



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th May 2024

As we come to the end of another busy half-term, it feels like this half term has just flown by. The children have worked so hard. I have to say a very special well done to every child in Year 6 for their perseverance and resilience during SATS week. Having watched them complete their SATS papers every day with calm, conscientious, hardworking attitudes, it made me extremely proud once again to be Head of this wonderful school. The year 6 children are a credit to you, their parents and to our wonderful Year 6 teachers who have worked tirelessly to prepare them for their SATS.

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed their residential trip to Sayers Croft and Osmington Bay. They pushed themselves in so many different ways and created so many lovely memories to carry with them throughout their lives. Reception class had an amazing time on their very first school trip to Painshill Park and had the most glorious sunny day. It was wonderful to have the whole school come together to take part in the Crowning of Mary procession and to celebrate Mass of the Ascension.

Congratulations to those children who have received the blessed sacrament of First Holy Communion. I know that some children are celebrating this weekend and in the next few weeks as well. I hope that you mark this special day with the celebration that you deserve. We look forward to sharing in this special occasion with you all next term at the Holy Communion Assembly.

As always I would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work and dedication to the children of our school and to you the parents for your continued support throughout the past half-term and all that you do for your children. I wish you all a restful and relaxing break and hopefully the sun will shine for us all.

As we are celebrating the feast of Pentecost, we remember the disciples receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and ask him to fill us with his graces and gifts as we say this prayer:

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.



# MAY PROCESSION

**'Ave Maria, gracia plena**

**Dominus tecum, Benedicta tua'**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. To mark this, on Tuesday 7th May, we held our second May Procession where we crowned a statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers. We gathered in the hall to begin with a short prayer service dedicated to Mary our mother. The children and parents then processed around the playground singing hymns to Mary and placed beautiful flowers at the feet of the statue of Our Lady. We then prayed a decade of the rosary. It was a reverent and moving act of worship.

Thank you to parents and pupils for the beautiful flowers you brought in honour of Our Lady. A special thank you goes to Mrs Grzenda-Rodriguez (Daniella Yr 5) for making the most beautiful floral garland to crown our Lady.



# ASCENSION MASS

The Ascension of Our Lord is a Christian feast day that celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven. It is held on 40 days after Easter and reminds us that Jesus promised to send the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and support the disciples after he had ascended into heaven. As a school community, we gathered together in the hall to celebrate the Mass of the Ascension, lead by Father Graham. Children across all year groups took part in the mass, whether it was reading beautifully, taking part in the procession of gifts, being part of the offertory or singing the wonderful hymns. It was a great joy to celebrate together and it was a lovely, spiritual time.





# PAINSHILL PARK

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Hedgehog class travelled to Painshills Hill Park by coach. For some of us, it was our very first time on a coach, so it was very exciting! When we arrived we met our group leader and we walked across the meadow to begin our amazing Minibeast Adventure! The children worked in groups to gently lift up small logs to explore the minibeasts living there. We then had to identify them on a chart. The children were delighted to find all kinds of minibeasts such as millipedes, woodlouse, spiders, earthworms, slugs, beetles and caterpillars!

In the afternoon, we explored Painshill Park, in search of Winnie the Pooh. We followed some clues and eventually found him hiding at the top of a tree, probably in search of some honey! Along the way, the children enjoyed throwing pooh sticks in the river, to see which direction the water was flowing, they explored the vegetable gardens and we visited the old ruins. It was a very busy day but Reception class all agreed that it was the best day ever!



# HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, there was a hockey tournament at Old Schools Lane, Epsom Hockey Club. We were lucky enough to be able to take 19 children from Year 6 in 2 teams. The children were very excited and had been practising in their PE lessons for weeks. There were 3 schools taking part. It was a very well organised event with some drills practice at the start, led by Emma from the hockey club, demonstrating some dribbling, passing and ball control. They finished the afternoon off with a mini tournament where the teams played a round robin format of 3 10-minute matches each.

There was some really skilful play with great tackling, defending and passing and even a few goals along the way. The children were really encouraging of each other both on and off the pitch. Both our teams came a very worthy 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

A lovely afternoon was had by all and hopefully some children have had the hockey spark ignited. There are definitely some budding future hockey players amongst them.

A huge thank you to Epsom Hockey Club for organising the event, the parents for supporting and the 2 Glyn sixth formers who gave up their time to come and help. One was a former pupil at St Clement's and is now about to take his A levels! Incidentally, he, Simon, plays hockey for Surrey county now, so you never know! Well done St Clement's hockey players!



# YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we took 2 teams of Year 5 and 6 children to take part in a 7-aside football tournament at Glyn playing Fields. It was an exceptionally busy tournament and even though it was a little cold, the weather was very kind to us.

The children were very excited about the afternoon and had been preparing for it since before Easter. Mr Jackson, Ralph's dad was kind enough to give up his time to do some fantastic training sessions in the run up to it, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

The afternoon itself was very well attended. In fact, it was the biggest football tournament they had organised in a long while. The Year 6 competition consisted of 12 teams and the Year 5, 11 teams. It was played in a league format so everyone got to play each other. They played 8 minute matches with practically no breaks! So total stamina was required! There was a huge amount of skill demonstrated from both teams. Great passing, great attacking and some hard defending. There were some fantastic corners, from which a few goals were scored and also a penalty was given, which also resulted in a smashing goal! As for the goalkeeping skills - well they were outstanding! There was a mixture of results from wins, draws and a few losses.

The children really enjoyed themselves and showed fantastic support to each other on the pitch and from the side lines. Year 6 finished just outside the top half and Year 5 finished 4th. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by children and parents alike. Thank you to Mr Jackson for all his time and support in the run up to this tournament and for managing a side on the day, to all the parents for their fine voices from the side lines and to Glyn for organising and providing the referees.

Well done St Clement's footballers!



# YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> May, Year 4 led a beautiful assembly all about Mary. They reminded us that Mary teaches us three lessons: Joy, Care and Perseverance.

They presented the story of Mary in words and song. They told and acted out the story of the Annunciation, and how Mary said 'yes' to God's invitation.





# YEAR 4 VIKING 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!



# HOGSMILL ECO PLANTING

On Tuesday 23rd April, the ECO Committee were invited to the new Hogsmill River Wetland Planting Day. The team had the chance to explore the wildlife trail they contributed to, which they came up with fantastic ideas! They also had the opportunity for planting in the wetlands, which involved using dibbers and plug plants.

It was fantastic having the children involved in a local restoration project, and they should be super proud of their work! I hope they visit for years to come, watching the space change and knowing they were a part of it, helping the local environment and being an active part of the community.



# SAYERS CROFT

Towards the beginning of the term, Tiger class had an amazing three day experience at Sayer's Croft. We learned all about nature; fostered team skills while building a raft; had a relaxing camp fire and much more. An unexpected surprise was had at 3am in the morning when we were all awoken by the fire alarm! Everyone got out safely and now have a great story to tell.



# YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Tiger class put on an amazing assembly towards the end of the half term. We travelled through time to find out what religious people had to say about caring for our environment. We then linked this to our persuasive letter campaign to stop the council from giving planning permission to build on our precious Green Belt. The Children performed fantastically!



# YEAR 5 HISTORY WORKSHOP

Once again, we were treated to a fantastic workshop run by Mortimer Wheeler. We explored the Ancient Greek myths, battle tactics and learned all about the Olympics. Great fun was had by all and the children were very lucky that I took on the role of Helen of Troy (the face that could sink a thousand ships) when we acted out the Trojan War – they made a great wooden horse.





# YEAR 4 MATHS CHALLENGE

## Year 4 Maths Challenge.

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4 children from Year 4 took part in a Maths Challenge. We were one of 250 schools in England and Europe that took part. Our Year 4 team took part remotely from the classroom.

This friendly, online, inter-school competition gave our Year 4 team the opportunity to apply their mathematical 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:** Visual estimation round

**Round 3:** Spot the shape! Pre-round

**Round 4:** More general maths questions



### **Round 1 and 4 – General mathematics**

These two rounds each consisted of 5 questions that needed to be solved within a 2 minute time limit. The team had to work quickly and efficiently. Each question had a different mathematical focus and required different types of problem-solving skills.

### **Round 2 – Visual estimation**

This round consisted of a series of questions and problems that focused on pupils' visual estimation skills.

### **Round 3 – Spot the shape!**

For the 'Spot the Shape!' round, the children were required to complete a challenge related to geometry before their live event.

As the titles of each round suggest, success in the challenges relies on much more than mere mathematical calculation. The team was challenged with problem-solving, reasoning, estimation, visualisation and arithmetic from across the mathematics curriculum.

The children had to work hard at working as a team, delegating parts of questions, thinking strategically, explaining really clearly to their team mates and agreeing with each other under very tight time constraints. All the children worked exceptionally hard in the weeks leading up to it and really enjoyed the afternoon. They scored 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 Mrs Khanna and especially to Mrs Maslowska for helping to prepare the children.

Well done Year 4 mathematicians!

# OVER AND ABOVE

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 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 half term.

