



Clutton
Primary School
Thursday 23rd May 2019

Term 5: Welcome

Welcome to our Term 5 news. There have been so many great things happening in our school recently, that I have needed to move some of this term's news into what will be a bumper summer edition! I hope you enjoy hearing about what we have been up to, as I am aware that it is lovely to hear what is happening outside of your child's class too. This term has been full of tests for Year 6 and Year 2 children. I have been so proud of the effort and focus shown by our pupils, but also in how well teachers have supported the children. You hear worrying tales of stress and tears, but I can honestly say children have taken it all in their stride, seeing it as a chance to 'show off all they know'. Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon of ice-cream sundaes, served by Ms Orange, and I, whilst watching the film of 'Beauty and The Beast'. This will be our summer production this year—details of show times and tickets will follow soon. If you have any spare time to help with costumes, props or backdrops, please let Ms Orange know. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We currently have a vacancy for Parent Governor at Clutton. Please see below:
The role is both rewarding and challenging but never boring. It does require a certain amount of commitment to carry it out effectively, but you are repaid by learning new skills which you can transfer to any work/voluntary situation. While, supporting the preparation of students to enter the world of further education or employment. Please contact the Clerk of Governors if you would like any aspect of the role clarifying.
Name: Mich Wallis Email: mich.wallis@msnpartnership.com

Sycamore win BIG!

A BIG congratulations to Sycamore Class and Miss Douglas. Over many weeks, parents and children have been filling up plastic bottles to make eco cubes for our playground. This was part of the children's recycle/reuse project in Geography. Here at Clutton, we are keen to develop the children's awareness about, and responsibility for, looking after our planet as global citizens. With this in mind, they entered a national competition and WE WON THE SOUTH WEST REGIONAL PRIZE! As winners, children went on an all-expenses paid trip to Sky Studios in London, where they were treated to a multi media experience and try their hand at filming a special news report. Look out for a full report in local press and in our next newsletter.

Year 5 Chorwell House Project:

Cholwell House visit – Alive Art Project.

Eight Year 5 pupils from Clutton Primary School are taking part in a project, working alongside residents at Cholwell House. When pupils arrived, they received a very warm welcome from members of staff and Lucy, who is leading the project. For the first session, children and residents created beautiful butterfly pictures, using stencils and paints. Whilst doing this, great conversations were had. Children said that they really liked working with the elderly people. Megan Webber said, "I never thought I would be paired with a 100 year old lady with pink sparkly nails!"

Sid's partner was a little tired and slept a bit, but Sid said, "Although my partner slept a lot, he did do some painting with me. His face was usually down because he can't hold his face up as it is hard for him, but he smiled when I smiled."

Jodie said that she wanted her partner to keep the butterfly, but her new pal told her to take it to show her mum how lovely it was. Maisie really enjoyed her time, saying that her partner was really chatty and a lot of fun to be with. She told Maisie how she used to enjoy painting and had painted a lot in the past, but hadn't picked up a brush for ages. How lovely to re-discover a long lost hobby!

Stories from the past were shared with our pupils, giving them a real insight into their new friend's history. These included making their own wedding dresses and sailing across the English Channel. Luke said his friend 'seemed to have a lot of stories that he had never shared'. They all agreed that although it was hot in the home, they didn't mind as they had enjoyed it so much and couldn't wait for the next time. For the first session, children were accompanied by Mrs Evans - a school LSA and a parent. Mrs Evans could not wait to tell the class teacher and I how amazing the pupils were - they demonstrated many Clutton School values including respect and kindness. As a school, we are really keen to continue to develop and enrich strong community links. Projects such as this make me a really proud head teacher. Miss Ennew



OPAL PLATINUM AWARD !!



Clutton Primary School has been awarded the Platinum



I am thrilled to be able to announce that after a rigorous assessment period, Clutton has been awarded the OPAL platinum award.

Michael Follett, who leads OPAL across the world said, "*Over the past 18 months, Clutton Primary School has not only transformed play times for every child but has become a school that truly understands the value of play and how to provide wonderful play opportunities for every child. The results are clear the moment you walk in the playground. This is clearly a school which understands that joy, fun and playfulness are not a break from good learning, they are at the heart of it. As an OPAL Platinum school. I can confidently say that the quality of play at Clutton is in the top 1% of the country.*"

Whilst we still have areas of the ground site to further develop, I am thrilled that the hard work and dedication of the OPAL team and SMSA staff has been recognised and rewarded. Michael said this usually takes schools SEVEN years to reach this standard! Clutton will now be supporting other schools to set OPAL up. You are welcome to join us for our certificate presentation assembly on Monday 8th July at 09.15am, where Mrs Cowgill and children will be sharing their thoughts on our wonderful lunchtimes.

