



Little Claremont News

Claremont Fan Court School

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A note from Mr Williams

Our second period of home learning ended today and as a school we are all very excited to be returning to the classrooms on Monday. From looking at all the wonderful work on Tapestry, and through conversations with the teaching staff, it is clear that the children have worked incredibly hard since January and that very good progress has been made as a result. I was again greatly encouraged by the high standard of the learning outcomes on display in today's assembly. This is something we rightly celebrate as evidence of a strong partnership between home and school - a particular strength of the Pre prep.

Now, with Spring arriving and things improving nationwide, we are finally able to look ahead at some of our plans for the Pre prep! These include extensive purchasing of new outside resources for the Nursery and a purpose built bird hide in the garden, looking out towards the wild woods to where the deer live. These have all been ordered and will arrive in the coming weeks. We will also build on the excellent technological skills the children have showcased recently, through the creation of a dedicated STEM room in Clear View. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and this space will allow for small groups to work together on various projects using products such as Lego We Do 2.0, OSMO, Stop Motion Animation and Minecraft. A parent workshop on the educational value that underpins this technology will be offered in the summer term. Sitting here now and writing this feels enormously uplifting: it is great to finally be able to make and share plans to again move things forward in the Pre prep, and to look with excitement at the weeks ahead!

Have a safe and restful weekend.



Forest School

Thank you to those that attended the Forest School session this week. It was lovely to be part of such fun despite the weather. It was a great opportunity to build a bit of resilience even when things don't go quite as planned, we were hoping for sunshine and an opportunity to build a fire and share some stories, instead we had to build a huge shelter to have our hot chocolate under, luckily we still got to share stories and a snack. We are very much looking forward to some Easter Forest School sessions with all the children over the next few weeks.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Moor

The Wheels on the Bus

Pre-Nursery have embarked with enthusiasm on a journey into learning all about transport. We have been practicing our climbing onto the pirate ship outside to escape the giant octopus and travelling on the train and bus to Legoland and the beach. Outdoor role play has also been very popular with the introduction of a car wash and a pizza take away, it has been interesting to hear what pizza toppings the children would like. Chocolate and orange sounded an unusual combination.

In class we have been practicing our fine motor skills threading our hot air balloons and cutting shapes for our fish.

Reading books about transport has also been very popular and certainly it is very encouraging to see how much books are enjoyed by all the children.



Mrs Watson, Mrs Moor, Mrs Higgins and Mrs Heslop

Spring has sprung!

With the sun shining and the daffodils blooming, what better way to have started our topic, 'Creepy Crawlies'. The children have been out in the Forest School garden, looking under logs and using their magnifying glasses to spot lots of minibeasts up close! Our key text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', has provided lots of wonderful opportunities to develop an understanding of the world around us. We have looked closely at the lifecycle of a butterfly and are getting to see this first hand, with the exciting delivery of some caterpillar eggs earlier on in the week. We will get to watch these grow and change over the next few weeks leading up to Easter. We hope that the sunny weather continues and that we can embrace all that spring has to offer! *Miss Westbrook and Mrs Cole*



Reception learn about food, farming and shapes all around us

Just like Little Red Hen, Reception tried their hands at baking bread. Unlike the red hen, the children had some help with this task as parents helped them to mix, knead and mould the dough before putting it into the oven to bake. Luckily, they didn't have to find an ear of corn, wait for it to grow, take it to the mill to be ground into flour...etc. The children have begun to learn about the jobs which farmers do to ensure their animals and their crops grow healthily. We will continue to explore this topic on our return to school. Unfortunately, we are not able to keep duckling eggs, as we would usually, this half term. We will endeavour, however, to arrange this for the summer term so the children have first-hand experiences of watching the growth of animals. This will support their communication and language development and support their understanding of the world. Mr Williams has seen three ducks swimming in our school pond and is excited for the children to spot these when they are back at school. In Maths, the children have been exploring their environment to find the shapes which are all around us. This exploration included vegetable printing and a 2D shape hunt. We look forward to continuing this work on shapes when we are back at school next week as we move on to exploring 3D shapes. We look forward to seeing you all in 3D very soon. *Miss Bollen & Mrs Stewart*



Congratulations to Mrs Mohsin

We didn't have to wait long for some exciting news as baby Ayden was born on Sunday 28th February. Mum and baby are doing very well and Mrs Mohsin thanks you for all of your warm wishes.

Learning in action!

