix in some forgiveness  
Sieve in some kindness  
Finally add some helping hands

# YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 4 presented their Assembly on Friday 8th October. In RE they have been studying the topic of 'People – Our Family' and they have researched their own family trees and what it means to be part of God's family.

They acted out a fabulous interpretation of the Bible story, Jacob and Esau, which tells us the important message of families coming together.

The children were able to describe and share with us how special and unique our families all are before saying a family prayer and singing a song entitled 'Count on Me.' Well done Year 4!





# YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY



Mrs Roberts was extremely proud of Year 5 as they performed their 'Talents' Assembly on 24th September. The children talked about everyone having different talents and qualities, which are a gift from God and we should identify and appreciate the qualities of others and our own. We read the scripture from Peter 2:9 and reflected on the story of The Stonecutter. The children ended the Assembly with some beautiful poetry and prayers all about being thankful for being unique and special in many different ways.



# EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY



The European Day of Languages is a celebration of the amazing number and variety of languages spoken across Europe. The children had the opportunity to engage in a variety of fun activities to develop their French language skills and deepen their understanding of life in France. Reception were busy learning the colours of the rainbow and the colours in the French flag. Year 1 learnt the names of fruits and vegetables in French and then had to guess what Peppa Pig bought at the supermarché! They also learnt a song about greetings. Year 2's focus was the weather; they discovered the words for different types of weather and then made posters to show what they had learnt. Year 3 listened to and joined in with the story of Le Bonhomme de Pain L'épice. They learnt some of the vocabulary for the characters in the story and then designed and decorated their own gingerbread man biscuits. Year 4 were joined by Mrs Parker (Owen's mum) via Google Classroom and she shared her expertise as they found out about french landmarks including the Eiffel Tower. Year 5's focus was food; they learnt lots of new vocabulary and then made presentations about what they had learnt. Year 6 were learning the vocabulary for family members and then played games of Four-In-A-Row to consolidate their learning. As you can see from the photographs the children really enjoyed this wonderful day!



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month we have been celebrating Black History Month. The month began with an informative and engaging assembly by the Year 6 prefects on what Black History Month is all about and information about some of the amazing people we celebrate during this special time, for example Mary Seacole, Marcus Rashford and Alice Coachman.

The prefects then provided an information pack for each class on an important person from Black History for them to explore and learn more about:

**Reception- Rosa Parks**

**Year 1- Harriet Tubman**

**Year 2- Marcus Rashford**

**Year 3- Barrack Obama**

**Year 4- Nelson Mandela**

**Year 5- Martin Luther King**

**Year 6- Dorothy Vaughan who worked for NASA. She and her colleagues were known as 'human computers' and despite suffering from disgracefully unfair segregation, Dorothy Vaughan was made the first black supervisor at NASA, not to mention one of the first women. Year 6 believe that she is truly an inspiration to ALL women!**

In Year 5 and 6 they also listened to a superb talk from black author Joseph Coelho who gave many inspiring ideas about how children can be writers too.

In Year 6 they are also reading the book 'Happy Here'; a book of 10 short stories from black authors and illustrators.

# UK PARLIAMENT WORKSHOP

On September the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in a UK Parliament Workshop called Introduction to Parliament.

This was a live online session where we had the opportunity to learn about the work and the role of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We learnt about the difference between UK Parliament and Government, the work of MPs and members of the House of Lords, how laws are made and how they can get their voices heard. It was fascinating to discuss the things that we felt were most important to us in our society and consider what rules and petitions we would put into place and how we could do it effectively.

This was a really fun experience and we learnt the importance of having a fair say about the rules for society and making ourselves heard in a positive way.

