

# Clarbrough Primary School

Building success together!



## Discovery...

... more than just mess

As the weather turns warmer, we are relishing more opportunities for outdoor fun. Seeing the effect that a bucket of water has on the soil is always a huge muddy hit and also provides the extra challenge of getting wellies on ... and then cleaning up afterwards!

We appreciate that our Parents and Carers realise how important it is to let children explore their world in this 'hands on' way... we do try to cover up, but it's not always a success!

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### Numbers fun

Pupils in the Foundation Unit have been using 'stampers' to help the children learn about numbers.



### Getting creative

Year 1 have been using their feet to get creative, making Easter cards for their parents and carers.



### Keeping active

Year 4 have been playing netball during their PE lessons.

## Fossils & rocks

Year 3 have been learning about fossilisation & rocks this half term

This topic began with a visit from Dr. Freeman, a Geologist and parent of one of our pupils. He talked the the children about the types of rocks that were under Clarborough itself.

To then further deepen their understanding of the process of fossilisation they made their own fossils during Art. They then concluded the topic looking at the formation of soil through a Wormery, looking at the important role that worms play in breaking down soil.



## Shakespeare

This half term has seen Year 5 learning about William Shakespeare. They have been writing their own Witches spells, inspired by Macbeth and then performed these in groups to the rest of the class.

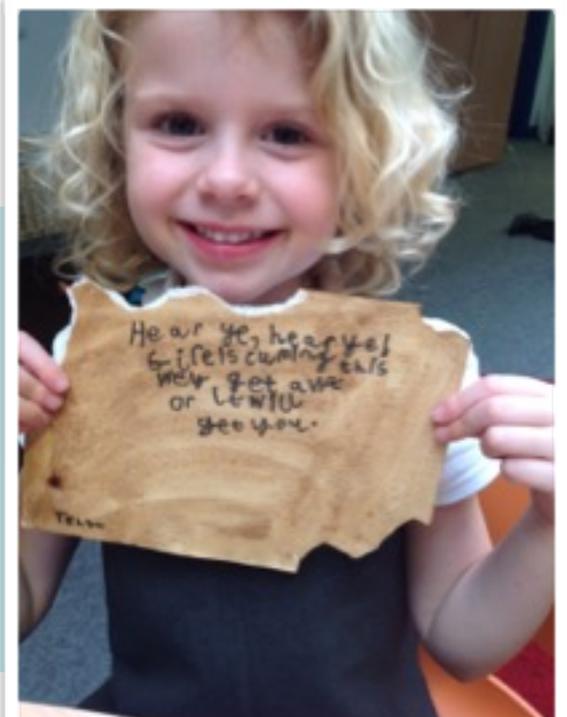
They have also been summarising the main events of Romeo and Juliet. Then using freeze frames or news channel reports to re-enact what they thought were the main points of this famous play.



## GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

This term Year 1 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. They found out about the Fire, how it started and where it happened, having discussions about the differences between 'then and now'.

They have also learnt about Samuel Peyps and wrote diary entries as if they were him. Lastly they created there own warning scripts to warn people in the town, using tea and coffee to stain the paper as it is had been caught in the Great Fire!





## Tag Rugby

### Year 5 & 6

On Wednesday 23rd March some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils attended a Tag Rugby festival run by Young leaders from Retford Oaks Academy and East Retford Rugby Club.

This was a taster session for children to experience the sport and learn some basic Tag Rugby skills.

## Easter Eggs'travaganza

On Thursday 24th March, the children had a surprise treat, very kindly donated to the school by Reverend Mark Cantrell on behalf of St. John the Baptist Church in Clarborough. Every pupil was given an Easter Egg as a 'thank you' to them for designing pictures that have been placed on cards for the Church re-opening later this Spring.

There were also some Easter Eggs that had been donated by Kings Family store in the village as prizes for an Easter colouring competition. The winners were:

Foundation Unit: 1st Lily T & 2nd Luke O  
Key Stage 1: 1st Esther D & 2nd George W-H  
Key Stage 2: 1st Mae D & 2nd Jack Q

Lastly, Easter wouldn't be complete without the Foundation Unit's Easter bonnet parade. There was a superb arrangement of chicks, eggs and flowers on show. Parents and Carers were treated to a concert of songs to demonstrate all the fantastic learning that can be had through simple songs and activities.



## 18TH CENTURY CLOTHING

Year 4 have been learning about 18th Century clothing as part of their History topic this half term. They have learnt that embroidery was popular in the 18th Century and have been learning this skill themselves, doing basic back stitch and star stitch. The children have even designed their own reticules (small pouches), using these stitches.



## Stuff your sock!



The term started with a hugely successful sponsored event in the Foundation Unit, where children were invited to 'Stuff a sock' with either 10 or 20 small items, depend on the child's age. This was great for counting, talking about the relative size of objects and strengthening fingers as the items were wrestled into some very small socks.

