



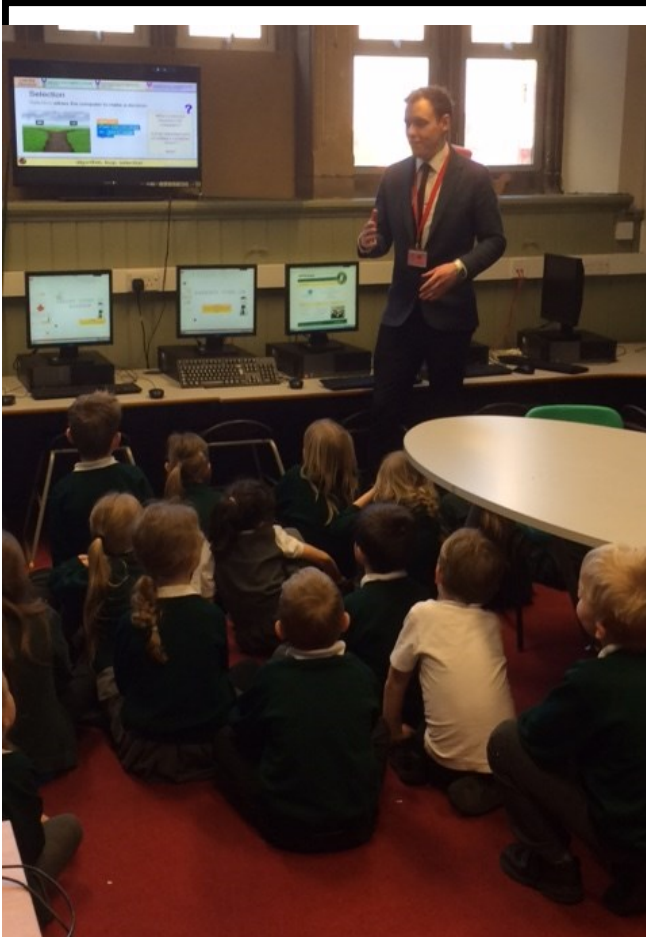
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Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter, but better late than never!

Term 4 has already been so busy, with many special events happening at school. I have included some photographs celebrating not only the children's hard work, but also the great community spirit and support for our school. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and I couldn't agree more!

As we move towards the launch of our new irresistible curriculum, we are taking care to ensure we build on all of the tremendous events and opportunities already provided to pupils at Clutton School. We are planning to maximise the opportunities for outdoor learning, and are currently looking at options around forest schools and the Children's University—both exciting and enriching prospects that I would like our pupils to experience. All teachers are currently collectively involved in re-shaping a multi-dimensional curriculum to ensure that our pupils' primary education is a joyful time of growth and exploration.

