



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023

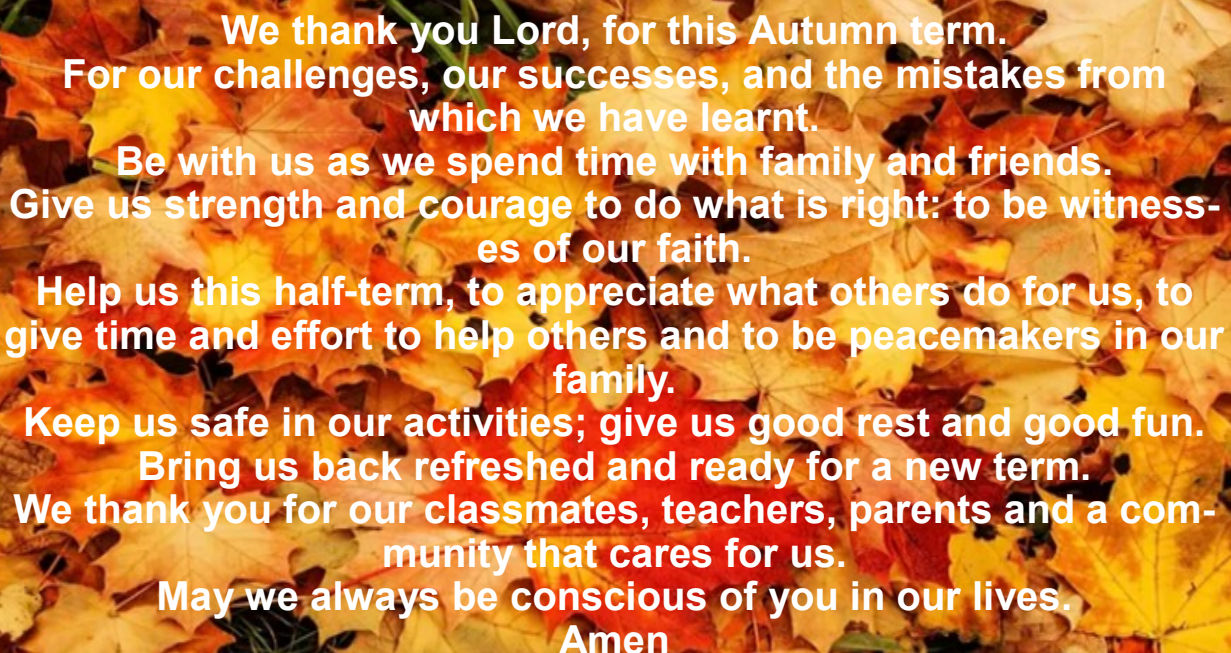
This half term has flown by and I cannot believe that I have completed my first half term as Head of School! It has been a very exciting and busy half term and I have enjoyed every moment. I would like to thank you all for your good wishes and support in my new role. I have been so impressed by the hard work shown by the children and staff; they are all deserving of a restful half term break.

It has been lovely to welcome new families to our school and our new Reception children who have settled very well into the school routine. The Year 6 children have taken up their roles and responsibilities this term with vigour. They have acted as role models for the younger children and are really rising to the challenge of their important positions. We are very proud of how confident and articulate they were acting as wonderful tour guides for prospective parents who were extremely complimentary about their confidence and pride in our school.

We have been delighted with our newly installed Science Garden, generously paid for by the Friends of St Clement's and we would like to thank them for their hard work and generosity which enabled us to have such a lovely space in the school; the children are looking forward to using it. We are planning to officially open the Science Garden in the near future and we look forward to sharing those details with you.

We were treated to two excellent assemblies this term. Year 2 explored the theme of New Beginnings while Year 6 celebrated our Harvest Festival. We received an overwhelming response to our Harvest appeal, and the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank are profoundly grateful for your generous donations. Supporting charities and organisations, whether local or global, is a fundamental aspect of our school's values. It instils in our children the virtues of consideration for others and a compassionate approach toward those in need.

Following the half-term break, we will once again support the Poppy Appeal, through the sale of poppies and related merchandise. On behalf of our dedicated staff and myself, I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term.



**We thank you Lord, for this Autumn term.
For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from
which we have learnt.
Be with us as we spend time with family and friends.
Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witness-
es of our faith.
Help us this half-term, to appreciate what others do for us, to
give time and effort to help others and to be peacemakers in our
family.
Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.
We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a com-
munity that cares for us.
May we always be conscious of you in our lives.
Amen**

SEEDS OF HOPE-CAFOD

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share and for this Autumn Term. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek

a harvest of plenty for all and for a successful and happy term.

Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts. We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster,
or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another

in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all. Help us this half term to be the best that we can be. Help us to grow together in love and learning
Amen



START OF YEAR MASS

On Thursday 14th September, we gathered to together for our first school Mass of the year to celebrate the start of a new school year and to welcome back the school community. The mass was led by Father Graham, with support from children from Year 1 to Year 6. Together, we prayed for each other and the school community and asked God for help with our learning, our friendships, our sport, our music, our hobbies and with everything that is part of our school. We also welcomed the new members of our school community, children and adults and asked God for help in fulfilling our mission statement, to grow together in love and learning and strive to be the best that we can be. The children took an active role in the mass; reading beautifully and bringing offertory gifts that represented the many aspects of our school life. Every child participated with great respect and thoughtfulness and we were very proud of them. It was a real joy to celebrate mass alongside Father Graham and we are very grateful to him for celebrating Mass for us.

MUSIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

Year 2, 3 and 6 have had the pleasure of having Mrs Frisby. They have been learning the Glockenspiel in Year 2, and the Ukulele in Year 3 and 6.

“In Year 3, we have learnt about the parts of the Ukulele and we have also learnt to play the A minor and C chords. We have started to learn how to play ‘Hey Ho’ the pop song” – By Zuri

“In Year 3, we learnt about the Ukulele parts like the body, neck and also the sound hole and the bridge” – by Ted

“In Year 2, we have been learning about musical symbols, called te te (1/2 beats), shh’s (1 beat), t (1 beat), ta-ah(2 beats). We have used this to help us learn different rhythms on the glockenspiel. We really enjoy these lessons because we like to play the instruments together” by Erin and Dominic.



EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY



This year, European Languages Day got off to a great start with a continental breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat and fruit, courtesy of the Friends of St Clements. "Un grand merci pour votre travail!" The children had a wide range of opportunities to experience French culture and life while also developing their French language skills. Mrs Canitrot spent time with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 teaching some Spanish greetings, fruit names, colours and numbers and Mrs Maslowska spent time with the Key Stage 2 classes teaching greetings and numbers in Polish.

In Reception, the children spent time learning the colours of the rainbow and making French flags. Year 1 looked at food shopping in French and learned the names of fruit and vegetables. They also role-played shopping for fruit and learnt a French counting song. In Year 2, the children practised greeting each other in French and made collages of European flags. In Year 3, they learnt how to introduce themselves in French and they completed a European language quiz. Year 4 looked at describing different personality traits and made French flag sun-catchers. Year 5 brought French into their maths lessons, learning the French names of the shapes that they were exploring. Year 6 enjoyed learning the game petanque. Finally, the whole school learned the French song 'Sur Le Pont d'Avignon' and Years Reception to 6 came together at the end of the day to sing the song and dance in the hall.



OVER AND ABOVE



On Friday 20th October, Mrs Chappell shared afternoon tea with children who had been chosen from each class who have gone 'over and above' in terms of showing good behaviour, a positive attitude to learning, showing perseverance when finding activities challenging, being a really good friend, being helpful, actively living out the Gospel values or consistently being "the best they can be this" term. These children were Ana, Verity, Niamh, Mason, Lily W, Joey and Olivia. During the afternoon, they tucked into some cupcakes, chocolate minirolls and a glass of squash. They made for delightful company, with the discussion around the table revolving around their half-term plans, what they have enjoyed about school this half term, and the clubs they find most enjoyable. These children should feel very proud of themselves!

FIRE SAFETY



On Tuesday 10th October, Year 2 and Year 5 had an informative and interesting visit from the Surrey Fire Brigade. Sophie, who is a member of the service, ran a workshop about fire safety. The children enjoyed a number of activities learning about what a firefighter does, what to do if they ever encounter a fire and how to make an emergency call. One of the key phrases they learnt was "Matches and lighters are not safe for play, whenever you find them please stay away." They were also introduced to a character called **Floof** who helped them understand what to do if a fire breaks out and were advised to learn their contact details in case of an emergency. The year 5s also learnt about plan A - "Get out, stay out. Call 999!"



YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

On Friday 6th October, Year 2 performed their assembly about new beginnings. The children explored how new beginnings can make us feel different emotions but that God will always be with us. Also the children retold the Creation story, how God created the earth and everything on it. They also read a psalm about how God is always with us, thanked him for his creation and they shared what they are thankful for. The assembly ended with a hymn thanking God for creation but also thanking him for 'making me, me!'



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION



On Wednesday 11th October, 16 year 5 and 6 children took part in the Epsom and Ewell district cross country competition at Sutton Grammar playing fields. The children were all very excited about taking part and took it very seriously. Some were so determined to beat their last year's position! There was a girls' race first and then a boys' race, both consisting of 64 runners! The total distance was 2k, around a playing field and through the woods, so much stamina was required. We were so proud of all the runners. They showed great perseverance, stamina and resilience and no one gave up even though there were a few stumbles along the way. They were all a great support to one another, cheering each other on and encouraging one other as they ran around. Half of our children came in the top half of the field in both races which was a brilliant achievement! One of the girls showed such skill and determination and finished 18 positions better than her last year's attempt ending up in 4th place - fantastic effort Sylvie! We were extremely proud of all the children who were wonderful ambassadors for St Clement's - congratulations to them all! A special thank you to all the parents for their support and to Mrs Regan, my co manager.

YEAR 5 AND 6 TAG RUGBY

On Tuesday 26th September, we took 2 teams from Year 5 and 6 to the Epsom and Ewell Tag Rugby Tournament at Glyn Playing Fields. All the children were so excited about being there and we definitely had the weather for it! There was lots of skilful play, some great tagging, fantastic dodging and wonderful tries. Both teams played brilliantly in their leagues and we had some very close matches. Both teams played with great sportsmanship and Year 5 played many of their matches against a Year 6 side from the other schools. The determination and resilience from both teams was great to see! A brilliant afternoon's work by some budding future rugby players. I'm sure there were many tired little legs that evening! A huge thank you to Mrs Regan for running one of the teams, to Glyn school for organising the event and also to the parents for their fantastic support from the side lines! A fantastic effort by all involved! Well done St Clement's!



BOURNE HALL ART COMPETITION

We were delighted to be able to share some wonderful art work by a number of talented artists from St Clement's last month at the annual Epsom and Ewell Art Festival which was held at Bourne Hall.

It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the artistic talents of all children across the borough through this exciting exhibition and we were immensely proud of the artwork produced by some of our St Clement's 'Artists in Residence'!

The theme for the exhibition this year was 'Belonging - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion'. We decided to focus on the Pop Art Movement, particularly the work of Roy Lichtenstein.

Having discussed the idea behind 'pop art', we considered whether Lichtenstein's work was still a true reflection of today's society and came to the conclusion that it was not! So - Year 6 embarked on their own version of pop art that demonstrated our changing world and which embraced different, cultures, skin colours and beliefs. Every child worked hard to produce their own striking piece of art work which has been displayed in the Year 6 class room and I think you will agree that the children who had their work exhibited at Bourne Hall did a magnificent job!

Huge congratulations to the following children whose work was exhibited:

Olivia Borowski

Valentina Rodrigues

Hannah West

Erin Askin

Tom Hemsley

Jocelyn Saville



Our proud artists with their art masterpieces!



St Clement's were very excited to be congratulated by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Mr Robert Geleit!

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

Today, Year 6 celebrated their Harvest assembly. The children told us that harvest is a time when we thank God for the harvest and for the food he provides for us. A farmer sows the seeds early in the year then many months later, when those seeds have grown into plants, the farmer reaps in his harvest. The bible says that in life, we all reap what we sow. For example, when we meet new people, if we sow seeds of friendship by being friendly, kind and caring, then we'll have lots of friends.

Year 6 told a story of 'The King and the seed', which was about how people lied and cheated to get what they wanted. The moral of the story was that if you sow seeds of honesty, integrity, kindness, goodness, bravery and courage, then eventually you will reap many, many rewards in life, just like William did. But, if you sow seeds of lying, cheating, boasting and arrogance you will only reap trouble for yourself just like Sir Prance-a-lot.



At harvest time, there is lots of food. It is a time to share what we have with those less fortunate than us: the old, the poor, those in other countries. Harvest time is a time to think of others and think about how we can share what we have with them. In life, it is so important that we all learn to share the gifts that we have in our hearts and also the gifts we have brought in. Thank you to everyone for your amazing donations! These have been delivered to the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank to be shared amongst those who need it the most.

Thank you!



SCIENCE GARDEN

The Science Garden has now been completed and will allow the children to experience the natural world within the grounds of our school and learn where their food comes from and how to grow them. Each class has a planter to grow their own crops, they will harvest them and may even sell them in the playground. We have signed up to a trial which will provide us with seeds and plants to care for. Reception and Year 1 have already started planting whilst we wait for our other plants to arrive for the other classes. We also hope to establish a gardening club! The Science Garden allows our pupils to become more actively involved in their outdoor surroundings whilst also reinforcing key elements of the Science curriculum in Key stage 1 and Key stage 2. The inclusion of a weather station also enables the children to monitor the weather and teach them the fieldwork skills of observing, measuring and recording as outlined in both the Science and Geography curriculum.

