

Clarendon Cottage



Newsletter

Small school. Big expectations

September 2018

Mrs Hartley's Corner

What a lovely and busy first month back we have had!

The children have taken part in some lovely activities and have been working extremely hard.

Huge congratulations for all of our children who were elected to have a school role this year, we know that you will carry them out with responsibility and represent our school brilliantly.

Thank you to everyone who brought in Harvest festival donations and who attended our Macmillan coffee morning, it was wonderful to see so many of you there!

Mrs Hartley

Pop Project—British Values

On Tuesday 11th September, our school had a wonderful visit from Pop Project, we were also lucky enough to be joined by some of the children from Clarendon Road Primary.

Pop Project taught the children about British Values *Democracy *The rule of law *Individual liberty *Mutual respect, all through songs and role play. It was a wonderful workshop!

It was also lovely to receive two letters of thanks from Clarendon Road and Pop Project and them stating how wonderfully behaved and enthusiastic our children were, which is lovely to hear!

A huge well done to our EYFS children who represented us in the ISA North Art Competition, your 3D Group entry won 1st Place! We are very proud of you!



Dates for Diary

- October 22-26th Half term –Holiday club available
- Friday 2nd November— Halloween disco— 6-8pm Masonic Hall £5 per ticket
- Wednesday 7th November— National Young mathematicians Award
- Friday 23rd November—Whole school cinema night—6-7.30pm

Prep 2 & 3

Prep 2 & 3 have settled wonderfully well into their new school year and Mrs Hartley has been very proud of them. They have been doing some wonderful writing using adjectives to describe the characters from Tyrannosaurus Drip and The Gruffalo. In maths, they have been working hard on their addition and subtraction skills, using cubes, number lines and hundred squares to help them. They have also enjoyed investigating length using non-standard units of measurements. Their favourite was the Jack and the Beanstalk investigation. The children went into the garden and found lots of different sized leaves, they then used beans to measure how long they were and had to find their own way of recording their findings.

Prep 2 & 3 are also very knowledgeable about England and have been learning about the important landmarks.



Prep 4

Prep 4 have made a wonderful start to the year. Every morning the children have been settling down quickly and perfecting their handwriting. In English we have started to look at the story of George and the Dragon. The class have been learning how to create effective sentences for a story. They have used onomatopoeia, alliteration and expanded noun phrases to enhance their writing.

In Maths the focus has been addition and subtraction. Everyone has been learning the different methods and strategies that will help them to solve word problems.

All of the children have completed a coding task on [tynker.com](https://www.tynker.com). They have written their own algorithms and debugged lines of code to make the dragon complete a journey.

In Topic we have been learning about The Great Fire of London. The class have been debating whether the baker was to blame or not!



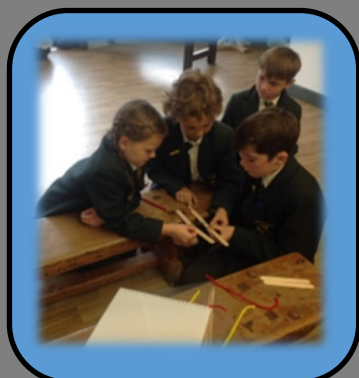
Prep 5 & 6

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you have had a fabulous summer and your child has enjoyed their first few weeks in Prep 5/6.

In English we have started the year off with a very exciting English topic based on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' We had a super lesson based on tasting chocolate and using our excellent descriptive language and vocabulary to describe what the taste, smell and appearance was of the chocolate. Of course all the children thoroughly enjoyed this lesson and the whole topic, and I must say so have I.

In Maths the children have been working hard learning about place value, addition and subtraction. Mrs Waghorn has told me Prep 5/6 have been doing very well and our completing some very challenging work!

In Science we have started the year off learning about the digestive system and teeth. The children have loved learning about their own bodies and especially loved learning about all the different types of teeth.



Prep 7 & 8

In Prep 7&8 we have hit the ground running (or flying in the case of English). The children have been developing their sentence structure to complement their advanced vocabulary. Using the imagery contained within the Pixar short 'Paperman,' they have been writing focused pieces concentrating on quality and the value of each word.

In maths we have been developing our number and calculation skills and I have been very impressed by all the children's high attainment. We have been using our new text books that have shown how maths is interlinked and can be applied in different topic areas.

We had our first STEM session of the year last week and our budding engineers, architects and project managers came out. The brief was to build a bridge which spanned 30 cm and could hold a minimum of 500g. All the groups came up with their own unique bridge with the limited resources they had. There were some very nervous faces as they were each tested which turned (in the majority of cases) to delight as the test was successful. Impressively, some even asked for another attempt to be done with double the weight.

School Roles



Head Girl



Head Boy



Head Prefect



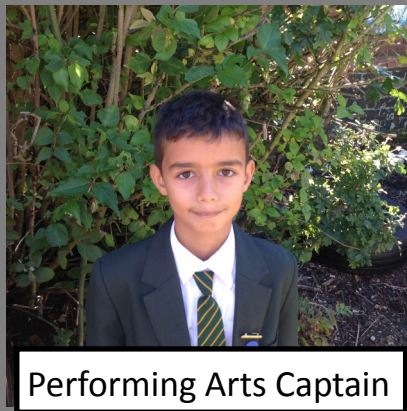
Prefect



Prefect



Sports Captain



Performing Arts Captain



House Captains



Student Council