

E-NEWS

END OF SPRING TERM 2022



POETRY BY HEART SEMI-FINALISTS

The English department recently hosted the second round of the Poetry by Heart competition. This is a National Poetry Speaking Competition for schools and colleges in England.

24 pupils from Year 7 were selected to perform their poem in the second round of the competition and from that 3 winners were selected: Michela B, Abigail F, and Chloe A. Well done to all pupils who participated and a special mention to our runners up Fred W, William H, Benjamin M and Josh H.

The winners will now submit a recording to the 'Poetry by Heart' website for judging by a panel of top UK poets. Finalists in the National Championships will be invited to perform at a Poetry by Heart Finalists Celebration Event at Shakespeare's Globe theatre in July.

THE BIG BREAKFAST

Sixth formers and some staff members were up extra early on 6 March to cook a delicious breakfast as part of the 'Big Breakfast' charity fundraising scheme. Students and staff alike enjoyed a full English breakfast of sausages, bacon, eggs, hash browns and bread rolls.

The Big Breakfast raised a total of £375, meaning the sixth form have now raised in excess of £3000 through various fundraising events so far this year! The nominated sixth form charities are WWF and Macmillan Cancer Support.



TEXTILE DESIGN TRIP TO THE DESIGN MUSEUM AND THE HAYMARKET

The Year 11 Textile Design pupils visited the Design Museum on 7 February to see the 'Waste Age: What can we do?' exhibition which explored resourceful solutions to waste. The exhibition showcased designers who create carbon negative fashion. They then visited the Amy Winehouse 'Beyond the Stage' exhibition which celebrates the legacy and creativity of Amy Winehouse. There was an amazing collection of over 30 performance costumes showcasing her iconic look. The pupils then went on to Dover Street Market, a multi-brand retailer in Haymarket stocking over 100 designer brands over four floors. The pupils had the opportunity to investigate a range of design ideas to inspire their own work.

TALENT SHOW

On Wednesday 23 March pupils from all year groups starred in an absolutely brilliant display of singing, musical performances, dancing and acting for the Senior School talent show. We were very fortunate to have award-winning actress and singer Martine McCutcheon and theatrical agent Gemma Hamilton on the judge panel, along with our very own headmaster, Mr Brierly.

The standard of performance was incredibly high from all acts and the judges found it very hard to choose the winners, however, they eventually chose in 1st place, Sebastian F and Theo H with their 'Famous PM's and Presidents' skit combined with Sebastian's rendition of 'Telly' from 'Matilda', 2nd place Isabella L with her amazing rendition of 'Maybe this time' from 'Cabaret' and the highly commended prize was awarded to Charlie Ford playing 'Scotland the Brave' on the bagpipes. Many thanks to the sixth formers involved in organising the event, to raise more funds for the sixth form charities.



SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION

What a celebration of musical talent we enjoyed on Wednesday 16 March at the grand finale Senior School music competition concert!

The music school was buzzing throughout the day as students came and went to perform in their various sections or practise in the practice rooms. The results of the competition are available to view on the school website via the 'What's on', 'New and views' section.

Thank you to Major Roy Falshaw who adjudicated the daytime event and Mr Affonso for organising such a fun occasion.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Many congratulations to Sophia R who played lacrosse for Spain at the recent Eurolax 'sixes' tournament in Portugal. Sophia was the youngest member of the Spanish team. 'Sixes' is the new fast format of lacrosse, played with 6 players on each team and is planned for the Olympics in 2028.

Sophia has also been selected to play with the Spanish senior lacrosse team at the World Championship in July in the USA. An incredible achievement, well done Sophia!

The U12 A, B and C team travelled to St Catherine's Bramley, for their first experience of a county tournament.

The U12 A and C team won the Surrey County Lacrosse cup and plate respectively. The B team showed great spirit and determination in the group stage but were unable to get the wins needed to progress to the quarter final this time.

Many congratulations to the U13 and U14s for reaching the final eight and 16 respectively in last week's lacrosse nationals.



The 1st XI football team have had their best ever season winning a total of 6 games in a row in the Super 8 competition. They made it into the final but narrowly missed out to Salesian College Farnborough which meant they finishing as runners-up. It is a huge achievement that all the boys should be extremely proud of.



Many congratulations to Lottie C (Year 9) for finishing 7th out of 36 at the National Junior Sculling Head last week. Lottie rowed in the only girls J14 quad entered by Molesey boat club. Lottie has raced in several Heads this season, most notably the Molesey Vets Head where she raced up a year with the WJ15 quad where they took first place!

Congratulations to lower sixth student Gabriel R on making his debut for London & SE U18 vs the South West U18 at London Irish on Saturday 19 March.

Playing in tough conditions they won 41-12. Gabriel made his impact on the game with some dynamic running and strong defence.



Well done to the U13A gymnastics squad who came 4th at the ISGA 4 piece national championships on Sunday 20 March!

On 21 March the U12 Gymnastics squad also competed at the Surrey school novice gymnastics festival at Priors Field which was many of the team members' first competition.

Great work from all involved.

Further information and details regarding all sports achievements this term are available via the school website: www.claremontfancourt.co.uk/whats-on/news-and-views/



HOUSE UPDATE

It has been a half term absolutely jam-packed with House Competitions here at Claremont! We've been building wind turbines, getting romantic with Valentine's Day Love Poems and continuing to go green with our massive Claremont Climate Crew Recycling competition.

All our efforts culminated with House Day on Thursday 24 March, which saw Esher, Longcross, Norwood and Radnor aiming to catch up leaders Stanmore in an array of competitions. We had house debating in the sports hall, a super special Easter quiz in our forms and then a War Child walk around the school, which also served as a chance to raise money and awareness for the situation in Ukraine.