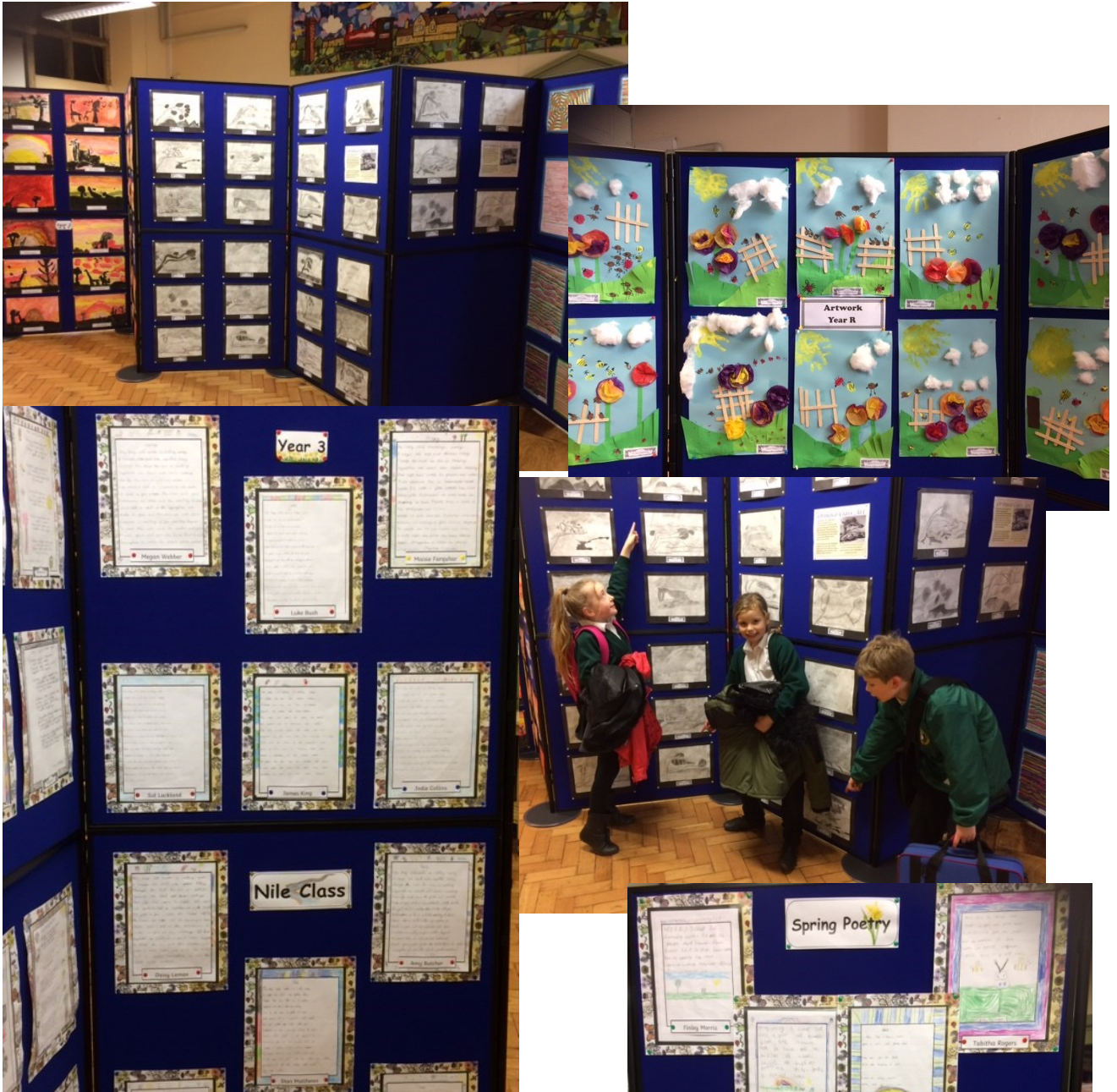
Specialist teaching at Clutton: IT



Mr Martin comes to Clutton once a week to teach IT to our classes. He is a real wiz, and both teachers and pupils are learning a lot from him. His sessions are great fun and children are really enjoying their learning. I asked him to share his thoughts, as he is working closely alongside staff at Clutton to ensure our new curriculum covers all the IT skills and knowledge children need... and ensures learning is fun!

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Computer Science skills to both Nile and Orinoco at Clutton Primary. At the moment Nile class are learning how to think like a Computer Scientist, completing coding challenges using logical steps to create algorithms (computer instructions!). Earlier in the year, Orinoco class were successfully picking up the major concepts of programming in Scratch, to create a rather challenging 'Mission to Mars' game. I continue to be enormously impressed by the enthusiasm pupils of Clutton Primary are showing, the want to stretch and challenge themselves is evident throughout all topics so far. Well done pupils! By Mr Martin

Bulb Show 2017 :



A HUGE thank you to the Clutton Horticultural Society for organising such a fantastic Bulb Show. Pat Williams said it was the greatest amount of entries for years, which made judging very hard ! Congratulations to all the pupils. The beautiful displays reflected their hard word and perseverance. It was clear for all to see.

Next year, as part of our new curriculum, children will write their own Spring poems, and re-create art work inspired by some of the world's greatest artists past and present.

Alice in Pantoland 2017:



Some of our youngest pupils already have the theatre bug for performing. How lovely to see the confidence and 'have a go' spirit on stage.

Research shows participation in the arts allows children to grow their self-esteem and self-confidence, developing poise and learning to overcome anxieties.



At Clutton, we recognise that the arts help to promote interpersonal skills. There is less of a focus on winning or losing that sometimes comes with sports, but more about working together as a team towards a shared performance goal. Arts and performance will certainly be a big part of our new curriculum.



As a recent newcomer to the school and community, it was a real pleasure to see such a community project come to life. It was clear to see all the fun children (and adults!) were having. To put on such a show takes an incredible amount of hard work, by a great number of people. A big thank you to the PTFA - too many to name individually—and community of Clutton for supporting the production. Updates to follow regarding funds raised, and how they will be used to make a real difference for all pupils at our school.



Congratulations Clutton Scouts!

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Scout hut to get a £10k revamp after contest win

Budding designers at Clutton Scouts have won a £10,000 prize in a national competition to carry out much-needed repair works at their Scout hut.

The money was awarded to the group as one of the prizes in the Building Futures competition, a collaboration between the Shanly Foundation – the charitable arm of the South East based developer, the Shanly Group – and the UK Scouts Association.

The competition had invited groups across the country to design their dream meeting place with the chance of winning £100,000 to build it.

The competition, which was backed by Chief Scout and TV adventurer Bear Grylls, was launched in December. Groups submitted designs which outlined the types of features would make their

meeting place sustainable, accessible and of use to the local community.

Several runners-up were chosen including the Clutton Scouts whose meeting place needs a new roof and improvements to kitchen and bathrooms.

The group also detailed plans to remove a bee colony which is causing problems at their hut.

Leader of the 2nd Clutton Scout group Stuart Whale said: "Everyone from the youngest Beaver to the oldest Explorer wanted to get involved in the designs for the competition – the children used sketches, paintings and Lego models to bring their ideas to life.

"They had a lot of fun coming up with dream features – archery and climbing walls were popular demands – and



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learnt a lot about design by doing so."

Shanly Foundation chairman and former Scout Michael Shanly said: "We were overwhelmed with the number and the quality of submissions to

the competition – we had some really tough decisions to make.

