



Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 6th October 2023

Dear Families

The first cake sale of the year has just finished and the children have headed off for the weekend full of cake and hot chocolate. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising this, it was a lovely way to finish the week and you had even arranged the sunshine! We look forward to hearing how much was raised to see what we can purchase from our wish list.

When touring the school with potential future families, we often find ourselves trying to articulate how special our small school community is. It has been really evident this week during lunchtimes when staff have observed children of all ages playing together; not confined by which year group or class they are allocated to, but playing with whoever they feel drawn to playing with. Our mixed age community is much more representative of how people interact in the real world and we feel privileged to be able to give the children these opportunities. We have tours available throughout the term, so if you know of any families looking for Reception or Year 3 places for September 2024, please do encourage them to come and take a look.

Harvest Donations:

Thank you once again to Lynn, Benji and Matty who kindly delivered our school donations to the Food Bank. We've received the following lovely thank you...

"Huge thanks for the amazing harvest donation that you dropped off at St Clare's this week. I heard from the team that it was a very generous amount!"



Please do pass on our thanks to all of the parents & children for their generosity and love. All donations received help us to continue to be generous to clients in need – so we are grateful for all that you donated.

Thank you for organising it all and delivering too – I know that also takes time & it is much appreciated."

Stone Age Day in Squirrel Class:

Squirrels had wonderful fun on Wednesday. They used clay to sculpt stone-age style necklaces and used animal prints to recreate clothing from the past. At Forest School they cooked flatbread (eaten with butter and jam – yum!) and will continue the fun when they return there next week and practise with their arrows and build tipi tents.



Developing Communication Skills:

This week's question links to our athlete's visit next week:



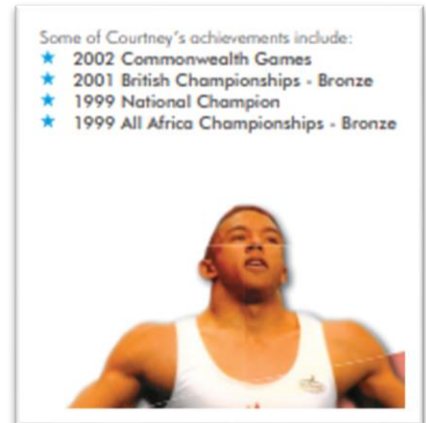
Would you rather
be super strong
or super fast?



Athlete Event:

As you will know, we informed the children last Friday that Victoria Ohuruogu would be visiting us on Friday 13th October to talk to the children about her journey as an athlete and to lead the children in completing a fitness circuit to raise money for both our school and for SportsforSchools. Unfortunately, Victoria has had to pull out of her visit due to the demands of her Olympic training schedule, so yesterday we revealed to the children which athlete will be visiting instead and they were very excited to hear it will be Courtney Orange.

Courtney is from Zimbabwe and took up gymnastics at 7 years old. Courtney began pursuing his Olympic dreams in London and competed in the 2002 Commonwealth Games, before a knee injury forced him to quit his professional career as a gymnast. He was then discovered by talent scouts as a fantastic dancer and went on to perform on stage for top music stars. Courtney now enjoys working as a wellbeing motivator. Courtney's motto is: *"You grow through what you go through"* and we hope his messages about overcoming adversity will very inspiring. All the children should have brought home a sponsorship form but we have lots of spares in the office if anyone needs a replacement.



MESSY CHURCH at the Clandons

All families are warmly invited to the Clandon Churches' Messy Church on **Saturday 7 October!** Do come and join our wonderful Rector Barnaby and the Messy Church team from 3.00 to 5.00pm in the Poppy Room,

West Clandon RBL.

