

Clarendon Cottage



Newsletter

Small school. Big expectations

January 2018

Mrs Hartley's Corner

I would just like to say, from the bottom of my heart, a huge well done and thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraising week for Mrs Coyne! It was a week full of fun and I know that Mrs Coyne would have loved it!

With the fundraising/donations from parents, children, staff and directors we have been able to raise an incredible £1,200.00!!

This is an outstanding achievement and enables us to purchase more items in Mrs Coyne's memory and to donate more to cancer research.

Mrs Coyne's husband and daughter have also asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks for all everyone's support in raising so much money, showing how much she meant to everyone!

Mrs Hartley

School Events

Coins for Mrs Coyne

The children have had so much fun during their fundraising week for Mrs Coyne. They have baked cakes, planted flowers, dressed as adults (adults dressed as children), stuck coins on Mr Thomas and took part in a Lip Sync battle. As over our £700 target was reached, the Teachers also performed three songs: Stop, All That Jazz and Whip Nae Nae.

Thank you so much to The Monday Mondays for their wonderful performance at the Lip Sync battle too!

Please see the end of the Newsletter for photographs of our wonderful week!

Dates for Diary

Friday 16th February—Junior Retro Disco –6-8pm— £5 per ticket—school hall

WC 19th February—Half Term

Monday 5th March—Living eggs arrive (Chicks)

Thursday 8th March—Infant trip to Blackpool Zoo

Friday 9th March—Junior Trip to the Halle Orchestra

WC 12th March—Test Week (Prep 3-8)

Friday 16th March—Prep 1 trip to Smithills farm

Friday 23rd March—Infant Cinema night

WC 26th March—Easter Concert (Songs from the movies) Monday 26th Prep 1 &4, Tuesday 27th Prep 2 & 7/8 and Wednesday 28th Prep 3 & 5/6

Prep 1

Prep 1 have enjoyed the story Aliens Love Underpants, this has led to many questions about aliens and space. We have enjoyed exploring this topic in our circle times and then writing about it in our writing books, some of us have even been able to copy from the whiteboard independently.

We are very excited with our new whiteboard in our classroom, we have been using this to practice forming our letters correctly and learning where they sit on the line. We have even been learning about leaving finger spaces between our words and putting full stops at the end of our sentences.

In maths we have been learning the terms one more and one less, we have been using counting bears to help us with this and learning the symbols $+$, $-$ and $=$.

This week is national story telling week, if your child has a favourite story to read at home; please feel free to bring it in to share with the rest of the class.



Prep 2

Prep 2 have been working very hard on their sentence structure. We have been using capital letters at the beginning of our sentences, finger spaces throughout and a full stop at the end. We have practised sentences with tricky words in them, with words that contain di-graph sounds and writing letters to the crayons! (We love 'The Day the Crayons Quit' story by Oliver Jeffers. Prep 2 is definitely full of talented writers and our letter formation is certainly improving too!

We have begun to develop our adding and subtracting skills too by moving on from using objects to using a number line to help us with our number problems!

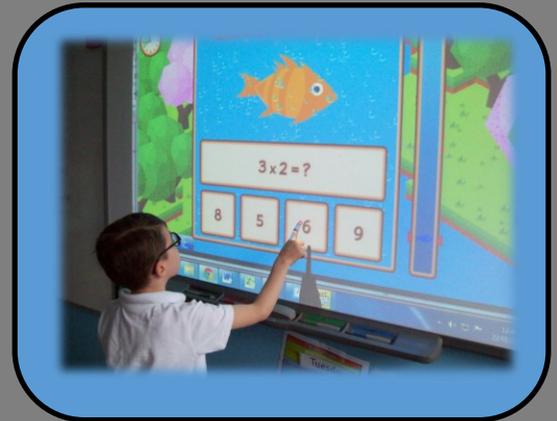
We have become little explorers and we have learnt about Marco Polo and how he explored China and other countries, we look forward to learning much more about him. We have begun to create our own maps too.

We absolutely loved vice versa day and we all looked fantastic!

Prep 3

The children have enjoyed reading 'Last stop on Market Street', for their literacy unit. They have been developing their writing by adding similes, verbs, adverbs, onomatopoeia and repetition for effect. There are some very interesting stories!

The children in Prep 3 have been trying very hard to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They are having daily challenges before lunchtime to help them with this. The children have also been introduced to their Easter show songs this week, and they are very excited to learn the words and movements to the songs.



Prep 4

Wow! January has been so busy! Maths has focused around column addition and subtraction which was a bit of a challenge at first but with some perseverance the class developed an excellent understanding of the method. The children have been brushing up on their mental multiplication skills! They are becoming more confident with their 2s 5s and 10s and have been counting coins to help consolidate this. Next the class need to be fluent in their 3s and 6s. Already the children are making fabulous progress with this.

In English, the children have been focusing on non fiction texts. The class love being set a criteria for their English writing and are meeting 100% of the criteria set with great enthusiasm. The descriptive language has really improved as has the standard of punctuation being used. Prep 4 really do love a challenge. We have been basing our non-fiction writing around Pirates and Anglo Saxons and with a little help from Jack Sparrow, the class have enthusiastically created their own information texts and reports.

Each child has also taken part in extra ICT using schools digital cameras to take photos of our Anglo Saxon villages for this newsletter!

The class have worked incredibly hard and are enjoying their learning.



Prep 5/6

After a refreshing break, the children in Prep 5&6 hit the ground running producing high quality work across the curriculum. The Explorers topic has started with us studying the Vikings and their link to British history. We are currently in the middle of designing our own Viking coins having researched patterns and images of that time. In English we have been looking at direct speech and applying it to our Science Fiction writing. We used a computer program to put our speech into a messenger format (as if the characters were texting each other) which helped us to punctuate the speech when we came to writing it in our books. We finished the month creating Aboriginal art. We found a picture of the stunning Great Barrier Reef and split it into 20 parts and each took a part to recreate using Aboriginal styling.



Prep 7/8

This term Prep 7 and 8 have been looking at map features. We have been discussing lines of longitude, latitude and compass points. The children have been able to draw lines of latitude, including: the Equator, Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn, Southern and Northern Hemisphere, Antarctic and Arctic circles.

In Math we have been calculating with fractions, adding and subtracting negative numbers and looking at the order of operations.

However, Prep 7 and 8 have most enjoyed our English this term – A Monster Calls – which they are thoroughly enjoying reading and writing about. Their enthusiasm and interest in the story is having an excellent impact on their writing!



Coins for Mrs Coyne