Our fantastic parents proved yet again that we have the best at Clarborough and raised a whopping £665. A huge thank you to all and a special mention to Bobby C and his family who raised £100! He is seen here doing a victory dance in the foreground of the photo.

## Pupil Voice

### Our student council

This half term Pupil Voice have once again been using their entrepreneurial skills to raise funds to directly benefit causes of their choosing.

Their fundraising idea this half term was to sell cereal bars to other pupils during morning break time. They worked out how much they should charge to make a profit and how many they would need.

## SWIMATHON

On Saturday 5th March, a team of nine of our pupils participated in the Retford Rotary Club Annual Swimathon. This is a sponsored event to raise money for many charities, including our chosen charity of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund, based at Leeds General Infirmary.

Our team had 13 minutes to swim as many lengths as possible and swam amazingly, achieving a total of 169 lengths between them. The fantastic effort from all pupils led to us raising a grand total of £569, of which approximately £340 will go to our charity. In recognition of their fantastic team work and raising of sponsorship money, we were also delighted to be presented with two awards on the night: Junior Award for Total Number of Lengths swum, and Award for Greatest Individual amount of sponsorship raised (George O). Miss Mayhew would like to thank all the pupils for their tremendous effort and achievement and the parents and family who came to support the team on the day.



Led by Miss Green the group raised over £82 which they would like to donate to they are contributing towards the Eco-Warriors project in school, which will include composting equipment.

# Sport Relief

Friday 18th March

We took part in this event again this year, but this time with input from our PE Coaches: Ben Ennals & James Vickers. Ben and James provided the children with a fun packed day of sports, both inside and outside the school.



## Pets

On Thursday 31st March Year 1 had a very special furry visitor, 'Bear', who is Mrs Willow's dog. This formed part of their Science topic work on pets and led to some fantastic learning about them, the responsibilities they bring and their needs.

Parents and Carers had kindly donated cakes for a bake sale and in addition, some of the children took the initiative to run their own fundraising activities, which led to us raising over £270.

Thank you to everyone who took part. It was an opportunity to have an active and fun day, whilst thinking about and raising money for, those less fortunate than ourselves.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 3rd March we celebrated World Book day once again in school, raising over £92 for Book Aid International at the same time.

Pupils were encouraged to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character and there were themed activities throughout the day.

We were amazed by how much effort had gone into recreating the children's favourite characters. Thank you to all Parents and Carers for their support.



## A.R. smashers

The following children have all smashed their Accelerated reader targets this half term:

- Class 1:** All of Class 1 are AR smashers!
- Class 2:** George W-H, Matthew G, Tyler B, Grace H, Ethan R, Tillie M, Alfie K, Verity L, Faith K, Isabela H, Daisy H, Kyler G & Malachi R
- Class 3:** Ellie-May B, Owen C-M, Isabelle C, Rhianna F, Thomas F, Annie H, Elizabeth H, Lauren K, William P, Conie-Mae L, Amelia L, Jack Q, Oliver R, Lucyanne Q-B, Lucy R, Oliver S & Ocean W
- Class 4:** All of Class 4 are AR smashers!
- Class 5:** Bertie R-L, Grace C, Ella R, Chloe M, William H, Harry W, Thomas B, Abigail P, Charlie S, Jacob H & Lilyana B, Esme C-C & Anya M

## MERIT AWARDS

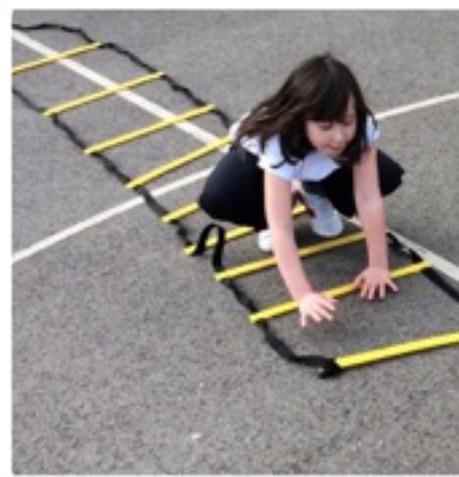
The following children have been awarded with half termly Merit or Courtesy awards and will be given their certificate at the end of term assembly:

- Reception:** Freddie G  
**Year 2:** Grace H  
**Year 4:** Summer B-N  
**Year 6:** Maelin D
- Year 1:** Freddie A  
**Year 3:** Elizabeth H  
**Year 5:** Ella R  
**Office:** Evan Q-B

## COURTESY AWARDS

- Reception:** Rose P  
**Year 2:** Khyler G  
**Year 4:** Molly W  
**Year 6:** William D
- Year 1:** Esther D  
**Year 3:** Lauren K  
**Year 5:** Esme C-C

- Class 6:**  
All of Class 6 have smashed their targets!



## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

100% attendance has been achieved by these children this term. They will all receive a badge and certificate at the end of term assembly:

- Nursery:** Sarina B, Heidi F, Anya H, Molly M, Ruby P, Freya P & Joey S  
**Reception:** William B, Max C-M, Freddie G, Harriet G, Ava J & Luke T  
**Year 1:** Megan C, Emilia A, Zara B, Olivia O, Zak R, Elliot T & Darcey W  
**Year 3:** Ellie-May B, Isabelle C, Rhianna F, Annie H, Lauren K, William P & George R-L  
**Year 4:** Faedha B-G, Zain B, Naomi E, Neeve H, Isaac M, Charlie P, Molly R, Madeleine W & Molly W  
**Year 5:** Grace C, Amelia L, Chloe M & Bertie R  
**Year 6:** Emily B, Neve B, Lucy C, Owen F, Florence P & Marley W

In addition, these children have all achieved 98% attendance or more and will be awarded with a certificate at the end of term assembly:

- Nursery:** Leah B & Madeline C  
**Reception:** Adem G, Jenson K, Amelie S, Luke G & Hera W  
**Year 1:** Molly-Mai C, James R, Freddie S  
**Year 3:** Owen C-M, Isaac J, Henry L, Connie-Mae L, Lottie M, Amelia P, Jack Q, Evan Q-B, Lucyanne Q-B  
**Year 4:** Jamie B, George O & Thomas R  
**Year 5:** Lilyana B, William H, Reuben L, Anya M, Finley S, Katie W & Harry W  
**Year 6:** William D, Hannah K, Zac S, Bethany S & Joseph T

## Lunchtime Superstars

The following children have been nominated as lunchtime Superstars and will be given a certificate in the end of term assembly:

**Reception:** Adem G    **Class 4:** Jamie B  
**Class 1:** Megan B    **Class 5:** Ella R  
**Class 2:** George W-H    **Class 6:** Emily B  
**Class 3:** Oliver S

## Out of school achievements

### A busy half term!

This seems to have been a 'bumper' half term for out of school achievements. It is great to see what our pupils achieve outside of school hours and we love to share their success with their peers. Please let us know if there is an out of school achievement that your child would like to share with the rest of the school.

## Football



This half term has seen two of our Year 5 pupils doing exceptionally well in football.

Harry W has achieved a contract with Doncaster Rovers Football Club and has been signed to play for a second season with them in their Under 11's Academy team from September. Harry has played Academy level football since October last year, as a Striker with their Under 10's team, which took him only 3 months to achieve after being spotted at a local football match. He trains 3 times a week at Doncaster Keepmoat Stadium.

His games run alongside 1st team fixtures and have already taken him to play away against Newcastle United, Middlesbrough FC Club, Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United.



Meanwhile Reuben L went to Holland last weekend with Nottingham Forest football club. There he took part in a cup competition, in which he collected 5 pennants. He also scored some goals including a 20 yard 'screamer'.

In addition Rhianna F won second place in a trampolining competition. Amelia P gained her 25m swimming award and level 8 gymnastics award. Lastly Oliver R gained both his 100m and level 5 swimming awards.

## Diary dates:

### April

- 18th Pupils return to school  
Primary school places offered
- 25th Football vs Ramsden at home

### May

- 2nd Bank Holiday (no school)
- 17th Orienteering, Year 3 & 4 tbc
- 19th Class photos being taken
- 22nd Clarborough Village Festival
- 23rd Football vs Misterton away
- 27th Last day of half term**

### June

- 6th INSET day (no school)**
- 7th Pupils return to school**
- 8th Rounders competition - Year 6
- 16th Multi skills festival
- 23rd QEHS open evening - Year 5 pupils

### July

- 4th Retford Oaks transition week - Year 6
- 5th QEHS transition day - Year 6
- 11th Trip to Houses of Parliament - Year 6
- 15th Sports Day
- 22nd Last day of academic year**

## Term dates

### Summer term

- Term 1: 18th April to 27th May
- Holiday: 30th May to 3rd June
- Term 2: 7th June to 22nd July
- Holiday: 22nd July to 5th September

Bank Holiday 2nd May

INSET day: 6th June

Admin day: 5th September

### Autumn term

- Term 1: 6th September to 21st October
- Holiday: 24th October to 28th October
- Term 2: 31st October to 20th December
- Holiday: 21st December to 3rd January

### Spring term

- Term 1: 4th January to 10th February
- Holiday: 13th February to 17th February
- Term 2: 20th February to 31st March
- Holiday: 3rd April to 14th April

Bank Holiday 17th April  
1st May

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