



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term Issue 5 1 April 2022

Dear Parents and members of the school community,



Last week Oak Class had a wonderful residential visit to PGL in Osmington Bay, Dorset. They were blessed with warm dry weather which made the activities even more fun. Mrs Montgomerie and her team were very impressed with the resilience and independence that the children showed. The centre and its staff were so well organised and accommodating, ensuring that every child had a really enjoyable and memorable time.

During the week, they took part in a range of outdoor activities that tested their endurance, resilience, courage, skills and gross and fine motor skills such as abseiling, archery, climbing, archery and rifle shooting.

**SCHOOL
GAMES**

It has been an eventful week in terms of competitive sport involving Cliddesden.

Tag Rugby

This week our tag rugby team played in the final stage of the Georgian League at Brighton Hill. We went into the stage two points behind the joint leaders North Waltham and Longparish. We started well, beating Barton Stacey convincingly 4 tries to 1. However, against North Waltham we couldn't sustain the same form and were defeated 1-4. Our final game against Longparish was close but the visitors edged passed us by one try. North Waltham won all their games and were crowned champions. Cliddesden finished a respectable third place out of four.



This was a very tough league and all the teams were of a high standard. Cliddesden should take pride that over the 12 matches that they played, they scored 33 tries. A big thank you to Ocín Erwee for coaching the team this season.

Georgian League	Points till 29/3	TOTAL POINTS	TRIES For	POSITION
Cliddesden	31	38	33	3
Barton Stacey	11	14	20	4
North Waltham	33	48	43	1
Longparish	33	44	39	2

Netball



Yesterday our Netball Team took part in The Basingstoke Schools High 5s Netball Final at Russell Howard Park. The finals involved twelve teams, the first and second placed teams in each of the six leagues.

The twelve schools were grouped into two further leagues at the finals. We finished second in our League beating Bramley, St Mary's and Oakley Juniors, drawing against Oakridge and losing to Whitchurch. This then put us

into the final four. We were drawn against the other group winners St John's who beat us 2-0. Our final game was against Whitchurch who did a double over us.



However, we finished in 4th place which is an amazing achievement considering how many teams started back in the autumn term. We also won a trophy for being the highest placed small school. Mrs Hussey is very proud of her team and they should be very proud of themselves.

Covid Update

Below is the latest advice from the DfE

From today (Friday 1 April) the Department for Education has updated its [guidance](#) to clarify what actions staff and pupils should take if feeling unwell or after testing positive for COVID-19: [Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The latest advice is that:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.

Anyone who is already isolating can transfer to these new guidance timings from today, which also means that there is no longer a requirement to test on day 5/6 to return to school.

That is the government guidance but the school would also respect common sense in these times of high cases and transmission. Quite simply - If your child is unwell, please stay off school until they are better.

Pirates take over Willow Class!



Today Willow Class had a Pirate Day. The children all looked very different, with fabulously imaginative costumes and ideas. They hunted for buried treasure in the sand, walked the plank, decorated mermaids and made pirate hats. They learned all about the meanings behind different pirate's flags and about some legendary female pirates! In PE we practised lots of important Pirate skills, loading cannon balls, climbing the rigging and listening to the Captain (Mrs Robinson).

So me hearties, let's down the mainsail and have a great weekend from all of us at Cliddesden. Aaarrrrr!

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