



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th March 2024

It has been another very busy and eventful term. The children have made us all incredibly proud of them as they have participated in the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival and different sporting events where they have shown excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. We have had many visitors to school to lead a range of workshops and they have all commented on how well behaved, enthusiastic and engaged our children are.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their incredible hard work and commitment to the children at St Clement's. Throughout the term, the staff have gone above and beyond to create engaging learning experiences, supported our children, and fostered a nurturing environment in our school. Their dedication for teaching and their genuine care for the well-being and success of our pupils shine through in everything they do. I am incredibly proud of the positive impact they continue to make on our children.

As we come to the end of another very busy term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the significance of Easter within our Catholic community. Easter is not just a holiday marked by chocolate eggs and bunny rabbits, but a profound and sacred time of renewal, hope, and faith.

At the heart of Easter lies the miracle of Jesus' resurrection, reminding us of the power of love, forgiveness, and redemption. It is a time for us to reflect and rejoice in the blessings of new beginnings and the promise of eternal life.

As we finish this term, may we carry the spirit of Easter with us into our hearts. Let us use this Easter season as an opportunity to live out the values of compassion, forgiveness, and service in our daily lives, both within our school community and beyond.

May this Easter be a time of joy, peace, and rest for each and every one of you. From all of us here at St Clement's, we wish you a blessed Easter filled with love and light.

Mrs Chappell

Heavenly Father,

As we follow Jesus's footsteps during Holy Week.

Let us sing Hosanna as we celebrate his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Guide to serve others as Jesus did when he washed the disciple's feet.

Help us to share what we have with others as Jesus shared the bread and wine at the Last Supper.

Let us pray that those who are sad, lonely or afraid may find your comfort and compassion as Jesus did when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Let us care for our friends and family as Jesus did before he died on the cross.

Let us be joyful as we celebrate Jesus' new life as the women did when they found the tomb empty on Easter Sunday

As we spend time together with family and friends this Easter, may the joy of your love and the gift of new life fill our hearts.

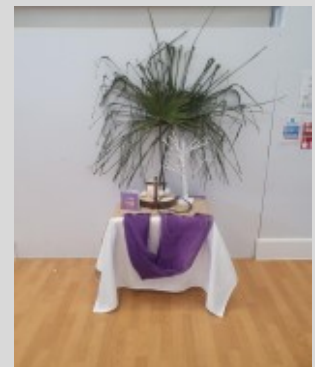
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EASTER SERVICE

During the last week of term, we gathered as a school community to celebrate Lent and Holy Week at our Easter Service. Across the different year groups, we retold the events of Holy Week in the school hall. It was a really spiritual and moving occasion for all as the children performed with great reverence through narration, mime, contemplation and quiet music. Reception and Year 5 enacted Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Year 2 and Year 3 recalled the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, The Last Supper and retold Jesus's sadness as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before his betrayal. Year 6 enacted Jesus's ultimate sacrifice and suffering at his Crucifixion and Year 1 and Year 4 shared the great news of Jesus's Resurrection and New Life which brought joy to the disciples. It was wonderful to experience and share the St Clement's ethos of coming together, of 'Growing Together in Love and Learning' with pupils, staff and parents.

'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom'

Luke 23:42



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 FRIENDSHIP MASS

Towards the beginning of the term, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Mass about friendship. The children from both classes practised the different parts of the Mass, prayers and scripture so that they were ready to share the Mass with their families that were able to attend. Fr Graham helped us to learn about how friendship is important and that Jesus is our closest ally.

YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZENS

Year 6 are our Junior Citizens!

On Wednesday, 21st February, Year 6 travelled to Epsom Downs Race Course to take part in the annual Junior Citizens event. There were many organisations there who were teaching us how to stay safe in multiple situations. Here is a summary of each one!

Hope UK taught us about safe and unsafe drugs, including drugs we might use at home to make us feel better if we are unwell, such as Calpol or Paracetamol, then others that we are all familiar with, such as alcohol and cigarettes. Did you know that there are over 4,000 chemicals in just one cigarette? This is what makes them so addictive - so don't start to begin with! We also talked about more dangerous drugs which we may come into contact with as we get older and the main lesson we learned was "If you don't know what's in it, DON'T TOUCH IT!"

