



Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 13th October 2023

Dear Families

With only one more week to go until half-term, we've managed to pack in rather a lot this week!

Health and Safety Update:

This week school leaders completed our annual health and safety audit which will now be reviewed by our Governors. Completing this audit every year helps us to ensure we have completed all our statutory duties and necessary checks, so it is always a useful exercise in the first half term of the new academic year.

With Health and Safety in mind we would like to ask for your support. If you spot anything on any school site that you feel is unsafe then please report this to our Premises Manager, Mr. Frank Carthy – frank.carthy@clandon.surrey.sch.uk or directly to the school office. Issues such as trip hazards, broken equipment or dead branches are easily spotted when many eyes are looking up, down and all around with health and safety in mind.

Food Bank at St Peter and St Paul Church:

We thought it helpful to send a reminder about the 'take what you need – leave what you can' food bank at our local church. This can be accessed any time the church is open (most days) and is anonymous. Father Barnaby would like our community to know that they can access this resource if they are in need and would also be grateful for any donations from families who feel they have enough to share.

Kestrels Visit to Henley Fort:

On Wednesday, Kestrels spent the day at Henley Fort to consolidate their learning focus on the World Wars. They each had a turn at dressing up as World War 2 Home Guards and Air Raid Patrol (ARP) Wardens – check out the photos over the page. They learned that many 'real-life' Home Guards were trained at Henley Fort during the Second World War in the same room that the children were being 'trained' in. As ARP Wardens they learned how to put out fires and how to black out windows ready for an air raid. As Home Guards they created road blocks and learned how to check identify cards before practising throwing cricket ball 'grenades'. It was a fascinating and informative visit. Thank you to the parents who dropped and collected the children to enable this trip to take place 😊.



Our Visit from Courtney Orange:

You may well have some very tired children this evening following our hugely successful athlete visit and sponsored fitness circuit! The children completed a circuit of *spotty dogs*, *leg drives*, *push ups* and *star jumps*, accompanied by some energising music. The children awaiting their turn were fantastic at cheering on their peers. Lots of the staff team came in sports kit ready to take part too and the children were impressed to see them participating.



After the sponsored event, we all returned to the hall for an assembly with Courtney during which he talked about the impact that one of his teachers – Mrs Smith – had in inspiring him to train as a gymnast. He talked about the dedication required to train to National level in a sport and the mantra that got him through it: *I can do this!* We were all speechless when he showed us some of his gymnastic skills, especially the superman pose on his special 'I can do it' stool.



Forest School Updates:

You will have seen the email this week notifying you that the **Forest School Working Party** has been moved to **Saturday 4th November 10am-12pm**. We have also extended the invitation to parents from Shere School and we hope to have a bigger turn out so that we can get some much needed clearing done at the site. You don't need any special skills but do dress to get stuck-in and bring some sturdy gloves if possible. Owing to the nature of the work that needs to be done, we are not able to have child helpers for this working party.

The following week on **Saturday 11th November 10am-12pm** we are planning a **Forest School Open Morning**. We will be publicising this to prospective families for places in Reception and Year 3 next year, but the event is also open to current families as we know some of you haven't had an opportunity to visit the site before. Children are welcome at this event but will remain the responsibility of their parents whilst visiting the site. Further details to follow when they're confirmed.

The weather continues to surprise us by staying warm, but we do now ask that you ensure your child has their **waterproof trousers, waterproof jacket and wellies** in school for their Forest School visits. Even when it isn't raining, the undergrowth and ground are now wetter so the children will need this protection in order to comfortably take part in all the activities on offer.



Finally, a huge thank you to Wayne for donating some guttering for the children to use at the Wilderness. They are developing their own water collection system and we're very excited to see what they build with this new equipment. We are always grateful for donations and would love more tubes, pipes and containers to add to this resource. We also need some more old cooking utensils (especially large spoons) and/or small spades/trowels for our mud kitchen on the school site.

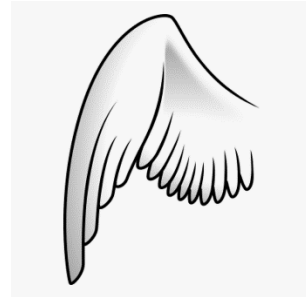
A Visit from Mrs Saunders and Baby Ella:



The children in Woodlands were hugely excited to receive a visit from Mrs Saunders last week as part of their RE unit on Belonging. Mummy and Baby spent some time in the playground too so that Squirrels and Kestrels could also say hello. Thank you Mrs Saunders for popping in and we look forward to seeing you both again soon ☺.

Developing Communication Skills:

Here is this week's question to encourage the children to explain their reasoning:



We look forward to hearing the children's thoughts on this next week.

Warmest wishes from

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PLEASE NOTE the new Active Hour mobile number: 07377 147643

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
	Sat 14 th	Parents	Forest School Working Party (moved to 4 th November)
	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 3 rd	Year 6	Friendship Workshop with Matrix Trust*
	Sat 4 th	Parents	Forest School Working Party 10am-12pm*
	Fri 10 th	Whole School	Remembrance Visit to Memorial at the Church*
	Sat 11 th	Families	Forest School Open Morning 10am-12pm*
	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

Garden



Explorers

A nature based holiday club



Half Term Holiday club

(6 – 11 year olds)

Friday 27th October



- **Explore** and *discover* some of nature's wonders
- **Create** and *grow* using the garden's gifts
- **Play** and take part in *fun* outdoor activities with new friends

Fun nature based activities for your children to enjoy including:

- Den-building
- Make a seed bomb to grow at home
- Bug-hunting
- And much more....

Details:

- Takes place in the safe and secure setting of **The Therapy Garden, Normandy, near Guildford**
- Run by a qualified, DBS checked, dedicated team
- www.thetherapygarden.org for more information
- 9.00am to 3.15pm
- £40 per child, per day



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