



## Headteacher's Newsletter

### Spring Term Issue 4

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Dear Parents and members of the school community,



Yesterday we celebrated world book day at Cliddesden. Once again, the children came to school dressed as either a book character or someone/thing from a non-fiction book. This year we even had a dinosaur! Thank you to all our parents for helping your children make such a brilliant effort.

The day included book themed activities, a special assembly where some of the children got to show off their costumes and talk about their books. Oak class 'buddied up' with Beech to read some stories and I visited the classes to do a bit of performance poetry.

Reading is a vital part of primary education and days like this help promote literacy and the pleasure that we can get from reading books.

Last week Oak and Chestnut classes visited the Southampton City Art Gallery. While there, they participated in an Art workshop where they made faces and human figures using wire and pipe cleaners.

They also had a tour of some of the more significant pieces in the collection: a portrait by Gainsborough, 'The Diver' by Antony Gormley, François-Pascal-Simon Gérard's portrait of Napoleon and a 14<sup>th</sup> Century triptych painted using tempera.

They discussed how artists can use colour within their work to communicate meaning with their audience.

After a brief lunch, they had time to explore the gallery more before returning to school. Our guides, Ali and Lisa, were very informative and the children learnt lots from them.



#### **Parents' Evening**

A reminder that our parent consultations are next week on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 6:50pm. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so online with your Arbor account.

In the school hall we will put out your child's work books for you to see, so please plan time before or after your appointment to have a look at their wonderful work. Some of the governors will be on hand at certain times in the evening for you to meet.

We are launching our Parent Survey next week and at parents' evening we will put out a number of laptops in the hall, set up for you to complete your survey responses. Also if you would rather complete the survey on your phone while you are there, we have QR codes displayed that will log you into the survey. We will also send out a link to the survey next week if you do not have time to complete it at parents' evening.

### **Sports News**

This week our Netball Team thrashed St Anne's 11-1. We won our league and are now through to the finals which will take place at The Russell Howard Park on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

We have several Tag Rugby fixtures coming up. Next week we play the third stage of The Norman League at BHCS and the final stage the following week at Rucstall. We currently lead the group and hope this will be our year! Also our girls team take part later that week in a Tag Rugby festival at Hurstbourne Tarrent.

### **Website**

Remember to visit our school website. It is a hive of valuable information and a great way of communicating what we do in school with parents, both current and prospective. Our class pages now include a link to our Seesaw Blogs where you can see examples of children's work and discover what they have been learning. Our events pages also show what we have been up to recently. Our Curriculum pages show our medium and long term plans for each subject and also our school development plans and strategies. Our community pages show who our governors are, the roles of staff and the children who have positions of responsibility in school.

<https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk>

### **Dates to Note**

- End of Term - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET day. Staff only are in school that day. The Summer Term begins on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May are Bank Holidays. Year 6 SATs week is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Notices from The Office**

As nearly every thing we do in school for admin purposes is digital now, we have a surplus of used ring binders, lever arch files and box files in the office. If you would like any of these items just ask at the office.

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To view class pages, find out about our curriculum, read all about our events in school, view your child's homework tasks, learn how to stay safe on the internet and much more please visit our school website [www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)