



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th May 2022

This has been a very busy half term. We have had a very successful visit from the Diocese to monitor the teaching of Religious Education and Collective Worship. Last week, Bishop Richard visited us to celebrate St Clement's 50th Anniversary and now this week we have taken part in our joyous jubilee celebrations.

May has definitely been the month of Good News!

We hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable half term.



Loving Father,

We give thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another.

We thank you for the gift of St Clement's school, for guiding us through our first fifty years. Pour out your blessings upon our whole school community, granting us wisdom, strength and peace as we grow together in love and learning to live the gospel values.



*"Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid."*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On Tuesday 17th May, St Clement's School celebrated our 50th birthday. We were very fortunate that Bishop Richard (the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton) was able to visit our school and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with our St Clement's community.

St Clement's Catholic Primary School opened on 8th May 1972 and welcomed 11 children into its only class at the time; Reception. The first head teacher was Mrs MacDonald and she sent us a lovely message on Tuesday 17th May.

We welcomed former head teachers, teachers, teaching assistants and governors as well as one of the first pupils who started school on the opening day. It was lovely to welcome back members of the extended St Clement's family. Our Year 6 pupils were very excited to take them on tours around the school, sharing their enthusiasm, and love for their school.

The Thanksgiving Mass was a very spiritual and moving occasion. After a beautiful Liturgical Dance performed by some Year 5 pupils, the Bishop blessed Reception class. Pupils from all year groups took part in many ways in the Mass; reading and bringing up offerings, showing the presentation of Mass responses, playing the accompanying music for the hymns as well as singing different parts of the Mass and singing beautiful hymns led by the Year 6 choir.

The Bishop and Fr Graham shared lunch with the school council and they really enjoyed speaking with him and Fr Graham. After lunch we gathered in St Clement's Corner where each class recited a poem. Bishop Richard and Fr Graham clearly enjoyed the poetry recitation and were delighted to spend the day with us. It was a memorable and unique event which the children thoroughly enjoyed and will certainly remember for years to come.



NETBALL

Just after the Easter holidays, we took 2 teams from Year 6 to play an A team and a B team match against Southfield Park School. We had 18 very excited boys and girls ready to put their skills to the test. The B team played first and really showed off all their acquired netball skills. They demonstrated talent in their passing, footwork and shooting skills. Their attacking and defending got better and better as the match progressed and the score reflected this, with the B team winning 10 -4!

Then, it was the turn of the A team. They too demonstrated their technical abilities and were consistently good with their attacking and defending. They kept calm heads and encouraged each other throughout the four quarters and they also won their match 10 - 4! Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship and we were so proud of them all. Go St Clement's! A huge thank you to Southfield Park for hosting, Mrs Roberts, my co-coach and all the parents who were a tremendous support from the side lines.



FOOTBALL

On Thursday 19th May, 11 boys from Year 6 took part in a 9-a-side football tournament hosted by Glyn school. There were 12 schools taking part and they were split into pools of 6. Myself and Mrs Kingswell could not have been prouder of the group of boys who came along! Their support and encouragement towards each other, their sportsmanship towards each other and the other teams and their skilful play and goal keeping was on show for all to see. They didn't concede a goal in the pool stages and battled really hard. They finished 3rd in their group. They then went onto play the 3rd place team in the other group, which was a 0-0 draw at full time. Unfortunately for them, they lost in penalties. For us, the winning was in their total commitment to each other and the lovely attitude they had about it all. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. They were a credit to St Clement's! A huge thank you to Glyn for hosting, Mrs Kingswell, my co-coach and all the parents for their support from the side lines. Brilliant!



PYJAMARAMA DAY

The children came to school dressed in their pyjamas for the day and enjoyed taking part in lots of reading activities. Our Year 6 particularly enjoyed reading with Reception and we raised an amazing £153 for BookTrust.