"The interest shows how incredibly important meeting places are to the success and sustainability of Scouting.

These are not just buildings but a place where young people can come together to plan adventures and learn new skills, these facilities often benefit the wider community as well.

"We look forward to seeing

how the 2nd Clutton Scout Group will use their prize money to enhance their hut to facilitate more activities and allow them to continue to develop these important life skills."

A polite reminder:

Unfortunately, we have incidents reported to us of older teenagers coming onto the school site and littering, causing a disturbance and damaging school property after dark. When the school is shut, unauthorised people are technically trespassing. As such, the incident has been reported to the police by a member of the public. I have had conversations with the local police, and they have re-assured the school that they will be doing regular patrols after dark to ensure the site is secure. I have also spoken to Mr Williams (Head of Norton Hill and Somervale) who is speaking to his Clutton secondary pupils to remind them of this.

Whilst it is always lovely to see ex-pupils and for them to visit their old primary school, this needs to be at an agreed time when the school is open. Current and ex pupils are not permitted to use the school grounds, including the astro turf, outside of school hours, unless it is pre-arranged as part of an after school club. I hope by putting this reminder in, that the message can be shared within in our community before somebody gets into trouble or gets hurt. Many thanks for your co-operation.

All Action at Clutton Primary!

The first school football fixture of 2017 couldn't have been more daunting. St. Benedict's Primary School from Midsomer Norton came to the Warwick Field as hot favourites to walk away with three points as part of a stroll towards the league title. Given their previously imperious form combined with Clutton's mixed results, it did look a foregone conclusion. However, one thing that the home team's games had provided was great entertainment and this match was to continue the trend. Following a defeat by the odd goal in nine in the opening game of the season against Farrington Gurney in what was a brilliantly contested match, the team had shown phenomenal guts and grit to come away from the all-weather pitch at Somervale School against much fancied High Littleton, back in November, with a 3-2 victory. Next up was the local area tournament which took place in freezing conditions up at Writhlington School in early December. In a 9-1 drubbing by the St. Benedict's side, Clutton did well to keep the score down to single figures! However, this home match was exactly that. Far from being intimidated by their opponents, the boys and girls were to reap the rewards of solid organisation and thorough commitment to add to some quality team play developed over the past few months. Goals from Josh Gwyther (2), Brannon Sheppard and Spencer Gammon, stout defence and a little riding of luck at times, saw the team chalk up a memorable 4-0 win.



time and space were at an absolute premium, the lead was to change hands several times, the woodwork hit on more than one occasion and goalkeepers kept very busy as a breathless end to end contest was enacted. Goals from Josh Gwyther, Brannon Sheppard and a brace from Denis Hellin ensured a point in a thrilling 4-4 draw. With one league game left at the end of the month, Clutton have every chance of finishing in second position. As ever, the school would like to thank Clutton FC for their continued support and hospitality.

Meanwhile, this year's Dance Umbrella is nearly upon us. Each week former pupils now at Norton Hill; Isabelle Wilson, Phoebe Evans, Daisy Drew and Marlee Hancorn have been choreographing a dance for a troop of Year 5 and 6 children. Their samba, based on the theme for the 2016 Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro is a lively and colourful number which will no doubt be appreciated by a packed out Forum in Bath before the end of the month as part of a wonderful show put on by many schools in the local area.



A few days later with confidence running high, the side travelled to Farmborough Primary School to take part in yet another high scoring game which provided so much entertainment for spectators. Evenly matched and playing on a tight pitch where



Healthy snacks at school:

Now that we are no longer providing tuck at break times, it seems a good idea to think about the sort of snacks children should be having at school. **Change 4 life** states that children are having three times as much sugar as they should have in a day, and much of this comes from unhealthy snacks like cakes and biscuits. Unfortunately we are seeing children bringing chocolate and sweets in for break, which isn't appropriate.



Change 4 life states that too much sugar can lead to the build up of harmful fat on the inside that we can't see. This fat around vital organs can cause weight gain and serious diseases in the future like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Having too much sugar can also cause tooth decay—a real issue currently for primary school children.

The very best snacks are healthy ones, that give the children the necessary energy to carry on learning until lunchtime. A piece of fruit, chopped up vegetables (carrot sticks/tomatoes) and plain rice cakes are ideal. The sugar in whole fruit and vegetables isn't added sugar, and these good choices also contain vital vitamins, minerals and fibre. By having these at break time, it will help children work towards their five a day.

Please support the school's work in improving children's health, well-being and happiness, helping them get the most out of life. It would also help teachers if snacks were separate from lunch boxes and could go in children's trays for safe keeping until break time. This will help ensure the snack you want your child to have is eaten, rather than items provided - and more suitable for- packed lunch. Thank you.

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

www.cluttonschool.com

Dates for the diary:



We are looking forward to welcoming lots of special Mums, Grandmas, Aunties etc. in school on Friday morning, to help celebrate Mothers' Day on Sunday. You are welcome to visit the school at any time Friday morning and spend time in your child's class.

Still to come: Fathers Friday date to be confirmed, as clashes with school camp!

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.