The chosen children this half-term were Nina (Reception), Cara (Year 1), Sophia V-C (Year 2), Sophia (Year 3), Jude (Year 4), Jemima (Year 5) and Clara (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 half term, their favourite movies and the best things they have learnt this half term. These children should feel very proud of themselves!



# OSMINGTON BAY

A big well done to all of our Year 6s who completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs last week; they showed great stamina and determination and took everything in their stride – we were extremely proud of the resilience and positivity that each and every one of them displayed!

After their weeks of hard grafting in preparation for their SATs, the children set off for their residential trip to Osmington Bay on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May! Accompanied by Mrs Flaherty, Mrs Dunne and Mrs Roberts, the children were hugely excited about the next few days of fun and couldn't wait to get away ... and who could blame them? Four days of fabulous activities await them; Zip Wire, Abseiling, Buggy Building, Problem Solving, to name but a few.

Let's hope that the weather will be kind to them and that each child comes home just a little more confident, a little more brave and a little more ready for the next step in their educational journey! As always, one thing is for sure ... this year's residential trip will be one to remember!



# WIZARD OF OZ

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic Panto. We saw all the characters: Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, the Wizard, Good Witch and Toto. There were lots of laughs and well known songs to sing along to whilst following Dorothy's journey along the yellow brick road.





# ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

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

**Year 6** Matteo, Clara, Edric, Valentina and all of Year 6

**Year 5** Daniella, Oliver, Bailey, Malachi, Michael and Jake

**Year 4** Emily C, Jack, Thomas, Lily, Nolan and Sophia

**Year 3** Oscar, Eleanor, Ella-Rose, Isaac, Emma and Eloïse

**Year 2** Hannah, Ferne, Gabriella, Aniela, Dominic and Raphael

**Year 1** Liam, Daniel, Orlaith, Thalia, Cara and Ada

**Reception:** Asher, Chloe, Sofia, Martim, Serayah and Ted

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 reflecting on the meaning of the value 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** William, Tom and Matteo

**Year 5** Isabella VC, Harry CM and Annabelle

**Year 4** Francesca, Lily W and Nadia

**Year 3** Gabriel, Amaira and Oscar

**Year 2** Mia, Ferne and Ania

**Year 1** Lyra, Lia and Felicity

**Reception** Louis, Renesmee and Mia

# ATTENDANCE AWARD



The attendance award for this half term has gone to Year 3 .

Well done!

# HOUSE POINTS

This half term the winners are St Clare!

House	Points
St Benedict	6467
St Francis	6752
St Clare	6941
St Margaret	6373

# LUNCH COSTS

Lunch costs for the last half of summer term:

Year 3,4 and 6 = £89.10

Year 5: £91.80

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 May half term and opens again at the usual time on Monday 3rd June 2024.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## SUMMER TERM 2024

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
<b>Monday 3th June</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
Tuesday 4th June	Y6	Parent drop ins 8.20– 8.40am
Tuesday 4th June	Y3	Dorking Halls Music Festival
Wednesday 5th June	Y6	Trip to Houses of Parliament
Thursday 6th June	Y6	Parent drop ins 8.20– 8.40am
Thursday 6th June	Y1&2	Trip to Wetlands Centre
Wednesday 12th June	Y3	Trip to Brooklands
Friday 14th June	Reception	Class Assembly 9.10am Reception parents invited
W/c 17th June	All	Sports Day—Old Schools Lane Field (TBC)
<b>Friday 21st June</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>INSET day—school is closed for all pupils</b>
Wednesday 26th June		Piano Assembly 9.05am performers parents invited
Thursday 27th June		Good Shepherd Celebration Liturgy at Worth Abbey
Friday 28th June	Y3	Holy Communion assembly at 9.10- Y3 parents invited
Tuesday 2nd July	Reception	Reception Health Check
Thursday 4th July	Y1 & 2	Seaside Day
Friday 5th July	Y1	Class assembly at 9.10 - Y1 parents invited
Friday 5th July	Y4	Trip to Painshill Park
Friday 5th July	All	School reports sent home
Monday 1st —Friday 5th July	New Reception	Storytime sessions outside at 2p.m.
Monday 8th July	All	Move up morning
Tuesday 9th July	All	Report feedback 3.45- 4.45pm
Tuesday 9th July	Y6	Leavers Production at 1.30p.m.
Wednesday 10th July	Y6	Leavers Production at 7p.m.
Tuesday 16th July	Y6	Year 6 Leavers Mass at 6p.m. (TBC)
Thursday 18th July	Y6	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10 a.m.—parents invited Year 6 shirt signing
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>End of Summer term at 1.30p.m.</b>