



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

October is Black History Month where we are all encouraged to 'Dig Deeper, Look Closer, Think Bigger'. The country is encouraged to look forward and celebrate the 'here and now - and the future - and talk about the achievements of Black people in Britain.'

At Cledford, a fundamental underlying theme of our approach to PHSE, which is interwoven throughout the curriculum, is that we believe in the value of diversity, that differences are to be celebrated and that we can all learn from each other. By raising the profile of BHM, we have an ideal opportunity to do just that. The children started the week by reflecting on the life of Ella Fitzgerald and how she overcame adversity and poverty to become known across the world as the 'sister of soul'.

It is true to say that, at the moment, we are living through times of challenge. In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, a black American activist and minister, who fought for equality and civil right winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, said: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

As a community, we are all working together through these current times of challenge. I would like to thank you all: our pupils who have responded superbly on their return to school and work hard everyday; the staff whose commitment to keeping children safe, and tireless efforts to engage the pupils to begin catching up is endless; and parents, carers and families who have supported and encouraged us as we navigate our way through.

Warmest regards
Mrs S Frater
School Principal

Merits

- 1 Mrs Higgins - James for super progress with his writing. Excellent effort James!
- 3 Mrs Giblin - Cara for independent numbers and letter work.
- 4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock - Rory for brilliant writing.
- 5 Mr Adlington - Harley for always trying his hardest in every lesson.
- 6 Mrs Habesch/Miss Jenkinson - Isabella for wonderful descriptive writing.
- 7 Miss Gerrard - Agnes for showing determination to improve her writing.
- 8 Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester - Ryan for his perseverance and sheer hard work in maths. He never fails to impress.
- 9 Mrs Phillipson - Elli for always being responsible, resilient and respectful.
- 10 Mr Simpson - Lilly for always trying her best in everything she does.
- 11 Mrs Sutton - Jack for excellent presentation in homework tasks.
- 12 Miss Platt - Evie for her effort and attitude in English lessons. A pleasure to teach!
- 13 Miss Wagstaff - Oscar for always being friendly and kind, and settling brilliantly into Cledford life.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 14th October - 6pm-7pm - Governors' meeting (venue tba)
- Wednesday 21st October - School photographs (individual photos only- please see note below)
- Wednesday 21st October - Y5 Bikeability (am)
- Wednesday 21st October - Y4 Bikeability (pm)
- Thursday 22nd October - Y5 Bikeability (am)
- Thursday 22nd October - Y4 Bikeability (pm)
- Thursday 22nd October - Year 1 Wow day
- Friday 23rd October - Y5 Bikeability (am)
- Monday 2nd or Friday 13th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew event - Postponed
- Week beginning 9th November - Parents' evening
- Thursday 19th November - School nurses in school for Influenza nasal sprays

*All dates are currently subject to change due to the current circumstances.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - Due to the current situation surrounding COVID, we are not able to have family groups and sibling photographs taken. This is due to the new restrictions and the movement of children around school to prevent cross bubble contamination. As a solution to this, Academy Photographers have very kindly said they are able to merge single sibling pictures into one photograph. If this is something you would like them to do for you, can you please email admin@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk in order that this can be arranged. If you do not contact school before 21st October, you will only receive individual photos of your child/children.

Our adventure this week has been back on dry land! We have read 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins. The children have reinforced their knowledge of prepositions such as over, under, through etc by retelling the story in Forest school and in a variety of ways back in the classroom. They have enjoyed finding out what happened to the cheeky fox!

Maths work has been all about counting accurately. We use 'touch and count' to help give each object a number name. This is called 1 to 1 correspondence and is a vital first step in early years' maths.

New adventures take a little break next week as we have a themed week - 'Healthy body, healthy me!' We will be visiting the sports hall every day to make use of the gym equipment. We will be learning about healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and exercise.

Have a great weekend! The EYFS team

Class News

YEAR ONE 'WOW' DAY

Year 1 are invited to come dressed up for the 1960's 'WOW' day on **Thursday 22nd October**.

They can be dressed in 60's fashion or dress up as a famous person from that era. We will be finding out about the fashion, art, music, dancing, games, toys and books from the 1960s.



SCHOOL COMMS APP

We are still trying to get all parents/carers (**both** parents where possible) signed up to using the app. At the moment, we are sending larger pieces of information out via email but we would like to be able to send other shorter messages to all parents via the app ('WOW' texts, reminders etc). If you could help us by downloading the app, you will be ensuring our communication with parents/carers will be the best that it can be. If you need any assistance in downloading the app, please call the school office. Thank you.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON THEIR JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

Wherever possible, children who walk to school without an adult need to aim to leave home so that they are not arriving early to the gate; there are growing numbers of year 5s and 6s gathering. We appreciate this may be tricky and some children have to set off when parents leave home, but we appreciate your support as we continue to manage the safety of children and their families.

If you bring your child to school, please do not arrive at the school gates earlier than your requested time. *If you have several children with different start times, it is fine to bring them all at the latest time if you wish.*

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - YEAR 6

Please remember to apply for your child's place at secondary school via Cheshire East www.cheshireeast.gov.uk by **31st October 2020**.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Next week will be menu 1.

Office News

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please remember the office is closed unless a prior arrangement has been made. This means you will need to ensure your child has everything they need with them for the school day, bags, PE kit, water bottles etc. We are trying our best to keep everyone safe and reduce the amount of visitors and handling of items to a minimum.

PARKING/DROP OFF/COLLECTION AROUND SCHOOL

Can we please remind parents/carers about parking around school. A white golf ND63 HYP was reported as parked in the 'no parking' area by the emergency exit near Tommy Thumbs on Monday. Please park safely and legally. All incidents will be reported to 101. Can we also please ask that drivers in the vicinity of school, especially during wet weather are courteous to those members of the public, pupils and parents that are on the pavements. A number of children have entered school soaking wet this week due to having been splashed by drivers going too fast where there are lots of puddles.

SCHOOL VACANCIES

Assistant Caretaker/cleaner - 20 hours per week all year Monday - Friday - temporary in the first instance.

Midday Assistant - 6.25 hours per week Monday - Friday - temporary. Please contact the school for more information by phoning 01606 288240 or emailing finance@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

All reception and key stage one children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Some children in both key stage one and key stage two are entitled to Income Related Free School Meals and these need to be claimed for through Cheshire East. It only takes a quick phone call! If your child is in any of these year groups, and you think that they qualify for Income Related Free School Meals, then please could you either ring 0300 123 5012 or apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk.