

Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 19.01.24

Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

Hasn't it been a cold one this week!. The heating has been on full blast in all of the classrooms to keep everyone nice and warm. Thank you for sending in the children with appropriate warm clothing.

This week we welcomed back the Open The Book team for their first assembly of 2024, in classes, staff have been reminding the children of our Behaviour for Learning expectations and the children have been continuing to learn all about their new units this week, from the Shang Dynasty in Oak to Programming in Maple and Puppet making in Willow.

Congratulations to Willow and Oak Class, joint winners of the Active Travel Month competition from just before Christmas, which was organised by Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. You can find loads of ways to stay healthy and keep fit on their website:

<https://learningsouthleicestershiressp.org.uk/parent-guardian-portal/>



School Attendance:

The department for education have recently launched a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of school attendance, to highlight the benefits beyond just attainment, such as friendships and wellbeing. The campaign is targeted at preventable odd days of absence – or “avoidable absence” linked to coughs and colds and mild anxiety. For more information on how to improve your child's attendance or where to get support please visit:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

You can check on our attendance in the newsletter each week. Please help us to try and improve our attendance target closer to national.

Parking around the school site.

Please can I remind parents not to park in the area directly outside the school gates. This area can get very busy at the end of the day and we need to keep our pupils and parents safe. I have also recently noticed parents parking on the yellow ‘School Keep Clear’ markings. Again, please can I remind you not to park in these areas to keep all in our school community safe. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mr P. Rock
Head of School



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School attendance

Last week	This week
Willow Class: 85.02%	84.98%
Maple Class: 85.63%	85.35%
Oak Class: 85.66 %	85.83%

National average: 94.4% School overall: 88.8% (This week)

Weekly attendance by year group:

EYFS: 74.07%

Year 1: 85.06%

Year 2: 92.47%

Year 3: 89.55%

Year 4: 84.21%

Year 5: 92.66%

Year 6: 73.97%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Well done to those who received certificates this week:

Excellent Work

Nixon

Jack

Lily



Values

Renesmay

Teddy

Nancy



Each week we will be focussing on a particular class to find out more about their learning.



This week: Willow Class



Willow Class have been busy since returning to school this term and have started their new units of work. In Science they have been learning all about Materials and the key features of these. This included exploring which materials could sink or float, which were absorbent and which materials would make the best choice to make certain objects using their features as a guide.

This week the children started a new unit in DT entitled Making Puppets. They have been exploring and evaluating different types of puppets, have designed their own and begun to sew to create their own puppets before evaluating them.



Exploring capacity in EYFS maths

In Reading the children have been using the book 'The Quangle Wangle's Hat' as a stimulus and in writing they have explored and performed poetry. In maths Y1 have been developing their understanding of number while Y2 have been exploring money. EYFS have been exploring capacity and have been getting scales out to explore this concept further. In Computing they have been exploring creating media, exploring how music makes us feel before moving onto creating their own music on a digital device.



Fantastic puppets

Snow Closures.

In the case of snow or icy weather, the Senior Leadership Team, supported by our Premises Officer services, will make every effort to keep the school open.

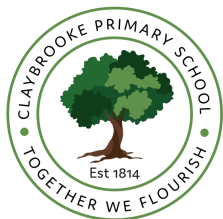
However, there may be times when we are not able to open the school without putting pupils or staff at risk and we may need, reluctantly, to close for the day or to send pupils home early.



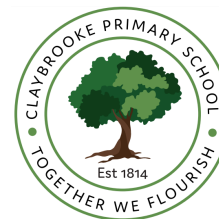
We will make every effort to keep the schools open. **If the school is going to close, we will send you an email message by 7am.**

On snowy or icy days when the school is open, we may close early or allow transport to leave the site early so that everyone can get home safely and in good time. For more information please see our cold weather plan here:

<https://www.claybrooke.leics.sch.uk/snow-closures/>



Claybrooke School Calendar 2023- 24



Spring Term 2024

Date	Event
Mon 22/01	Maple Forest School (Green and Blue teams)
Wed 24/01	Young Voices Concert (Only for those signed up)
Thur 25/04	Y3 & 4 Dodgeball tournament. (Invitation only)
Mon 29/01	Maple Forest School (Red and Yellow teams)
Thurs 01/02	Y6 Parent SATs meeting. 3:30 - 4pm in Oak Classroom
Mon 05/02	Maple Forest School (Green and Blue teams)
Wed 07/02	Claybrooke Book Fair 2024 (Until 14th Feb)
Mon 12/02	Forest School: All Maple.
w/c 19/02	Spring Half-Term Week
Mon 26/02	School re-opens
Wed 28-02	Class Photos
	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 *
Fri 01/03	Author visit
w/c 04/03	Reading Festival Week
Mon 04/03	Y4 parents multiplication presentation. 3:30-4pm in Maple Classroom
Wed 06/03	Warning Zone trip. Y6 only
Thu 07/03	World Book Day: Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 *
w/c 11/03	Parent Consultations taking place this week
	Mothers Day craft?
Fri 17/03	Red Nose Day
Wed 20/03	Maple Class production TBC
	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 22/-3	Break up for Easter
w/c 25/03	Easter Holidays
w/c 01/04	Easter Holidays
Mon 08/04	School re-opens

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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