



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, November 16th

Good Job!

Newsletter



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A big thank you to all the parents and visitors who supported our Careers Afternoon for KS2 last week. We had a fabulous range of careers represented from a vet and a pilot to a ballerina and a cricket agent. We started off in the hall where Mr Davies invited the children to guess which job the adults did, and then divided up into mixed-age groups spending five minutes with each visitor to quiz them about their career paths.

I received many positive comments from both the adults and the children, and I really do feel that we are widening the aspirations of our pupils. We want them to have drive and ambition for the future, and it was heartening to see their enthusiasm and interest. It is the first time we have staged an event like this, but it won't be the last!

We have also had some fantastic Class assemblies in the last few weeks. The different

classes have really gone to town this year with singing, dancing (Thank you Hazel class!) and some very entertaining acting from each year-group. It is very rewarding to see the children develop their speaking and listening skills and get over their nerves to speak in front of a large audience, and this really helps their self-confidence grow.

Meanwhile, there are also lots of frantic behind the scenes preparations going on for the Art Exhibition at the end of term. We have been approached by one or two artists so that we can have some 'in residence' and working with the children, but if you know any others please let us know! Equally, we are still on the look-out for modelling materials (e.g. boxes, packaging etc) and mounting boards and frames.

Oak class were very privileged to be invited, by a representative of the British Legion, to lay a cross in Clare Cemetery,

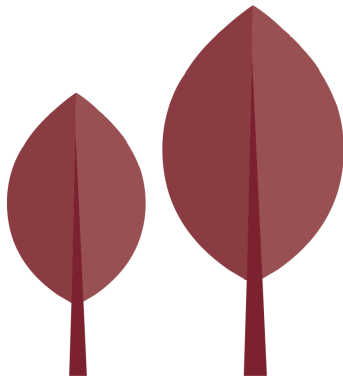
on the graves of the four servicemen who died during the First World War. They were very moved to be told about these four local men and see where they were laid to rest. We commemorated Remembrance Day in school on Monday with an address by Reverend Graham and a prayer that Theo Forrester in Year 6 had been inspired to write after his visit.

It is obviously a difficult topic to discuss with young children, but we shared a lovely animation about animals on the battlefield and spoke a little about how there are still wars going on so it is important that we don't forget the sacrifice that others have made and are making.

Lastly, thank you all for your attendance at your child's Parent Evenings two weeks ago, and Oak class parents for attending this week. I enjoyed catching up with parents also and I know staff found it an overwhelmingly positive experience.

Rebecca Loader
Headteacher

We raised £123.20 for Children in Need and £185.80 for the British Legion!!



CLARE CATKINS

A reminder that Bookings or cancellations must be made before 9.30am on the day required.

Flu Immunisations

These will take place for children with consent forms only on the revised date of Friday, 23rd November from 1pm onwards.

Reading Champion Challenge

(KS1)

**1 point for reading per day
(Home or school)**

Termly awards:

25 reads - Bronze

50 reads - Silver

100 reads - Gold

How many points can you get?

Can you be a reading Champion?

ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you ring the school office before 9.30am with a specified reason for their absence. If a reason is not given, we are obliged to phone you back so that our records are correct.

If a child has been sick, then they should be away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. We encourage parents to send children in with coughs or colds, or a temperature. If we feel that a child is too ill to be in school, then we will always contact you, but they often perk up during the day, once they are into their normal routine.



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Playtime Pointers

As the weather turns wetter and colder, we will only be letting children use the school field if they have brought wellies or boots to change into. May I also remind parents to ensure that their child has a warm coat to wear outside. I know what a rush it can be in the morning, but we cannot let children go outside to play wearing only a thin shirt and jumper.

In order to limit playground disputes, and avoid having to ban football altogether, Joey Kettle and myself have put together a timetable at lunchtimes, ensuring that all classes have the chance to play football, but also marking some days as football-free so that we encourage other sports and the use of other equipment also.

It is lovely that as a school we are so keen on our national sport (!) and perhaps explains our success as a team, however, I am concerned that these games often lead to arguments, rough behaviour and all parties feeling somewhat aggrieved at the end of lunchtimes. This new timetable is up in all the classes and I hope that it will maintain interest but also calm the competitive mood outside!

Clare Lunchtime Club Schedule:

Day	Year Group	Activity
Monday*	All	Basketball
Tuesday	All	Basketball
	Year 4 – 12:00-12:30	Football
	Girls – 12:30-1:00	Football
Wednesday	All	Basketball
	Year 6 – 12:00-12:30	Football
	Year 5 – 12:30-1:00	Football
Thursday	All	Basketball
	Year 3 – 12:00-12:30	Football
	All – 12:30-1:00	Football
Friday*	All	Basketball





Fantastic Football

The victories continue with a resounding 6-1 defeat of Wickhambrook this week and Ashen last week.

We are very pleased with this record, and even more so with the impressive team skills and supportiveness which the players have shown each other. A hat trick of wins.



Important Dates

(including Christmas Events)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: Thurs 22nd Nov– Oak

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LIVE SCREENING OF ROMEO AND JULIET Wednesday, 21st November

HAZEL CLASS TRIP TO HINDU TEMPLE Wednesday, 21st November

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE Fri 23rd Nov **Wear your Christmas Jumpers to school!**

OAK CLASS TRIP TO FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM Tuesday, 11th December

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Wednesday, 12th December

ART EXHIBITION Mon 17th Dec 3-6pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES (Acorns, Beech and Cedar)

Beech and Cedar play Wed 12th Dec 9.30am and Thurs 13th Dec 1.30pm

Acorn Class Nativity Fri 14th Dec 9.15am **Christmas Dinner** Wednesday, 12th December

CHRISTMAS CAROL Service at Baptist Church Wed 19th Dec 1.30pm

CLARE COMMUNITY CAROLS (Choir) Mon 10th Dec 7.30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM Wed 19th Dec **Merry Christmas!**

TERM BEGINS Fri 4th Jan **PD Day (NO CHILDREN)**