At the end of all the activities, Norwood won house day. The rankings for house points are now as follows:

1st: Stanmore: 3645
2nd Esher: 3417
3rd Longcross: 3327
4th Norwood: 3324
5th Radnor: 3245

So it's looking incredibly close in terms of the House Cup, but we still have plenty more House events to get through this Summer, including the annual House Sports Day! Have a lovely break, The Heads of Houses.

PTA UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents who took part in the PTA quiz night on Friday 18 March and made it such a fun evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents relaxing and enjoying a night out together after such a long break due to covid restrictions. Thank you for supporting the event.

SAVE THE DATES

SUMMER BALL TICKET SALES - 9AM, THURSDAY 24 MARCH

Please don't forget to buy your tickets - tickets for the quiz sold out in 4 days.

RACE NIGHT REMINDER - 29 APRIL

Come and join us for a fun night out - races are played on a giant screen from a sealed reel which is chosen at random. Prepare your bets! Bet on 1 or more horses for £1 a go. Cash winnings paid on the night!

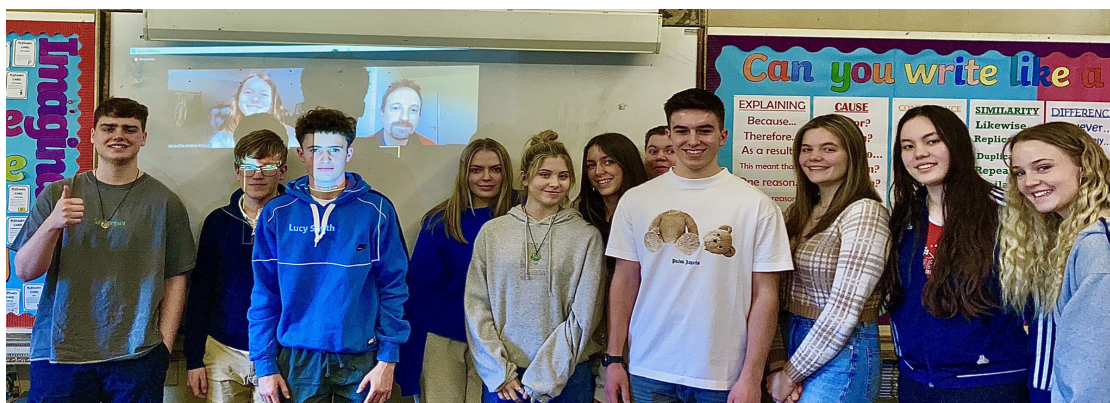
Entrance tickets £15 (which includes a fish & chip supper. Vegetarian option available). Due to venue requirements tickets are limited, so buy now to avoid disappointment.

Be an owner for £20 to name your own horse and for an £80 return if your horse wins. Only 56 available in total so be quick! Buy your bottle of wine on Claremont Connect to avoid queuing when you arrive.

TICKETS FOR ALL PTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH: www.claremontconnect.co.uk/events

HOUSE DAY

House day took place in glorious sunshine on Thursday 24 March, activities included debating, archery, fencing quizzes, football, sixth form rounders, netball and the highly anticipated Krispy Kreme sale. Norwood were the overall winners of house day. Well done to everyone for taking part!



GREEN COUNCILLOR JONATHAN ESSEX VISITS YEAR 12

On Friday 18 March, Year 12 Politics students participated in an interesting talk with Green Councillor Jonathan Essex. The Politics Project is a charity which facilitates young people having the opportunity to talk with politicians and in a few weeks this group will be meeting with another local councillor from the Conservative Party.

The students asked the councillor a wide range of questions from national government to climate change. Jonathan shared an incredibly powerful personal experience of seeing the realities of climate change and rising flood waters in Bangladesh and how this influenced him greatly to work with the Green Party. The students learnt a great deal through this experience and are looking forward to exploring a different set of views in their next session.

PEACE WALK FOR UKRAINE



The last week of term saw the whole school come together to raise money for the charity, War Child. The aim is to help the charity provide food, shelter and blankets to cope with the growing refugee crisis. WarChild stay in the area long after the cameras have left to provide support in keeping children safe and helping them to gain an education to equip them with the skills required for the future.

Donut sales, a non-uniform day and a huge peace walk around the school grounds were the fundraising activities. On the last day of term the whole school including pupils and staff walked at least 1 lap of the mile course. The aim of the peace walk was to jointly cover over 1505 miles, the equivalent of walking from Esher to Kyiv.

To date, the scheme has raised: £5843 of our £10,000 target.

It isn't too late to contribute to this important cause, you can do so by visiting the school's Just Giving page at:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claremont-fan-court-school



Clubs & Societies



STEM CLUB STUDY EARTH SCIENCES

This half term STEM Club explored Earth Science. Each week we studied a different topic from the rock cycle to volcanoes and finally earth quakes. All this was helped along with different types of sweets.

STEM club used Starburst to model the rock cycle and jelly to discover different rates of lava flow, soup and toast to model plate tectonics and Mars bars to show the formation of rift valleys. A seismic wave was made with sweets and skewers and designed earth quake proof buildings using jelly and mini marshmallows. Great fun was had by all and there were opportunities to eat some of the ingredients afterwards, outside the lab obviously!

MEDIA AND DIGITAL DRAWING CLUB

This term pupils have been enjoying green screening a golf video, making a production company logo for their film opening in media class, using stop animation and using various graphics tablets for fun activities.



LEGO AND CHESS CLUB

Lego and chess club offer a quiet lunchtime refuge for anyone interested in learning how to play chess, enjoy a game or build lego whilst making new friends. A new addition to the club this term: learn how to solve the Rubik's cube.

