



Clutton Primary School 14th December 2017

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....

I can't believe how quickly time flies here at Clutton, and that it is almost time for Christmas once again. This is, personally, my favourite time of year to work in a school—a real privilege to share the gathering excitement with your children. On Friday 8th December, we took part in our annual pantomime at The Theatre Royal, Bath. It was so lovely to go before Christmas this year, as it has really kick started our own school productions. I have already read diary entries from the children, saying how much they enjoyed the show and have heard many renditions of a very different (and funny) version of the 12 Days of Christmas.



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May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in helping to make Clutton School the best it can be, and to wish you and your family a joyous, happy and healthy Christmas.

Year 5 and 6 Bath Abbey Visit:



On Monday 11th December, Year 5 and 6, accompanied by Mr Tanner, Mrs Morris and Miss Ennew, attended the School's Music Concert at The Abbey. It was a crisp, sunny morning, and we all felt very proud of our readers. Tim Parker, who organises the event, said, "In all the years I have run this, I have never heard better readers!" Anna, Annabelle, Emily, Amelia, Tom, Tristan, Toby and Georgie read clearly, and beautifully represented our school. Well done to all of the children in Year 5 and 6, who sang with great enthusiasm.



Christmas Lunch:



A big thank you to Mandi and her team in cooking an amazing Christmas lunch once again. Staff waited on the children, and we all sang along to our favourite Christmas tunes—FUN!

Charity Updates:

Thank you, once again, for being so generous in raising money on behalf of the school.



Children in Need:

In November, we managed to raise a staggering £745 for this year's Children in Need appeal. Thank you to all who sponsored various spotty events and donated/bought cakes after school.



Poppy Appeal:

Sales of Poppy merchandise raised £148.74 for the British Legion

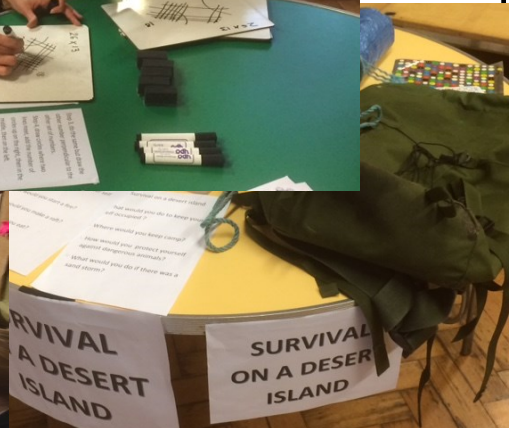
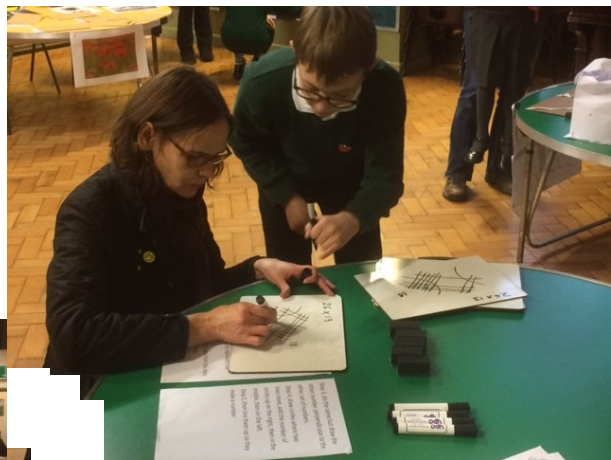


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Amazon Learning Exhibition:

It was the first of our new Learning Exhibitions this term—we launched with Amazon Class. It was lovely to see the children so enthused in planning and delivering this showcase of learning, based around Kensuke's Kingdom and Survival. It truly was an example of cross-curricular learning and the idea of mastery—to learn something, be able to do it and then explain it to and teach others. Congratulations to Team Amazon for organising such a great afternoon of learning.

Over the year, we will be creating our own Museum of Exhibits—those pieces of work that demonstrate the high standards we have here at Clutton. By sharing pupils' work, it inspires others to achieve even greater things.



Celebrating Learning Together: Congratulations to all.



Maths workshop participants and head teacher award recipients are celebrated and congratulated in assembly.

Wind in The Willows:



All of the staff and children really enjoyed our visiting theatre performance of *Wind in The Willows*. This is part of our Great Reading Race—launching in January—so it will soon be a very familiar tale.

Children joined in enthusiastically and also wrote lovely character descriptions and reviews as a follow up in Literacy.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Nativity:

What a super performance given by our youngest pupils here at Clutton. Weeks of practising songs, learning lines and rehearsing moves, culminated in a fabulous production of 'The Christmas Story'. Miss Ennew and the teachers were all very proud of every child.

This year we decided to have a more traditional nativity, to help children remember and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This was written by Mrs Cowgill and Mrs Muckley during their half term break. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team working here at Clutton.



Key Stage 2 Christmas at the church:

Thank you to all who managed to join us at St Augustines' Church for our Key Stage 2 Christmas service. Co-ordinated and led by our teachers, it was a very special morning. Children re-told the nativity story and this year learnt their lines off by heart. The singing was beautiful. Miss Ennew really enjoyed rehearsing with her choir, who opened proceedings with O Holy Night—well done to soloists Anna, Georgie, Molly and Amelia. A special mention too for Samuel, who wowed us all with his beautiful rendition of Once in Royal David's City. Stars of the future.



Warm welcomes and fond farewells:

It is always sad to say farewell to staff when they are leaving, and I know you will join me in wishing them joy and happiness in the next chapter of their lives.

Mr Tanner has worked here in Clutton for many years, and I thank him on behalf of parents, children and staff for the fantastic contribution he has made both in school, on cold PE pitches and within the wider community. As he is still working within the Trust and living here in Clutton, we know he will keep in touch and we hope to see him very soon.

Miss Elson has been with us for a shorter time, but none the less has made a fabulous contribution to school life, in establishing EYFS and in giving parents and children a safe and super start to their time here at Clutton. We do hope she keeps in touch.

In January, we welcome Mrs Candy into Orinoco Class on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mrs Parkes–Cordock into Otter Class time. Mrs Macdonald(previously Miss Foreman already in school) will be covering class PPA on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I know you will join us in warmly welcoming them our school community.



Please check out the website. Click on the link below:-
www.cluttonschool.com

Judo Club:

Just a note to say that Judo Club begins on Thursday 11th January. It is £20 for 5 weeks tuition, and new members are very welcome. Please see Mrs Allen if you are interested.

Clutton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.