The British Transport Police are a national police service for the railway system throughout Great Britain. The service is also responsible for policing the London Underground system, the Docklands Light Railway, the Midland Metro and Croydon Tramlink. We are now far more aware of the dangers around trainlines and level crossings; the railway is full of hidden dangers! If you trespass on the railway there can be serious and catastrophic consequences for you, your families, rail staff, and communities as a whole. Do you really know the potential risks of trespassing? When you step on the track you face 75,000 volts of electricity, 400 tonnes of train, and the electrified third rail. Keep safe and remember ... "Everyone loses when you step on the track." RNLI (The Royal National Lifeboat Institution) taught us how to plan for a trip near water, what to take and what to do, and how to identify possible dangers by rivers, lakes and the sea. The most important information we learnt was "Stop and think, Stay together, Float, Call 999 or 112."

A new addition for this year was the Thames Basin Heaths Partnership. The Thames Basin Heath is an amazing place, made up of fragments of Heathland and habitats spanning over 8,200 hectares across Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire. We learnt about the danger of wild fires and the responsibility we have to protect our wild animals and their habitats.

It was a marvellous day, enjoyed by all and the behaviour of Year 6 was impeccable! We were so proud of their enthusiasm and general knowledge!



WHO CARES CAREER PRESENTATION

Years 5 and 6 were very lucky to have an exciting workshop all about the different jobs in the NHS. We took a trip through time to explore different medical practices and then found out how the heroes of the NHS heal us today.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March, we had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! At St Clement's we really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. Children took part in lots of book themed activities, and KS2 children visited KS1 children to read their favourite books. They all had a great time!

It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you for all the effort made. We celebrated together as a whole school and really enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits!



EPSOM PLAYHOUSE

During the last week of the term, 15 children from Year 5 performed in the Epsom Music Festival at the Epsom Playhouse. They were joined by many schools from around our local area who sang a variety of songs from many different genres. For many weeks, the whole class has practiced singing the piece 'I am the Earth' by Glyn Lehmann. At the end of the performance all the schools came together and sang a great number – Pentatonix. Well done Year 5!



SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics which took place between 8th-15th March. The theme for 2024 was 'Time for Science'. To begin our celebrations, St Clement's had an assembly led by Jackson from AS Creatives based on this year's theme. Then each class had a follow up workshop on a theme linked to time. Reception looked at human life cycles and how we grow and change over time. Year 1 explored seasonal changes and how the length of the day changes throughout the year. Year 2 looked at lifespan timelines and why different animals have different life spans. Year 3 explore geology timelines and how are understanding of rocks can help us understand Earth's history. Year 4 learned more about electricity, looking at the history of electricity and recent developments with electricity. Year 5 explored space timelines and significant events in space exploration. They also learnt about the inspirational, female scientists Catherine Johnson and Caroline Herschel as without them our journey towards the stars would not have been as successful as it has been. Year 6 looked at evolution timelines and how we can use Darwin's personal timeline as a metaphor for the evolutionary timeline that culminated in humankind.

Across the 10 days, a variety of Science activities were completed across different year groups. In Year 5 they learnt about beams and arch bridges, using card and books to create their own versions of bridges and testing to see how much weight they can carry. They also planted daffodils and will be carrying out experiments with them. In Year 2 they explored different offspring and their life cycles and completed an experiment on growth. Also children in KS2 planted seeds and living plants in their class planters and over time will monitor how these grow.

As part of Science week, the whole school also took part in the annual Baylab lab coat competition. This year's theme was 'Going Digital'. We had so many amazing entries, it was difficult to choose which ones to send in! Hopefully we will hear soon if any of our entries our winners.

Throughout Science week, the children enthusiastically took part in the Science activities and displayed and used a variety of scientific skills, showing a curiosity to learn more. They are all budding scientists!



MINI NETBALL RALLY

On Wednesday 6th March, we took 2 netball teams to a mini rally at Wallace Fields Junior school. We took 18 children from Years 5 and 6 to show off their netball skills. We played an A team mini rally and a B team mini rally. Three schools took part - Us, Wallace Fields and Meadow. All the children were so excited and a little nervous to start with but, as they played, they all grew in confidence showing that hard work and determination really pays off.

The B team played Wallace Fields B first and lost 4 - 6 and you could see that there were a few nerves but then played Meadow B and won 7 - 3!

The A team played Meadow A first and won 4 - 3. It was such a close game and very well matched but we just pipped it at the end. Then we played Wallace Fields A and won 11 - 3!