DAILY MILE

On Thursday, 28th April, we were delighted to celebrate **The Daily Mile's 10th Birthday**. It was a global celebration event! Thousands of schools from around the world did their Daily Mile on that day to celebrate all the positive benefits that physical activity has on children's health. The children in Year 4 and 6 took part on the school playground and ran a mile for 15 minutes, wearing their new Daily Mile T shirts for the occasion. They learned how to pace themselves in order to complete their challenge. It is really great seeing the children developing their stamina and perseverance in an activity that positively impacts their health. Guess what! Year 5 also took part in this special event even though they were all the way in the Isle Of Wight! That's true dedication! Congratulations to everyone!



ISLE OF WIGHT RESIDENTIAL



Our Year 5 class returned home safe and sound from a brilliant week away in the Isle of Wight. It was a real pleasure to take the children on school journey, they were all amazing and fine ambassadors of St Clement's School. The children all thoroughly enjoyed each and every activity and received so many compliments wherever we visited. Some of the highlights included a trip to Osborne House (Queen Victoria's Summer Residence), spending time on the beach, a day full of activities at Robin Hill Country Park and, of course, the end of week disco with all their dazzling dancing feet! A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Kingswell, Mr Preston and Miss Perry for organising the trip and accompanying the children - these school journeys would not be possible without the staff giving up their time away from their own families.

Last Friday, Year 5 celebrated their school journey to the Isle of Wight at an assembly packed with music, sketches, photographs and special reflections. The children showed us how much they fitted in to four nights and five days. In their prayers, Year 5 reflected on their learning journey and the new friendships that they made, celebrating the experiences they shared together.

JUBILEE WORKSHOPS

Chertsey Museum ran a Jubilee workshop for Year 1 and Year 2. The children spent an enjoyable morning exploring the time of the Queen's Coronation in 1953. They role-played members of the public and the royal household imagining what it was like as the Queen toured the streets of London in her golden coach on the 2 June 1953.

The children also mastered how to do the Royal wave and time travelled through the seven decades of the Queen's reign, experiencing the fads and fashions of each decade through dressing up.



CREW HISTORY WORKSHOP

Year 5 had a fascinating World War 2 Workshop with John from CREW History Workshops. The children participated in discussions about the home front, evacuation, air raids and wardens. They were able to role play and recreate what life was like back then. The children were truly immersed by the experience and all had such a wonderful time!



CHERTSEY MUSEUM



"Amazing!" "Fantastic!" "Brilliant!" "The best school trip I've ever been on!" These were just some of the comments Year 3 made at the end of a very busy Roman Activity day at Chertsey Museum.

Full of excitement, we boarded the coach to make the short journey to Chertsey where Heidi, our leader for the day greeted us. She quickly got us dressed as Romans and showed us how to make wax tablets for practising our writing (in Latin, of course!) Heidi told us lots about the Romans using actual artefacts and she was very impressed by how much we knew. We then went on a Roman gods and goddesses treasure hunt, and designed and built a lararium (a shrine found in a rich person's house). After this busy morning, we were ready to tuck into the delicious Roman banquets provided by our parents (luckily no one packed any flamingo tongues or stuffed dormice dipped in honey!). Batteries recharged, we were ready for a busy afternoon making coil pots from clay. The children's behaviour was exemplary, with all the museum staff and our coach driver remarking on their lovely manners. They were proud ambassadors for St Clement's School.

VIKINGS WORKSHOP



Year 4 enjoyed a Vikings Workshop with archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler. The children engaged in looking at artefacts, role playing traditional Viking families and village life and recreating Viking warrior battle scenes. The History topic this term was certainly brought to life and the children loved it!

HIGH ASHURST



Our Year 4 class had a brilliant 3 days camping in High Ashurst. It was a real pleasure to take the children away, they were all amazing and fine ambassadors of St Clement's School. The children all thoroughly enjoyed each and every activity. We are all super proud of their perseverance to achieve all the challenging activities and demonstrated the courage and strength to try all the 'nervous' activities. Some of the highlights included rock climbing (15m high!), ropes and woodland skills.