As we come to the end of home schooling, we have been truly amazed at the effort and enthusiasm for their learning that the Year 1 children have shown throughout this time. We can't wait to once again see this dedication to trying their best in person when we return to school next week. Over the last few weeks, the time spent at home has provided some fun opportunities for the children to put what they have learnt in to practice and see maths and science in action. Following a week exploring weight and capacity, the children carefully read a recipe and used scales to measure out the exact weight of different ingredients needed to make delicious cupcakes. Sticking with the edible theme, this week the children used what they had learnt about the properties of materials to construct their own buildings that were both strong, sturdy and beautiful using 'choc-cement' and variety of biscuits, wafers and other food items. With both of these activities, we were delighted to see how much they enjoyed applying their learning as well as tasting the results of their efforts. We can't wait to see you all next week!

Mrs Ennis and Miss Bridges



Toy Workshop

On Wednesday 10 March Year 1 will have a virtual toys workshop with Chertsey Museum.

The Hodgehog in Year 2

Year 2 have been incredible over our period of home learning. They have been motivated and staying positive during this unusual time. We have been focusing on a new text over the last two weeks of 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King Smith. The children began their work on this text by predicting what they think may happen using the front cover and the blurb. They have also been working hard on reading and understanding the story. Finally, they have imagined what it would be like to be one of the characters in the book like the cyclist or Max. They had to use empathy to put themselves in the characters shoes. The children also had a wonderful time for 'Wear your hair with flair' day, we had imaginative and colourful hairstyles from the children which really made all of us smile on our Google Meets! We want to thank all of you for your support during this unusual time and we are very excited to see you all again on Monday at drop off.

Mrs Saville and Mrs Emerson



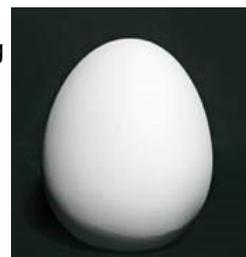
Lunch Menu

We are pleased to announce the commencing of our three weekly spring term lunch menu. This offers more variety and has a positive approach to healthy eating and nutrition while making sure the dishes are as good for you as they are delicious. The three-week menu cycle uses a combination of seasonal, healthy and fresh ingredients to produce creative dishes that pupils want to eat. If you would like to see full details and menus please [click here](#).

PTA Ceramica Easter craft kit

Following on from the huge success of our Christmas Ceramica kits, we are very excited to announce our second joint venture with wonderful local business, Ceramica in Claygate. Ceramica has made an exclusive Claremont Easter creative kit that your child(ren) can use at home during the holidays. The kit contains two lovely 8cm duck eggs (with a flat base to sit upright), a strip of 6 pastel paints, brush, pencil, instructions and varnish to complete their professional-looking decorations. The kits will be ready to go home from Monday 22 March.

Kits cost £16 and payment must be made via [ParentPay](#) by Friday 12 March.



Book Week celebrations

We have all enjoyed a wide variety of reading challenges during our book celebrations in the lead up to World Book day on Thursday, when we all dressed up. There have been two mystery readers each afternoon reading the daily stories. Did you spot who they all were? Don't forget to return your mystery reader form on Monday to receive house points and a chance to win book prizes.

Everyone has also embraced our reading in unusual places challenge, there have been photos of children reading in the bath, inside kitchen cupboards, lots on trampolines and outside in trees and even some children were reading whilst driving!

The page turner competition has been a huge success and the Pre-Prep children have managed to read over 9,306 pages of books this week alone! Will we make it to 10,000 before the end of the day!





Faith

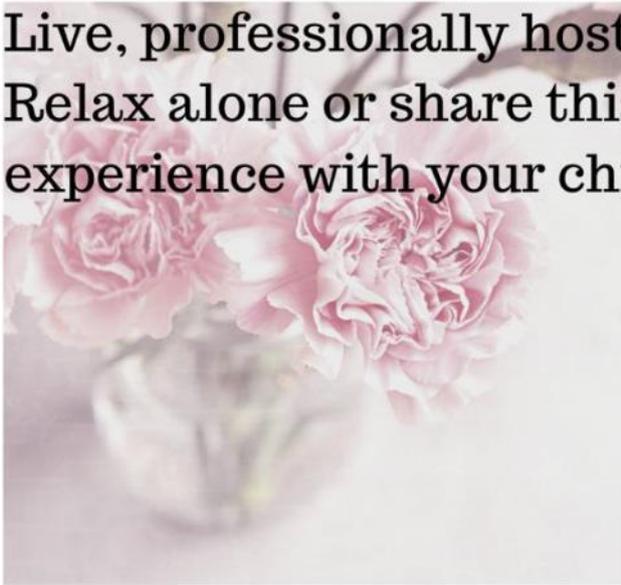
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Confidence - Trust - Hope - Optimism

- I trust my friends and teachers at school
- I keep my promises so people can trust me
- I know that coming back to school is good
- I have faith that I am kept safe by people that look after me
- I think about the future and feel excited

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MOTHER'S DAY

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Saturday 13th 3.30pm

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1. Send payment using Paypal to the email address below.
2. Follow up your payment with an email to us including your child's name/year group and your home address.



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