There was some brilliant passing and great attacking and defending. You could also see how those foot-work drills were paying off too. Some superb shooting showed how those mini basketball games in the playground made a difference. Having the opportunity to play against other teams is a really important chance for them to mix with other children of the same age from other schools. The Year 6s may have even met new friends that will also be going to the same secondary school!

As usual, myself and Mrs Regan were so proud of the children. They are always so polite and never let us down.

Thank you to Wallace Fields for hosting, Mrs Regan, my co coach and to all those parents for their support from the side lines. Well done netballers!



NETBALL RALLY

On 19th March, we took part in the Epsom and Ewell netball rally! It was held at Rosebery secondary school and the weather was on our side! We took 9 girls and boys from years 5 and 6 to play in the 7-side netball rally. Although a little nervous, the children were very excited to be playing in a tournament. There were 10 Epsom and Ewell schools taking part and we played 4 schools in our pool. We had some very close matches with some wins and some losses. All the children demonstrated their netball skills and we had some fantastic passing, brilliant interceptions and superb goals! Unfortunately we didn't get through to the semi-finals but the team played brilliantly and we were very proud of them all! They were so supportive of each other, very focused, very encouraging and showed fantastic sportsmanship to all the other teams!

They are a credit to St Clement's!

A huge thank you to Rosebery for hosting, Mrs Regan, my co-coach, Mrs Roberts for accompanying the team to the rally and to all those parents cheering and supporting from the side lines.

They were a fantastic support for our budding netballers.

A great, netball afternoon was had by all!



TAG RUGBY

On 22nd March, we took 2 teams from Year 3 and 4 to the Epsom and Ewell Tag Rugby Tournament at Glyn Playing Fields. All the children were so excited about being there and we were so lucky with the weather! They had been practising for weeks in their PE sessions and had extra training sessions in the final week. There was lots of skilful play, some fantastic tagging and wonderful tries. Both teams played brilliantly in their groups with some fantastic scores. Year 4 had some really tight matches with every game being so close and they came a very worthy 4th place. Year 3 did exceptionally well winning all but one of their matches and so finished in a very well deserved 2nd place! 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 and Mrs Harvey-Porter for coaching the Year 3 team, to Mr Antonopoulos for coaching Yr 4, to Glyn school for organising and refereeing 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!



WORLD THINKING DAY

Every year, on February 22nd of February, the Scouting and Guiding movements celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell (b.1857) - the Chief Scout, and his wife, Olave (b.1889), who was the first Chief Girl Guide. This is known worldwide as Founders Day or Thinking Day. It is a day for Scouts and Guides to renew their promises together and reflect on how the century old values of Scouting still resonate in the fast-changing modern world. The children who are a part of these movements came to school in their uniform to share their understanding and respect for this day. They all looked very smart and wore their uniforms with pride.

Well done Scouts and Guides.



YEAR 2 TRIP TO HOGSMILL NATURE RESERVE

As part of their Geography unit 'Why is our world wonderful', Year 2 visited Hogsmill Nature Reserve to complete fieldwork activities. They investigated the local habitat, collecting and recording data about plants and animals to discuss and explore when back in class. Also they used map skills, identifying where the school was, the journey we would take and the location of Hogsmill Nature Reserve. The children enjoyed exploring their local area and using geographical skills to learn more about their wonderful world.



YEAR 2 FRESHWATER THEATRE WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 28th February, Year 2 took part in a workshop called 'Continents and Oceans.' The workshop allowed the children to review and recall their learning of their Geography unit. embedded their understanding and brought their learning to life. First they named the continents and oceans, creating a human globe to demonstrate this. Then they explored different, significant human and physical features in the continents. They packed their bags, travelled using appropriate transportation methods and considered the appropriate clothing and resources needed! The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and were engaged and enthusiastic.



YEAR 1 FRESHWATER THEATRE WORKSHOP

Year 1 enjoyed being curators of a toy museum, comparing toys from the past and present discussing similarities, difference and materials used to make them. They then role played inventing their own toy of the future.



YEAR 5 MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 29th February, 8 children in teams of 4 took part in the Year 5 Maths Challenge. We were one of 250 schools in England and Europe that took part.

This friendly, online, inter-school competition gave teams of Year 5 children the opportunity to apply their mathematics knowledge and teamwork skills to solve problems and answer challenging questions, putting their reasoning skills to the test.

The hour-long heat comprised of a set of 4 equally weighted rounds.