# SURREY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE VISIT

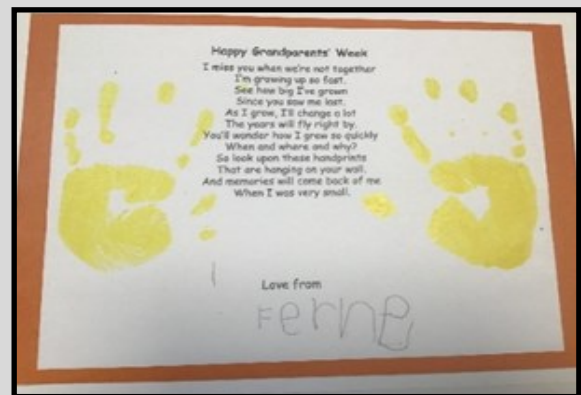


On 12<sup>th</sup> October, Abi, an Education Officer from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, visited both Year 2 and Year 5 for a fire and safety workshop session. The children enjoyed the activities Abi had set for them and were engaged throughout. Abi had so many questions to answer in the Year 5 session as children were keen to learn about 'The Fiery Five'. Thank you to Surrey Fire and Rescue for providing these very informative sessions.

# GRANDPARENTS DAY

In Hedgehog class (Reception), we have been thinking about what is special to us. In our learning time over the last few weeks, we have been talking about who is special to us in our families and grandparents have been a popular choice during our discussions! For Grandparents' Day, Hedgehogs made a special card for their own grandparents.

I miss you when we're not together  
I'm growing up so fast.  
See how big I've grown  
Since you saw me last.  
As I grow, I'll change a lot  
The years will fly right by.  
You'll wonder how I grew so quickly  
When and where and why?  
So look upon these handprints  
That are hanging on your wall.  
And memories will come back of me  
When I was very small.



In Year 2, to celebrate Grandparents' Day, we created cards in the shape of a tea cup with flowers coming out of it. We then wrote thoughtful messages to our grandparent(s).



In Year 6, we made bookmarks for our grandparents. The children finger painted designs for them and wrote kennings to tell them how much they mean to us.



# #HELLOYELLOW 2021



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, St Clement's red uniform was brightened by flashes of yellow as staff and pupils wore something to support World Mental Health Day 2021. An amazing £179 was raised for the charity **Young Minds** who do such vital work supporting the mental health of young people and children. The children were engaged in a variety of activities to promote mental wellbeing. These included: sessions of mindfulness, meditation and yoga, craft activities and skills building to develop resilience. The day began with a wonderful assembly, presented to the whole school by our Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors, Logan and Scarlett. Both staff and children benefitted greatly from the day's experiences. Thank you to all who were involved in organising our special day.

## ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

<b>Year 6</b>	Matthew, Maya, Lois, Aidan, Dan and Rodrigo
<b>Year 5</b>	Rhyley, Isabella, Raphael, Drew, Ellie and Liam
<b>Year 4</b>	Owen, Frankie, Blue, Piroska, Oliver and Amelia
<b>Year 3</b>	Caitlin, Jake, Bella, Harry M, Victoria and Jemima
<b>Year 2</b>	Cerys, Leon, Filip, Averì, Cassius and Francesca
<b>Year 1</b>	Sophia, Jacob, Joseph, Ella-Rose, Amaira and Daniel
<b>Reception</b>	Aidan, Katie, Niamh, Raphael, Bethan and Evelyn

**Anchor Assembly takes place every two weeks on a Friday afternoon. Please return Anchor badges to your child's class teacher on the morning of the next Anchor Assembly.**



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council represents the views of all the pupils at the school. It is an important and responsible role which allows pupils to have a say in issues that affect them and to know that their opinions count. During this half term, the school council have been discussing school dinners, healthy packed lunches and they have also been thinking about their safety in school.

<b>Year 1</b>	Daniel	Darcie
<b>Year 2</b>	Leon	Averi
<b>Year 3</b>	Lucy	Harry
<b>Year 4</b>	Erin	Owen
<b>Year 5</b>	Amy	Liam
<b>Year 6</b>	Tyla	Charlie

# VALUES & VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of Faith and Compassion. We have thought about how we see these values in action in our lives and in the lives of others. We have also thought about how we can work to encapsulate these values in our lives.

Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

**Year 6** Sonia, Charlie and Logan

**Year 5** Braeden, Marta and Eddie

**Year 4** Frankie, Jude and Jocelyn

**Year 3** Annabelle, Victoria and Isabella

**Year 2** Joseph, Francesca and Oscar

**Year 1** Jacob, Ted and Eloise

# HOUSE POINTS

**This half term the winners are St Benedict.**

House	Points
St Margaret	1318
St Clare	1351
St Francis	1180
St Benedict	1397

# ATTENDANCE AWARD



The attendance award this half term has gone to Year 2 and Year 3. They have both received an extra-long playtime.

# GOODBYE

We say goodbye this half term to Miss Toni King. Toni has worked at St Clement's for three years as our caterer. We also say farewell to Mrs Louise Green who has worked as a midday supervisor at St Clement's for over 15 years. Mrs Green will continue to work in our Breakfast club.



# OPEN MORNING

We are holding two open mornings on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Prospective parents need to call the school office to book a tour of the school with Mrs Kelly. Tours will not be entering the classrooms.

# WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that all pupils need to be wearing Winter uniform after half term. Please see the uniform section on the school website for further details of our school uniform requirements. School ties are available from the School Office at a cost of £3 payable online via ParentMail. Please remember that children are not allowed to wear earrings at school.

# LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches will remain at **£2.45** per day.

The price of school lunches for years 3-6 (KS2) from Monday 1st November to Tuesday 21st December is **£90.65** payable by ParentMail.

School breaks up today for Half Term and opens again at the usual time on **Monday 1st November**.  
**We wish everyone a happy and restful week.**



Ukulele club is a **11-week** afterschool club for children from **years 3 to 6**. Run by music teacher Mrs Frisby, this course is for children of all abilities from beginners to the more advanced.

**Why learn to play the ukulele?**

- It is an easy, cheap, and portable instrument to play!
- It is a great stepping-stone to learning the guitar!
- Opportunity to play as part of an ensemble/band!
- Learn songs to impress your friends and family!
- Learn to play chords, strumming patterns and solos!
- Have fun and meet new friends!

**Ukulele club will run on Mondays for 11 weeks (term time only).**

*Autumn term dates (w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021)*

*Spring term dates (w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January – w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022)*

**Sessions run on Mondays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm**

**Cost for the 11-week term is £66.**

**Places are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis. Book now to avoid disappointment!**

*Ukuleles will be available to use in sessions (if needed), however the purchase of personal ukulele is highly recommended. A reasonable beginners ukulele can be bought on amazon for £20 - £30.*

Please contact Mrs Frisby at [ukuleleclub123@gmail.com](mailto:ukuleleclub123@gmail.com) for more details or to book ukulele sessions.



**2021-2022 season**

**GIRLS FOOTBALL  
- YEARS 5 & 6**

**HAVE FUN, DEVELOP YOUR  
SKILLS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

**TUESDAYS COURT REC 7-8PM  
ALL LEVELS WELCOME**

**CONTACT:**

[charlie@alexutd.com](mailto:charlie@alexutd.com)





## The Unknown Warrior and the Khaki Detectives of WW1

Saturday 13 November 1 pm to 2.30pm

As the First World War raged, an Army Chaplain found himself at the grave of a soldier: all that was written on the white cross was 'An Unknown British Soldier'. He found himself



thinking of how many unknown soldiers' graves there were. He thought what could he do to ease the grief of so many families who had lost their man and had no idea of his fate. He came up with the idea to bring a man such as this from his grave, take him back to Britain and there let him represent all those 'Unknowns' allowing the families who had no grave to visit as if it was their own man.

In 1920 he put forward the idea, the King agreed, and the journey began from Flanders to Westminster Abbey. The work of recovering and identifying soldiers from over a hundred years ago still goes on. This is the story of that work, then and now.



Cost £5 per child. Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell. Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)



# CAVE PAINTING

**Wednesday 27 October 2021**

**11am-to 12pm & 2pm-to 3pm**

In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted.

They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'.

Cost £5 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children.

Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

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