



## Headteacher's Newsletter

### Autumn Term Issue 5

### 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and members of the school community,

#### **Athlete Visit**

We are looking forward to our visit on Wednesday from gold medal winning Paralympian Kylie Grimes. The children should all come to school this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> in their PE kits ready for their circuit challenge. Please do not forget to collect your sponsorship monies. You can read more about Kylie and the circuit challenges here. <https://sportsforschools.org/athletes/kylie-grimes/>

#### **KS1 History Workshop**

Last week Year 1 and 2 welcomed Victoria Phillips from Southampton Sea City Museum. Victoria brought in costumes and the children dressed up as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They



found out that all soldiers were known as 'Tommy Atkins', that William Howard Russell was a reporter and was the first person to report on the Crimean War. They discovered that the British public were very unhappy to hear how the soldiers were being treated. Mary Seacole read these reports and went to Crimea. Florence Nightingale was asked if she would go and help.

Also last week Oak Class visited Aldershot Magistrates Court. They had a mock trial, based on a real-life trial of a girl who sent threatening messages as part of their awareness of cyber bullying.

Representatives from our Pupil Parliament attended an EARA (Equality and Rights Advocates) workshop. They participated in games and discussions aimed at encouraging thinking about what equality means, promoting inclusivity and what the rights of children are. They also thought about the power of teamwork - Joseph from Year 4 said, 'One person can't do very much but if we all work together we can change a lot.'

The children really enjoyed themselves and came back to school full of ideas on how to continue promoting equality and inclusivity at Cliddesden Primary School.



Remember you can read all about our school educational visits and other items on the events page of our website.

## Harvest Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated for our Harvest Celebration. All the tinned and packet food has now been sent to the Basingstoke Foodbank and weighed in at 77kg. We raised £200 pounds from the sale. The Pupil Parliament have chosen to donate this to the DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal. Congratulations to Emma who was the closest guess for "Guess the weight of the pumpkin" competition.



## Parents Evening

The teachers look forward to seeing you for our parent consultation evenings this week. Each meeting is 10 minutes long and we ask you to respect these timings as over running meetings result in the next parents being delayed for their meeting. Remember, you will have plenty of time to come into the school hall and view your children's work. Please enter via The Link entrance at the top of the playground. The main entrance and Willow gate will be closed. The school will close at 7pm.

## Admin Officer

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited a new admin officer. We had a large number of applicants and all candidates that we interviewed were strong. I thank them all for attending the interviews. We selected Charlotte Edwards, who is experienced and previously worked as Admin Officer at Chawton C of E Primary, which is a similar sized school. Subject to statutory recruitment checks, Mrs Edwards will start in the school office after the half term break.

When it comes, at the end of the week, I wish everyone a safe and happy half term break. School restarts on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

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