Our theme this month is the story of a very special saint - St Francis of Assisi, who we all know for his love of animals and nature in general. We can promise you our usual mix of fun and friendship, creativity and craft, singing and celebration and fabulous food - all with an Italian twist... Everyone will receive a very warm welcome, so do come along, and invite your friends to join us too! It's always helpful to have an idea of numbers, so do let me know if you are planning to come (particularly if you have dietary issues). Please email tessa@clandon-churches.org

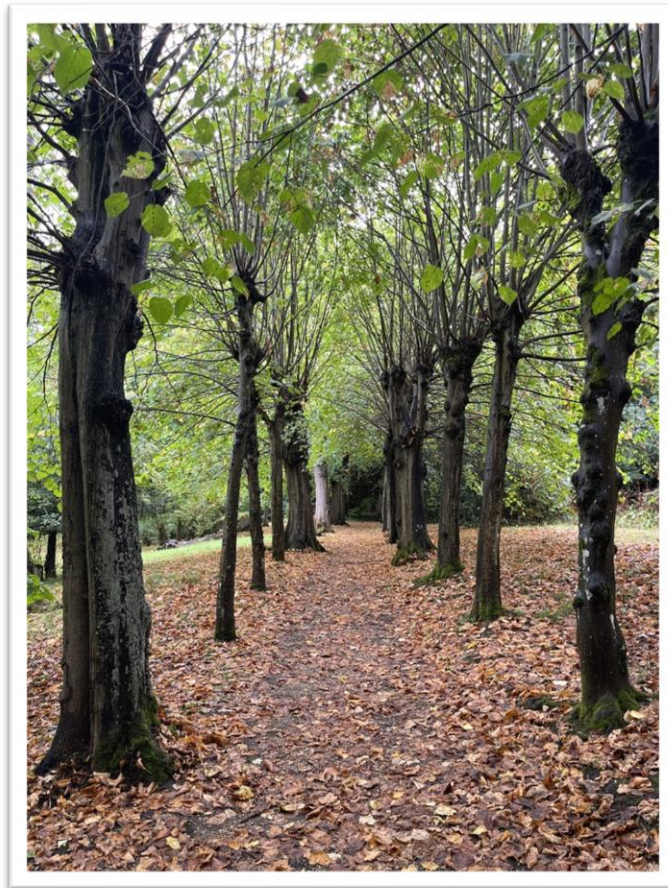
Advance dates for your diary:

Saturday 11 November - Messy Remembrance at the Poppy Room

Saturday 8 December - Messy Christmas at East Clandon Village Hall

eSafety Spotlight – Guided Access:

One of our parents has shared how useful 'guided access' is when allowing her children to use her phone, so we thought we would share this with our parent community in case you're unaware of this feature. On an iPhone or iPad, you can turn guided access on by going to Settings>Accessibility>Guided Access. These settings allow you to restrict the user to a single app, control which app features are available and set a time limit. There are further details on the Apple website here: [Use Guided Access on iPhone – Apple Support \(UK\)](#).



Details of half term family friendly fun at West Horsley Place including autumn crafts, storytelling and a pumpkin trail, can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Enjoy the autumnal sunshine and warmth forecast for this weekend.

Warmest wishes from

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Autumn Term Dates

*New dates added or updated event

October	Thu 5 th	Whole School	Individual Photographs (postponed due to illness)
	Fri 6 th	Whole School	PTFA Cake Sale - Squirrels to donate cakes, shop bought or homemade (please list allergens if homemade) for sale after school (50p per cake)
	Wed 11 th	Kestrels	Visit to Henley Fort
	Fri 13 th	Whole School	Visit from Athlete – Courtney Orange* (change of athlete)
	Sat 14 th	Parents	Forest School Working Party
	Thu 19 th	Whole School	Individual Photographs*
	Fri 20 th	Whole School	Sponsorship due for athlete event*
	W/c 23 rd	Whole School	Half-term holiday

November	Fri 3 rd	Whole School	PTFA Hot Chocolate Sale after school
	Fri 17 th	Whole School	PTFA Mufti Day - donate a bottle for the Christmas Fair

December	Fri 1 st	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school
	Wed 6 th	Key Stage 2	Carols in the Wilderness at 2.30pm*
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Tue 12 th	Whole School	Visit to Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre 4pm finish*
	Wed 13 th	Woodlands	Nativity at 9.30am*
	Fri 15 th	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

AUTUMN ADVENTURES *at West Horsley Place*

Join us for family fun this October half-term. Explore the ancient manor house and estate on your doorstep.

Discover ancient woodland
Make and take autumnal animals
Create your own outdoor art
Find your favourite pumpkin and much more!

Tues 24 until Fri 27 October | 10am – 4pm

All tickets £5

Free parking | Find us at KT24 6AN



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