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Pupil voice

This half term we held student council elections so that the children have a 'voice'. Enabling them to express their views re: the values that we uphold and the way that the school is run.

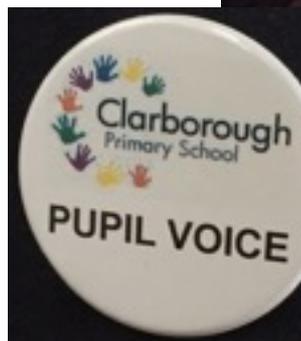
Those pupils that were interested in standing for election were shortlisted down to three pupils per class. These pupils then presented a speech to the whole school and staff, during which they shared their opinions and ideas of how they could make our school a better place and what they would do, should they be elected.

All of the children put a tremendous amount of effort into this, preparing their speeches in advance and using persuasive language to help gain the votes of their peers. Some examples of the speeches given by the children will be uploaded to the school website soon in a designated Pupil Voice section.

The rest of the school then voted for a representative for each class. Well done to Olivia O, Grace H, Darma B, Faedha B-G, Jacob H, Sophie F, Emily B, Lucy C and Florence P who are now representing the 'Pupil Voice' for their class, we look forward to working with you.

So far Pupil Voice have already distributed questionnaires and are in the process of reading through other children's ideas and concerns.

They will meet after the half term break with their mentor: Miss Green to devise a plan of how these ideas can be implemented and concerns addressed. Watch this space for updates!



Have a great half term
break!

We are back to School on:

Monday
2nd November

Merit Awards:

The following children have been awarded with the half termly Merit and Courtesy awards:

Reception: Luke T
Year 1: Elliot T
Year 2: Isabela H
Year 3: Henry L
Year 4: Kian H
Year 5: Bertie R-L
Year 6: Declen M & Lucy C

Courtesy Awards

Reception: Olivia O
Year 1: Megan B
Year 2: Matthew G
Year 3: Issy C
Year 4: Charlie P
Year 5: Finley S
Year 6: Owen F & Hannah K

Mathletics

Our Gold award winner for this half term is:

Chloe M - Year 5

A brilliant achievement, well done Chloe!

Lunchtime

Superstars:

Reception: Amelie S
Class 1: Rosie L
Class 2: Daisy H
Class 3: Eleanor W
Class 4: Molly R
Class 5: Samuel J
Class 6: Lucy C

Accelerated Reader Smashers:

The following children have all smashed their Accelerated Reader targets:

Class 4: Molly W, Madeleine W, Zain B, George O, Tom R, Neeve H, Jamie B, Harry T, Grace G, Naomi E, Kian H, Charlie P, Scarlett P, Molly R, Faedha B-G & Summer B-N
Class 5: Harry W, William H, Kayleigh S, Bertie R-L, Thomas B, Charlie S, Amelia L, Anya M, Chloe M, Abigail P, Jacob H & Lilyana B
Class 6: Mae D, Declen M, Sophie F, Zac S, Hannah K, Emily B, Florence P, Isabelle B, Bethany S, Joseph T, Owen F, Lucy C, William B, Lauren K, Marley W, Abbie W & Letisha P-J

Out of school success

Many of the children in school take part in activities outside of school time. Two such children are Evan Q-B (Year 3) and George O (Year 4).

Evan recently competed in a Men's Open Gymnastics Championships, hosted by London Gymnastics. There were a number of Gymnastic Clubs from around the county attending and he competed against 48 other boys in his age group. Evan had to perform set routines on 6 apparatus and came third overall (out of 48), resulting in a bronze medal.

George meanwhile was chosen to represent Retford and swim 25 metre relays at Sutton in Ashfield for the penultimate round of the Nottinghamshire Sports Centre Leage.

He was put in the year group above his actual age category and swam 25m front crawl in 18.62 seconds and 25m breastroke in 23 seconds. He will go on to represent Retford Swimming Club in the final round later in October.



Macmillan coffee morning

On Friday 25th September we held a coffee morning for Pupils, their families and local residents, in order to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There was a brilliant turn out and just under £500 was raised in an hour!