Round 1: General maths questions

Round 2: Estimation round

Round 3: Memory round (completed beforehand)

Round 4: More general maths questions

As the titles of each round suggest, success in the challenges relies on much more than mere mathematical calculation. The teams were challenged with problem-solving, reasoning, estimation, visualisation, memory and arithmetic from across the mathematics curriculum. Our Year 5 teams took part remotely from the classroom.

The children had to work hard at working as a team, delegating parts of questions, explaining really clearly to their team mates and agreeing with each other under very tight time constraints. All the children worked exceptionally hard and really enjoyed the afternoon scoring really well. Unfortunately, they didn't make it to the top 20 and so didn't qualify for the final but we are very proud of their achievement.

Thank you to Mr Preston and especially to Mrs Maslowska for helping to prepare the children. Well done Year 5 mathematicians!



BOURNE HALL LIBRARY TRIP

Year 1 and Year 4 went to explore the huge selection of children's books at our local library. The children went on a scavenger hunt around the children's section to delve into factual books about trains and animals and different types of stories that can make you laugh, feel sad or happy.



BSL LESSON

On Wednesday 20th March, Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 had their first British Sign Language lesson with Signature Language Hub. We all really enjoyed this lesson as we learnt many different signs such as 'hello', 'good morning' and 'good evening'. We also learnt the signs for different colours, family members and animals. We talked about the importance of this way to communicate and have started to use it more around the school.



DRAMA4ALL WORKSHOP



On Monday 25th March, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a 'Perform' drama workshop. They were transported back to the Wild West as cowboys and cowgirls and went on a hunt for a horse with a golden mane. They sang, danced and role played with much enthusiasm.



BIKEABILITY



Well done to the children in Year 4 who completed their Level 1 cycling proficiency. The Level 1 course takes place in the school playground and teaches the children how to take care of their bicycle, how to be in control of their bike and to be aware of their surroundings. This course is run by Surrey County Council. We are proud of the efforts by all of the children who took part.

OVER AND ABOVE



On Monday 25th March, Mrs Chappell shared afternoon tea with children who had been chosen from each class who have gone 'over and above'. The children had been chosen because they had gone "over and above" in 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.

The chosen children this half-term were Asher (Reception), Ella (Year 1), Jack (Year 2), Joseph (Year 3), Francesca (Year 4), Daniella (Year 5) and Oscar (Year 6). During the afternoon, they tucked into some cupcakes, chocolate mini-rolls and a glass of squash. They made for delightful company. We chatted about their plans for the Easter holidays, what they enjoyed most about this term, . These children should feel very proud of themselves!

ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 6 William, Joseph, Olivia, Ralph, Xavier and Tom

Year 5 Bertie, Bailey, Chloe, Noah, Victor and Bella

Year 4 Orlando, Leon, Godric, Amelie, Jude and Filip

Year 3 Mae, Boe, Sairah, Isaac, Johnny and Aarav

Year 2 Hudson, Layla, Ella, Dominic, Erin, and Hazel

Year 1 Zusanna, Emily, Snow, Noah, Finley and Martina

Reception: Shereen, Noah, Joshua, Nina, Sophia and Avanika

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.

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 reflecting on how we have lived the virtues of Simplicity and Love. We have thought about how we see these virtues 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 Olivia, Imoh and Erin

Year 5 Jake, Orla and Isaac

Year 4 Jude, Oscar and Daniela

Year 3 Sophia, Mae and Anton

Year 2 Liliana, Aidan and Ella

Year 1 Martina, Felicity and Verity

Reception Ana, Ted and Nina

HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Clare! Congratulations St Clare!

House	Points
St Benedict	5207
St Francis	5361
St Clare	5648
St Margaret	5209

BOOK PRIZES

The following children have been awarded book prizes for their hard work and positive attitude this term. Our book prizes are awarded termly by each class teacher to one child who they think has gained confidence, self-esteem and shown resilience and determination to succeed. This award is only given once in your child's career at St Clement's.

The book prize winners this term are:

Year 6 Oscar
Year 5 Lucie
Year 4 Elsie
Year 3 Boe
Year 2 Niamh
Year 1 Cara
Reception Mia



SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

Each term, the class teacher nominates a top scientist in their class for that term, 'The Scientist of the term'. It is someone that has demonstrated an enthusiasm for the subject; sharing prior knowledge, taking part in discussions and participating fully. Each child receives a certificate. Then, using a lucky dip, the 'The Scientist of the term' is chosen from the nominees and they will receive a special prize.