This is a very worthwhile project that allows children to get outside and interact with different environments and learn about the world by using their senses, providing sensory-rich environments that enhances the learning experience. Thank you to The Friends for raising funds for this project and to Mrs James, Mrs Adams and the school council for their help with the design.



#HELLOYELLOW 2023

On Tuesday 10th October, St Clement's red uniform was brightened by flashes of yellow as pupils and staff wore something to support World Mental Health Day 2023. An amazing £322 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 throughout the day to promote mental wellbeing. The day began with a wonderful assembly, presented to the whole school by Mrs Roberts with an introduction to our Year 6 Wellbeing Ambassadors. Both staff and children benefitted greatly from the day's experiences. Thank you to all who were involved in organising our special day and to everyone for their generous donations. Young Minds sent St Clement's a message after our event: We hope your school had an amazing #HelloYellow! Thanks to your effort and the money you have raised, we will be able to support young people all year round, reminding them that they are not alone with their mental health every day.



EPSOM HOSPITAL VISIT

On Tuesday 10th October, two Year 6 pupils and Mrs Roberts visited Epsom General Hospital's Elena Power Centre for Simulation and Human Factors to be introduced to and join a party for 'Hal' – a 5 year old boy paediatric manikin which will be used on paediatric courses held at Epsom General Hospital. This has been fully funded by the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund and over time, St Clement's through our fundraising, will have contributed to this valuable piece of training equipment.



The children really enjoyed a simulation center tour with the paediatricians, they watched manikin demonstrations and got to ask lots of questions as well as taking part in the party with a children's choir, speeches and cake! They also had the privilege of meeting the Deputy Mayor of Epsom and Ewell. Thank you to the fundraising team at Epsom Medical Equipment Fund for arranging this for St Clement's.



ECO SCHOOL

What is the Eco-Schools Programme?

Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging millions of children across 64 different countries, making it the largest environmental schools programme in the world.

St Clement's is now joining thousands of other schools around the UK in learning about the importance of environmental issues.

Eco-Schools is a growing phenomenon, which encourages young people to engage in their environment by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it. It starts in the classroom, it expands to the school and eventually fosters change in the community at large.

*Our ultimate goal is to become a
GREEN FLAG SCHOOL!*

THE ECO TEAM

A key part of the programme is the Eco Team. Our current team have named themselves the 'Eco Warriors' and through the course of the year will lead whole school campaigns, based on areas of the three topics that they have chosen: LITTER, SCHOOL GROUNDS and HEALTHY LIVING. They will deliver assemblies and competitions, thus driving our school forward on our Eco journey.

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 6 Kuba, Hannah, Brielle, Aaliyah, Lizzie and Oscar

Year 5 Orla, Ekom, Harry M, Camilla, Joey and Lucie

Year 4 Oscar, Kamila, Francesca, Cassius, Lily W and Leo

Year 3 Sophia, Daniel, Sheryl, Jagoda, Amaira and Gabriel

Year 2 Tristan, Bethan, Jack, Ania, Sophia C and Elliott

Year 1 Millie, Bella, Felicity, Casimir, Verity and Thalia

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

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school working on being a good role model for others in terms of our behaviour as well as reflecting upon the virtue of Respect. We have thought about how we see Respect 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 the way we speak to and treat others.

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

Year 6 Joseph, Aaliyah and Alex

Year 5 Chloe, Ariadne and Eliana

Year 4 Emily H-S, Myla and Caitlin

Year 3 Mason, Johnny and Emma

Year 2 Katie, Raphael and Oliver

Year 1 Finley, Ada and Zuzanna

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The attendance award this half term has gone to Year 4.

Well done!

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Francis

House	Points
St Benedict	1048
St Francis	1106
St Clare	1084
St Margaret	1083

LUNCH COSTS

The cost of school lunches for the next half term is £99.90 for Years 3, 4 & 6. The cost for Year 5 is £97.20 due to their trip to the Tower of London.

Any changes for the next half term from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa requires a week's notice to the School Office.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

From Monday 30th October the children will have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The appeal will run until Friday 10th November. Please find below the suggested price list.

- Paper Poppies—Minimum donation of 30p
- Fabric Poppy Zip Pulls—Minimum donation of 50p
- Plastic Poppy Keyring—Minimum donation of 50p
- Rubber Poppy Wristband—Minimum donation of 50p
- Rubber Snap Poppy Wristband—Minimum donation of £1
- Metal Poppy Pin Badge—Minimum donation of £1



School breaks up today for the October half term and opens again on Monday 30th October 2023.



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ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

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