Some of the cakes & biscuits on sale had been baked by pupils, the others were donated by their families and staff.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support this event and a special thank you to Kings Family store for the bacon and cobs that they donated and to Costa Coffee in Retford for the cups that they donated.



Castle Day

'We have had a wonderful half term in foundation basing our work on a range of books bought for us by our friendly Emu 'Bonkers'.

The books have covered a wide range of themes. Particular favourites being Sleeping Beauty, Charlie and Lola go to London and Whiffy Wilson - the Wolf who wouldn't wash!

The children were very enthusiastic about all of the books. Several are now visiting our capital city as a result!

As part of our adventures we held a Castle Day and all dressed up as anyone who might have lived in a castle. What a wonderful bunch of Royal Rascals we have in the Foundation Unit!' - Mrs Dean



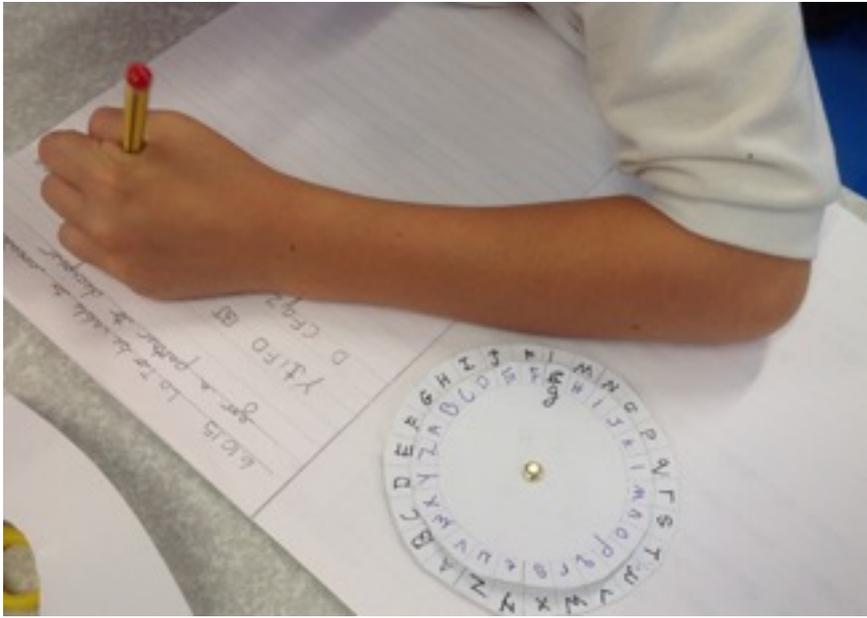
Silent Auction

On Wednesday 11th November we will be holding a Silent Auction in school to raise funds to buy new books. Primarily for Class 1 (as they have the biggest need and it was Miss Green's brain wave), but then for other classes too if we raise enough funds! Miss Green is organising the event and has managed to source some fantastic prizes. These include an overnight stay at breakfast in a suite at Ye Olde Bell at Barnby Moor as well as many other fabulous lots, including this chocolate hamper donated by Lucy from the Clarborough branch of Kings Family stores.

We hope that you will be able to come along. There will be refreshments available on the night.

It isn't too late to donate prizes. If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Miss Green.





Cipher Wheels

This term, Class 5 have been busy learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain. Amongst the activities they have carried out, the most challenging and exciting of all, was creating their own cipher wheel.

Learning about Julius Caesar and his secret communication techniques with his army, the pupils were able to encipher their own coding, for their partners to then decipher and crack the secret messages. This was a tough challenge for class 5 but all managed to communicate their highly secret plots with their allies!

Romans

This half term, Class 4 have also been learning about The Romans, particularly the founding of Ancient Rome, the different ruling systems and how the Romans came to Britain.

Collaboratively, children have spent time researching Roman Kings, Emperors and The Republic, investigating how these ruling systems worked and what the strengths and weaknesses of each were. Additionally, their Creative Homework challenge was based around the theme of mosaics and children demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of mosaics in a variety of different ways, as you can see below.



St Michael's residential

At the beginning of the summer term, all Year 5 & 6 children had the opportunity to attend a residential trip to St. Michael's Environmental Centre in Hathersage, Derbyshire.