Here is the overall winner and the nominees:

Year 6 Alex
Year 5 Jemima
Year 4 Quinn
Year 3 Anton
Year 2 Oliver
Year 1 Ada
Reception Gabriella
Overall winner: Alex

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The attendance award this half term has gone to Year 4 with 96.9%.

Well done!

GOODBYE



We are deeply saddened to be saying goodbye to Mrs Regan and Mrs Riazi who have both been at St Clements for a very long time; 15 years for Mrs Regan and 24 years for Mrs Riazi.

They have been wonderful classroom assistants and have had a huge impact on the children at St Clements and will be sadly missed by the whole school community. We wish them every happiness and success in their new roles.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

This is a reminder that all children are expected to return to school in their summer uniform after the Easter holidays.

Please see the summer uniform requirements taken from the parents handbook which can be found on the school website.

Infants Summer Uniform	Junior Summer Uniform
Red and white gingham summer dress NOT gingham shorts or playsuits. Grey shorts – plain styles e.g. no cargo pockets. Round necked sweatshirt or cardigan with 'St Clement's School' embroidered. White polos with 'St Clement's School' embroidered. Grey or white socks (not sports socks) Black or navy blue coat or jacket Red microfleece lined jacket with school logo	Grey skirt, pinafore or grey culottes. Grey trousers or shorts – plain styles e.g. no cargo pockets. V necked sweatshirt or cardigan with 'St Clement's School' embroidered. White polos with 'St Clement's School' embroidered. Red and white gingham summer dress NOT gingham shorts or playsuits. Grey or white socks (not sports socks) Black or navy blue coat or jacket Red microfleece lined jacket with school logo

LUNCH COSTS

Lunch costs for the first half of summer term:

Year 3 & Year 4 = £78.30

Year 5 & Year 6 = £70.20 (lower due to residential)

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

School breaks up today for the Easter holidays and opens again on Monday 15th April 2024.

THE FRIENDS OF ST CLEMENTS

As we come to the end of another term, I want to take a moment to extend my gratitude to the Friends of St Clement's for your tireless dedication and unwavering support in organising fundraising events for our school.

I would like to thank Louise and Michelle for organising the Mother's Day gift room and their team of wonderful helpers for wrapping up the lovely daffodils which were very well received. Thank you all for your time and effort.

I would also like to thank Kholiswa (Ntsako Reception) and her team of incredible helpers for organising Popcorn Club last Friday. It was a very well attended event and as always the hall was left spotlessly clean and tidy. Thank you for giving up your time so this event could go ahead. Sadly Kholiswa is leaving St Clement's and we wish her and her family every happiness as they return home to South Africa. Thank you for working so hard as part of the Friends in the short time you have been with us.

A huge thank you to Sylwia (Tristan Yr2) for organising and preparing the class Easter egg raffles and competitions. I believe it was a big undertaking as there were a huge amount of easter eggs donated by parents and we are very grateful to you all for your generosity.

The children were delighted to meet the Easter Bunny and our thanks go to Rachel C-M who liaises with the Easter bunny and organised the best time for him to visit St Clement's.

Finally I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Lieke McNamee who is stepping down as Vice-Chair of the Friends. I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs McNamee for her dedication and tireless efforts in serving the Friends. I have really appreciated all the time and effort she has given to the Friends as well as the valuable contribution she made as Vice-Chair.

Thank you to all of you for your dedication, your time, and your unwavering support. Your hard work and generosity enables the Friends to enrich the experiences of our pupils and enhance the resources available to them. It is fantastic to work alongside such a committed and hard working group of people.



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Our ever-popular annual women-only race is back! With no cut-off time it's the perfect target for absolute beginners and enjoyed by established runners too. All abilities are welcome to come and give it a go. It has a warm, friendly atmosphere with a very popular cake stall (Allsorts are known for their excellent baking!) raising money for our charity of the year, Epsom & Ewell Foodbank.

The minimum age for the main race is 16.

The race is mostly flat with the start and finish at the Harrier Centre athletics track in West Ewell and explores the picturesque parkland in the Hogsmill Local Nature Reserve including the newly completed wetlands.

There are also children's races over various distances (100m - 400m) on the athletics track before the main event (depending on the number of entrants). Entry to the children's races will be £1 and can be made in person on race day. Children's races will start at 9.30 am.

Please note that this race does not permit the use of headphones except for bone-conducting headphones permitted by UK Athletics.

Entry is £20 with UK Athletics affiliated runners and £22 for non-affiliated.

The closing date for entries is 12 noon on **26 April 2024**.

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