



Family Newsletter



Friday 12th May 2023

Dates for the Diary

Open Classroom Event

Wednesday 17th May, 3:00-4:15pm

New Year 3 intake meeting

Thursday 15th June, 5:00-6:00pm

Year 6 Residential Visit

19th - 23rd June

Sports Week

26th - 30th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 28th June

Upper phase - am, Lower phase - pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to start this newsletter by saying a huge well done to all our children in Year 6 this week for their fantastic attitude during SATs week. We know that SATs measure a tiny fraction of a child's learning during their time with us. However they are the first 'taste' for children in sitting formal exams and is a milestone for them. It also acts a marker that they will soon be moving onto new schools too! We are all very proud of the Year 6 children and their achievements—well done!

Please can we reissue a plea for parents/carers to let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school that can be celebrated. We have added a clipping from the newspaper this week that featured our very own Kyla in Year 6. Please keep us up to date of anything that your child is doing outside of school so that we can celebrate with them.

Next week is our Open Classroom event. Please do pop by to have a look at your child's work in their class. The school will be open for you to wander through at your leisure and perhaps visit some other classrooms too! Please see below for further details.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Jones and Mrs Finney.

Marvellous Me

Badges awarded between 28th April and 11th May:

1st - 3D - 332 badges
2nd - 5O - 271 badges
3rd - 3J - 129 badges



A big 'well done' to 3D who have earned extra playtime this week!

Guinea Pigs!

Meet our new guinea pigs; Bob and Maple! They have settled in to our Hub Classroom well and are being lovingly cared for by the children and Miss Jordan. Bob and Maple are still quite young but they already have their own personalities emerging, with Bob being the more lively of the two! They are getting used to being handled gently and children will have the chance to spend time with the cheeky pair throughout this term!



Bob



Maple

Attendance

Attendance figures for 27th April - 11th May:

3D - 91.29% 3J - 91.43%

4C - 93.95% 4IO - 89.74%

5O - 95.12% 5W - 89.84%

6J - 95.04% 6N - 94.35%

6W - 96.17%



Open Classroom Event

Don't forget that this Wednesday coming, all classrooms will be open from 3:00-4:15pm for you to come in and look at your children's books and learning. Staff, including the Wellbeing Team, will also be on hand for informal chats.

We do hope you can join us!



LOVE

INTEGRITY

GENEROSITY

HOPE

THANKFULNESS

SERVICE

Young Clacton rugby fan has dream day at Twickenham



By **Corrie Wilson**
Reporter

An 11-year-old rugby fan from Clacton experienced a dream match day at Twickenham.

Kyla was one of ten children chosen in the Summer Squad campaign to have a special role at the Harlequins' Big Summer Kick-Off marquee event.

The exciting writer served as the match day reporter and sat alongside professional journalists in the media box to watch the game.

Kyla used her notes to create a match report, which was later published on the Harlequins website.

She said: "It was a real privilege to be part of the day and have such an important role."

There is a fantastic article in this week's Clacton Gazette and on their website, about our very own budding journalist, Kyla!

It sounds like you had a great day at Twickenham, Kyla!

Keyboards

We have a number of full-size keyboards and stands that we would like to re-home! They are in very good working condition although some may need a new power lead (available from Amazon for less than £10).

If you feel your child could make good use of one of these, please contact the school office.

They will be available on a first come, first served basis.



Breakfast Club

A reminder that we are now offering an 'early drop off' facility as part of Breakfast Club. You are able to drop your child off from 8am for a cost of £1.50 per day which does not include breakfast. This can now be booked on school money. Breakfast club is still available as normal.



Essex Library of Things: Let's Get Active!

Essex Library Service is pleased to announce that on the 1st April it launched a borrowing scheme for family sport and games equipment. Essex Library of Things: Let's Get Active! is a list of free items that you can borrow from the library and use at home.

Some of the many items available to borrow are:

- 2 in 1 football goal with targets
- Basketball 3 in 1 set
- Circus skills sets
- Crazy golf set
- Croquet set
- Dart board game
- Football training bibs & cones
- Gazebo
- Giant wooden tumbling tower game
- Hockey / football game
- Hopping balls
- Pop-up play tunnel for children
- Rocking horse
- Rounders set
- Swingball game
- Ten pin bowling set

You can pick these items up from your local library and borrow them for up to a week at a time (and renew them provided no-one else has reserved them). This is a pilot scheme and will initially last until March 2024.



Community Shop opening times:
 Monday 1pm – 1:30pm (via the front office)
 Wednesday 8:35 – 9am – entry via playground
 Friday 2:55 – 3:15pm – entry via playground

Our Community Shop shares the same space as our Uniform shop.
 (Community Hub, entry via the yellow door from the playground)
 Opening times are listed above and it works in the following way;
 Choose **10 items for £5** from our pantry which is well stocked with a selection of non-perishable items.
We ask that you bring your own bag.

Example of items include (but not limited to):

Chocolate spread	Spaghetti	Pasta Sauce	Tinned vegetables
Jam	Pasta	Rice	Cereal
Laundry items	Tinned tomatoes	Baked beans	Shampoo
Biscuits	Cleaning products	Washing up liquid	Soup

Friday 11th May 2023



Class 4C went back to Burrsville park to visit the trees they helped to plant. They celebrated the coronation with cake and lemonade and learnt how to toast the king.



PIC•COLLAGE



Year 5 have been enjoying their Forest school sessions.



PIC•COLLAGE



Children in 5O and 4C celebrated the school receiving the Woodland Trust Gold award.

Lower phase

In the Spotlight

Year 3 have been looking at magnets in their science lessons. They have been testing different materials to see if they are magnetic or not.



In computing lessons, year 3 have been learning about coding using the 'Scratch' software. We have lots of budding coders at Great Clacton!



Year 4 are focussing on the grouping of living things in their science lessons. They have looked at both vertebrates and invertebrates and used classification keys to help define the animals.



today we looked at grouping living things.

We have also been studying volcanoes in geography lessons. We created a simulation of a volcano erupting.





Celebration Worship

The following children received excellence and values certificates in our special celebration worships this week:

12.05.23

Excellence

Jake P
Kaiden B-H
Bentley J
Jaxon C
Amelia H
Emma W

Values

Archie B
Victoria P
Maria C
Sofia B
Betty N
Alfie G

Well done everyone for your hard work!

An extra big 'well done' to all of Year 6 for your hard work in your SATs tests this week. We are vey proud of you all!