The children were accompanied by Mr Bunn, Mrs Cowell-Clark, Mrs Brown and her husband and Mrs Waring.

During the trip the children the children took part in dry stone walling, orienteering, pond dipping, visited Eyam (learning all about its history) and walked through this beautiful part of the Peak District.



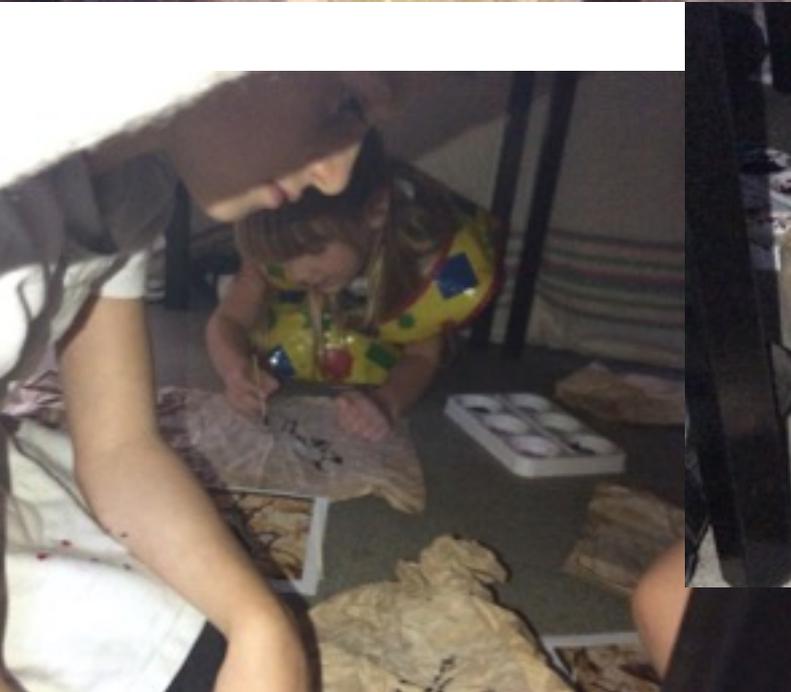
Stone Age

Class 3 have been learning about the Stone Age this half term. As part of their learning, they have found out about Cave drawings.

This fascinated the children, so Mr Byrom set up 'Caves' within the Classroom, using the tables and sheets.

The children then found out what it would have been like to paint in 'half light'.

Examples of the work can be found on the Spotlight on Art display by Reception and in Class 3, together with some other fantastic Art work from Class 1 and 2.



Dates

for your diaries

December

January

November

2

Back to school
Swimming resumes

5

Bonfire dinner

9

Poppy Appeal assembly &
Bikeability - Year 6

10

Football vs Ramsden tbc

11

Remembrance morning
Bikeability - Year 6
Silent auction at 6pm

12

Orienteering at Ranby - Year 5

13

Children in Need day

16

Bikeability - Year 6

17

Silver sale

18

Year 1 & 2 Flu immunisation
Bikeability - Year 6

23

Bikeability - Year 6

2

Village tree lighting & fayre

7

Last swimming session

10

Christmas dinner
Foundation Unit Nativity

11

Foundation Unit party

14

Class 1 - 6 Nativity at 1.30 pm

15

Class 1 - 6 Nativity at 1.30 pm

16

Class 1 - 6 Nativity at 9.30 pm

17

Class 1 - 6 class parties

18

Christmas jumper day
(for Save the Children)

Last day of term

5

Back to school

15

Closing date for primary
school applications 16/17

19

Multi-skills sports festival at
Retford Oaks Academy



Holidays

Dates for your
diaries for 2015/16

Spring

Summer

Half term

Monday 15th February
to Friday 19th February.
INSET day Monday
22nd February.

Half term

Monday 30th May to
Friday 3rd June.
INSET day Monday 6th
June.

Easter

Monday 4th to Friday
15th April. Back to
school Monday 18th
April.

Summer

INSET day Monday 25th
July.
Tuesday 26th July to
Monday 5th September.
Back to school Tuesday.

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