



Cledford Primary and Nursery Academy Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic and fascinating week at Cledford as we have celebrated British Science Week. Across the school, pupils have been busy exploring, questioning and investigating through a range of exciting scientific activities. It has been wonderful to see such curiosity and enthusiasm for learning in our classrooms. One of the highlights of the week was a visit from a local farmer, who spoke to the children about farming, food production and the important role farmers play in our everyday lives. The visit certainly made an impression—especially when the children saw the huge tractor parked on the school yard! It was a brilliant opportunity for pupils to learn more about where our food comes from and to ask plenty of thoughtful questions. We also welcomed visitors from the NHS, who delivered engaging sessions about dental health and oral hygiene, helping children understand the importance of looking after their teeth and making healthy choices.

Earlier in the week, we were delighted to host PC Andy Cornall, who delivered a very insightful internet safety talk for parents. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged in such an important discussion.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 family lunches were another highlight—three well-attended events with lots of lovely feedback about the delicious meals prepared by our catering team. Finally, we were pleased to welcome headteachers and computing leads from across our trust schools. They were extremely impressed with both our pupils and the strength of our curriculum—something we are very proud of.

Have a great weekend.

Mr C Adlington
Principal

British Science Week

As part of British Science Week we are running a sustainability poster competition. Ideas have been shared with pupils in assembly. All children are welcome to enter. The closing date is Friday 20th March.

Thursday 26th March 10.00am Easter Service at St Michael and All Angels

The service will take place in the morning of **Thursday 26th March**. Children will be walking with their classes to the church so please ensure your child has a jumper/cardigan and a coat. There will be no school snack available on the morning of the service; please send your child in with their own snack to eat when they return to school.

Families are welcome to come and join the service. If you wish to attend, please make your way to the church for **9:45am** where there will be seating available at the back.

If you wish to volunteer as a helper on the day, please let the main office know. We would need you to be available from 9:00am to walk with a class. Unfortunately, due to our risk assessment, adults are unable to walk with pushchairs or children who are not of school age.

Easter Bingo

Next Friday, the 20th March will be non-uniform day for an Easter egg donation towards our Easter bingo events.

School lunches

Next week we will be on week 1 of our lunch menu.



Merits

- 2 Mrs Higgins – Lia F, for displaying confidence and independence.
- 3P Miss Parton – Daniel B, for always saying good morning with a big smile on his face.
- 3S Miss Smailes – Oakley D, for his speedy subitising in maths and trying hard at everything he does.
- 4 Mrs Giblin – Harper S, for beautiful handwriting.
- 5 Mr Varnom – Elliot H, for being super attentive in science this week and producing some excellent work on animals and plants.
- 6 Miss Wagstaff – Dolly F, for making huge reading progress. Wow!
- 7 Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester – Ajay W, for consistently being a positive role-model to others and for working exceptionally hard in all areas of the curriculum.
- 8 Miss Platt – Max G, for being a consistently good role model on the playground and in the classroom.
- 9 Mrs Phillipson – Max A, for his amazing geography work about mountains.
- 10 Mrs Lester/Mrs Marsland – Eva H, for her excellent Golden Write based on 'Crater Lake'. It is absolutely brilliant!
- 11 Mr Gill – Teddy G, for showing perseverance and determination in our Golden Write. Great concentration – keep it up Teddy!
- 12 Mrs McLoughlin – Roman M, for challenging himself to improve his handwriting. You should be proud of your Golden Write. Keep it up!

EYFS News

The children arrived in the classroom on Monday morning to find a huge mess on the floor. They worked together to try and work out where it had come from, who had made it and why it was there. All was revealed on Wednesday when they received a present - a toy bus and a book, 'The Naughty Bus'. They have enjoyed writing about the journey the bus takes through the dinner, across the garden, into the pond and up the stairs into bed! Maths work has focussed on numbers 9 and 10, representing numbers in different ways and adding and subtracting 1.

Pre school children have been getting scientific. They have learned all about the life cycle of a frog. Their new word this week was 'metamorphosis'! They have created their life cycle diagram which they have brought home to show you. Maths work has focussed on pattern, creating patterns, seeing the pattern in the day at school and using bricks and blocks to build in a pattern.

Nursery children have enjoyed the story 'Kipper's Balloon', they have been finding out about what happens when the balloon fills with air and what happens when the air escapes! The colour of the week is blue and they have been singing 'It's raining, it's pouring'.

Have a great weekend, don't forget that Friday 20th March is a non uniform day with Easter egg donations for the Easter Bingo PTFA event the following week. See you there!

Mrs Higgins and the EYFS team

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 20th March – Non-uniform day for Easter bingo
- Wednesday 25th March – PTFA Easter bingo
- Thursday 26th March – PTFA Easter bingo
- Thursday 26th March – Church service at St Michael and All Angels
- Friday 27th March – Reception visit to Delamere forest
- Friday 27th March – Last day at school before Easter holidays
- Monday 13th April – School re-opens
- Wednesday 29th April – Year 2 residential parent meeting
- Monday 4th May – School closed – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 5th May – School re-opens
- Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – SATs week (year 6 pupils)
- Thursday 21st May – Academy Photos (class groups & leavers individuals)
- Friday 22nd May – Stay and get Creative (9.00am – 9.45am)
- Friday 22nd May – Last day at school before half term
- Monday 1st June – First day back at school after half term
- Tuesday 2nd June – Reception family lunch
- Wednesday 3rd June – New reception meeting 6.00pm
- Thursday 4th June – Friday 5th June – Year 2 Petty Pool visit
- Friday 5th June – Reception children to Knowsley Safari Park

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class 3P (Miss Parton) = 100%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK = 95.3%

WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR = 95.5%

Class 3S = 94.9%

Class 3P = 100%

Class 9 = 90.3%

Class 4 = 93.2%

Class 10 = 99.6%

Class 5 = 94.4%

Class 11 = 95.6%

Class 6 = 94.4%

Class 12 = 90.4%

Class 7 = 97.2%

Class 8 = 97.1%

