

Clutton Primary School February 14th 2020

Head teacher welcome:



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020.

This has been another really busy term of learning here at Clutton. We have finally launched our Forest School provision, and the children are loving it.

Over this term, I have been working on updating our website with lots more information about our school curriculum—basically what your children are learning and when. We will let you know when this is ready. I am sure it will be really useful in helping you to support your child's learning at home. Parents have been requesting more information regarding this, and we are happy to help. Enjoy the half term,

The Clutton Team

Internet Safety Day:

A big part of our Computing curriculum here at Clutton, is helping children to stay safe online and use technology responsibly. We also cover such aspects as using mobiles, Ipads, cyberbullying as part of our anti- bullying work. This term we had a special assembly on keeping safe online, reminding children of work they have already started through Purple Mash. (Our Computing programme). Here are some helpful tips for home.

Setting up and implementing the 4 D's at home is vital

- Digital free zones keep technology downstairs
- Digital role models parents lead by example online and with digital usage
- Digital sunset young people need to come away from technology before they go to sleep
- Digital detox As a family try a gadget free day or hour







3 great apps to download:

- Netware aimed at parents highlighting different apps and games young people use.
- Internet Matters (tablet only) is a fun interactive online safety quiz that can be used at home with children.
- Youtube for kid's app aimed at young children

Maple Class Learning Exhibition



Year 1 held a fabulous learning exhibition this term, showcasing their learning and knowledge to parents and other children in the school. As always, the support from parents was fantastic. Pupils showed how to use base ten manipulatives to support place value, shared their writing and art work. One child told me that it was, 'Abstract art which is another word for weird!' - Picasso would be thrilled!





Clutton's Got Talent 2020:



A highlight of the school year is Clutton's Got Talent. Performing in front of others takes a lot of courage, and providing such opportunities at school helps to build self-confidence in children. After all children got to share their talents with their classmates, a short list was drawn up to go into the show itself. Guest judges Mrs Rogers and Mrs Allen had the difficult task of deciding winners. As always, cups will be awarded at The Pride of Clutton Awards in July. Here are some photographs of the afternoon to enjoy if you couldn't make it. All of the finalists are pictured below.













Apologies! This is Tom playing his guitar—he won the KS2 musician. It is the only photo we have of his performance—Mrs Cowgill is not giving up teaching to become a photographer!



Forest School: Maple Class









Maple Class have enjoyed a term of Forest Schools. They have jointly come up with Forest School Rules, to keep themselves and others safe. They enjoyed a forest fire, looking at nature in and around our school grounds and creating forest art. Learning outside of the classroom is a really important here at Clutton, and we are really excited to finally commence Forest School as part of our school offer. Next term, Willow Class will be having Forest School, linking into their Science unit of habitats and mini beasts.

Forest School Cooking/DT: Oak Class







Oak Class have enjoyed Forest School as part of their DT curriculum: Making bread. Using mathematical skills of measuring, ratio and capacity, alongside instructional writing in English, they enjoyed finally baking and eating their creations. Forest School encourages children to develop a love and respect for nature, alongside developing the ability to evaluate potential risk and hazards. This ties in with our OPAL lunchtimes, where children are encouraged and supported in building capacity within this lifelong skill. It is also FUN to be learning outside in the fresh air!

School Values: Craftsmanship



One of our school values is 'Craftsmanship'. This is where we encourage all who work and learn in our school to be the best they can be.

Congratulations to Megan (Yr 6) who gained a music certificate and to Phoebe (EYFS) and Kieron (Yr 5) whose Writing also made it up on the board! Miss Ennew is pleased to report that she has run out of space!

The third 'Always Tea Party': Resilience, Respect, Craftsmanship.



As always, it was a difficult choice choosing just one pupil from each class who ALWAYS demonstrates our school values, and are excellent role models for others. The children chosen received their special invitations through the post, and were invited to partake in an afternoon of arts and crafts. Of course cake and hot chocolate kept them well fuelled!