OPAL Den building and Forest Garden Launch 2019

A rather wet and cold day greeted us for our grand Forest Schools open day, but we did not let that put us off! In the spirit of 'all weathers. all areas', we enjoyed a fabulous day of OPAL den building, Easter craft activities and Forest School experiences. A HUGE thank you to the PTFA for fundraising, enabling us to get the ground works completed. I also wanted to say a big thanks to Angie's husband for building us a bespoke fire pit. He is also working on another secret project! Without such great support, we wouldn't be financially able to continue to develop the children's space at the pace that we are. Here are some photos, for those that weren't able to make it.



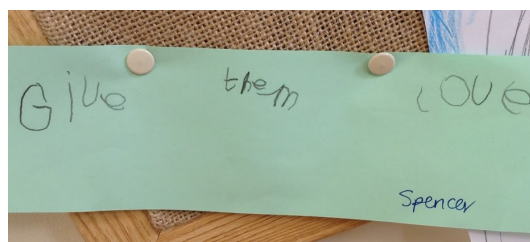
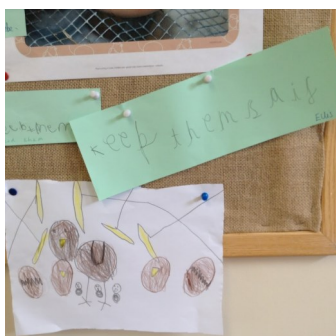
Special guests in Cherry Class: By Mrs PC

At the beginning of this term, Clutton was lucky to host a second visit by Cassandra Wye, an inspirational story teller, who teaches Science through storytelling. Cassandra lit up the school with her enthusiasm and energy when she came last term to tell stories about the moon as part of a pilot project called "We Share the Same Moon." This term Cassandra came to share stories about "Vision" as part of a research project she is doing with Bristol Eye Hospital. Cherry and Maple Class heard an African story about how Zebras get their stripes, and a Native American story about how bats use sound to 'see'. Willow Class heard a Chinese story about the Sun Sisters and a Polynesian story about Sun Shell and Moon Shell. We are really looking forward to Cassandra's next visit when she will be coming to Clutton with an astrophysicist to lead science activities with the children.



Thank you Mr Collins! - Our lovely chicks!

Cherry Class were excited to welcome an incubator full of eggs last week - and were surprised to come into school the next day to see that some of the eggs had already hatched! We were lucky to watch over 15 eggs hatching during the day, which was a magical experience for everyone. We now have 45 chicks in the classroom and are enjoying watching them grow and change. The whole school has appreciated the chicks - and all the children have had a chance to come and see and hold them. The children in Cherry Class have been busy naming the chicks, writing rules for looking after them, learning about the life cycle of a hen, and have drawn and painted lovely pictures of the chicks. The chicks have given us all a lot of joy!



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Term 6 dates:

Term 6 dates for the diary :

4th June 6pm—EYFS new parent induction evening.

5th June 3.15pm Year 6 Hotdog sale after school.

6th June—Class photos.

10th June—Assessment week Years 1,3,4 and 5 and Phonics Tests Yr 1.

11th June—PTFA Penny run fundraising—please send in coppers!

13th June Quadkids Athletics Competition St Benedict's after school.

19th June 13:15—15.00pm.—Sports Day (Reserve Day 25th June pm)

20th June -PTFA Ladies night at The Railway (more info to follow)

27th June Science Storyteller EYFS and KS1

1st July Year 4 Poetry Slam at Norton Hill

3rd July—Year 5 Languages Day at Norton Hill.

4th July—Shuffle up day Year 6, shuffle up morning in school. Reports out pm.

8th July—OPAL Platinum award assembly 09.15am.

10th July 6- 8pm Year 6 Leaver's performance Beauty and The Beast

11th July 1.15pm—15.00pm Year 6 Leavers ' performance Beauty and The Beast

18th July 13.15 Pride of Clutton Awards

19th July 09.30- 10.30 am Year 6 Leavers' assembly.

19th July—Last day of term for children.

Please check out the website for school events and timings—be aware, that some dates do need to change at short notice. www.cluttonschool.com

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.