AUTHOR VISIT



On Wednesday, 18th May, St Clement's was lucky enough to welcome the children's author, James Campbell to talk to the children about writing, school days and life in general!

He was incredibly entertaining, and had the children in stitches with his tales of teachers hanging from the ceiling, lollipop ladies (especially those who are buried under speed bumps!) and selling zebra stripes and putting them onto your cat!

He inspired many children to try writing their own books as he made it seem such fun!

Don't forget that you can order your own copy of any of James's books and he will sign them for you – what a privilege! Favourite titles seems to be: "The Funny Life of Teachers", "The Funny Life of Pets" and "Boy Face". Year 6 would recommend that you order yourself a copy STRAIGHT AWAY!



Reception—Portraits



Year 1—Collage



Year 2—Andy Warhol



Year 3—Julian Opie

As part of our Jubilee celebrations, each class created a fantastic piece of art work. As our inspiration, the children used a variety of portraits of the Queen and then created a representation either in the style of a well known artist, or by using a variety of media.



Year 4—George Seurat



Year 5—Cut outs



Year 6—Jackson Pollack

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



We held an indoor street party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee as a school community. Thanks to our lovely catering team for their the wonderful lunch followed by a delicious cupcake. Before we started eating, we all joined together to wish Her Majesty well by singing the National Anthem. During the day, the children have been busy making bunting, drawing corgis and finding out all about our monarch.

God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.



THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

On Tuesday 24th May, the whole school was treated to a wonderful production of The Railway Children by the Friends. The children and staff were captivated by the exciting and entertaining adventures of Bobby, Peter and Phyllis following their move to the countryside with their mother.



ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 6 Julia, Lola, Nerisha and Tyla
Year 5 Marta DS and Jack
Year 4 Joseph, Jocelyn and Year 4
Year 3 Bailey, Chloe, Harry and Camilla
Year 2 Elsie, Lily, Jack and Jude
Year 1 Azaliah, Gabriel, Max, and Sairah
Reception Ted, Erin, Layla, and Sophia VC

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

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Clare

House	Points
St Benedict	6445
St Francis	6264
St Clare	6644
St Margaret	6171

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school reflecting on the meaning of the values of Hope and Courage. 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 Dan and Year 6

Year 5 Marta DS

Year 4 Oscar and Year 4

Year 3 Ekom and Alex

Year 2 Amelie and Myla

Year 1 Penny and Ella-Rose

Reception Jack and Raphael

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The overall attendance award this half term has gone to Year 6.

Well done Year 6!

LUNCH COSTS

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

The price of school lunches for years 3-5 from Monday 6th June to Thursday 21st July will be £80.85.

The price of school lunches for Year 6 from Monday 13th June - Thursday 21st July will be £68.60

payable by ParentMail.

School breaks up today for the May Half term and opens again at the usual time on Monday 6th June.

We hope that everyone enjoys the Jubilee Celebrations!



EWELL CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET FOR 2022



MiniCricket Section

Season launch date: Wednesday 20 April 2022

**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY SESSIONS SPECIFICALLY
FOR BOYS & GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION, 1, 2 & 3**

Every Wednesday we will have two sessions 6.00pm – 6.45 pm and 6.45pm -7.30pm

These will be a fun, interactive sessions in partnership with award winning MiniCricket introducing boys and girls to cricket

Please contact: info@ewellcricketclub.co.uk

For more information and to register for the 2022 season



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The past comes alive!

Free day out - Saturday 28 May 2022

Bourne Hall Park, Ewell | 9.30am to 5pm

Meet with past Kings and Queens who visited Epsom and Ewell, handle medieval artefacts and prepare for battle!



**Featuring live re-enactments
Watch Knights fight to the last man standing**



Breakfast, lunch and afternoon refreshments
served all day.

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