



Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 06.10.23

Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

After consultation with pupils and staff, I am delighted to unveil our brand new updated school logo. This new updated redesign keeps the traditional tree and circular concept, but gives it a new modern twist. I hope you all like it.

The trunk of the tree is interwoven to represent and celebrate our Claybrooke family; working and joining together to flourish as one. Each part of the canopy represents a different part of our community; staff, children, parents, our local community, our trust and our governors.



This new design will begin to be incorporated into communications and the website in the coming weeks as well as being featured on any new uniform and PE kits ordered. (Once the supplier has prepared samples.)



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IN SCHOOL | AT HOME | FOR LIFE



This week has been another busy one. We celebrated our first whole school community event with our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who came along to the event and donated towards our food donations to Lutterworth Foodbank. It is very much appreciated.

We also welcomed the Open the Book team into school on Thursday for another enjoyable retelling of a bible story and the travelling bus team visited us with their activity bus.

On Friday the PTA held their annual AGM during their 'stay and play' session. Thank you to everyone who came along to hear about the plans for this upcoming year. More details will be sent out shortly.



Next week is our last one of this half term. We will be holding our Consultation Evenings next week. If you have already booked in the staff will be looking forward to seeing you next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mr P. Rock
Head of School



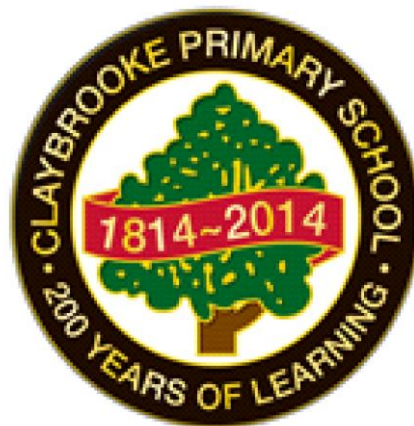
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The evolution of the Claybrooke School logo. 1815 – 2023

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Curriculum update: Our Behaviour Curriculum

This week we launched our new Behaviour for Learning curriculum in school. Each week we will be focussing on a different learning behaviour that we will expect each and every person in our Claybrooke family to show each and every day to support their learning to be the best they can possibly be.



These are some of new behaviour posters that showcase our expectations.

‘First time’ We expect everyone to follow instructions the first time, every time, everywhere.

‘Be a star’. We expect everyone to show Star Listening by sitting up, tracking the speaker, answer questions with confidence and respect others that may be talking.

In classes we will be spending time daily going through our behaviour curriculum so that everyone shows consistency at all times to our expectations.

Well done to those who received certificates this week:

Excellent Work



Bridget, Emilia, Esme



Values

Ray, Bodhi,
& Katherine



Hot Chocolate: Taylen, Frank, Elise and Peyton



Next (School) Week's Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Day	Event
Mon 09/10	Oak Class forest school. Archery club (after school)
Tue 10/10	Consultation evening*
Wed 11/10	Consultation evening*
Thu 12/10	Consultation evening* Dodgeball club (after school)
Fri 13/10	Celebration Assembly

Each week we will be focussing on a particular
class to find out more about their learni
This week; Maple Class



We have had a busy few weeks in Maple Class.

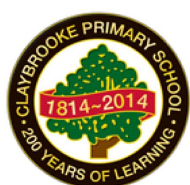
In English we have been learning all writing adverts and first person diary entries while in maths we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills further.

We completed our Geography unit finding out all about our local area. We planned a fieldwork study to find out about how our local area has changed over time. We went out for a local area walk and identified which parts of Claybrooke have changed, using a range of old maps and OS maps to help us. We recently started our new History topic, finding out all about the Stone Age to Iron Age. This unit of work explores the first part of our story as humans and helps children to build the chronology of people and how they have lived in different parts of the world in the past.

The children have been learning about how artefacts and remains are evidence of the past that can be used to support historical theories about how people in the Stone Age lived. They can also see how science is able to take these theories further and answer questions about the past. We are fascinated by it all!

We have been continuing to develop our Ukulele skills! Why not come along to our Topic Showcase afternoon on Tuesday 24th October from 2.30pm to see our Ukulele's in action.

In some of our PE lessons we have been developing our gymnastics skills. Exploring different ways to move around the hall making sure we try to maintain an accurate shape, move smoothly and fluently and remain balanced throughout.



Claybrooke School Calendar 2023- 24



Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event
w/b 09/10	Parent Consultations this week. Email appointments sent out, Please book
w/b 16/10	HALF TERM
Mon 23/10	School re-opens
Tue 24/10	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 * (Parents invited into school)

Thur 02/11	PTA Spooky Discos
17/11	Children in Need
Thurs 23/11	PTA Christmas Craft (In school)
Fri 01/12	Maple & Oak Theatre trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'.
Fri 08/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Mon 18/12	Willow Class theatre trip. Jack & The Beanstalk
Tue 19/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 1:30pm (TBC)
Wed 20/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 6:00 pm(TBC)
Fri 22/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

E Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. This week's topic is:

What What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Among Us

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A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iAN and TechRadar.



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Physical activity

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

To maintain a basic level of health, the Chief Medical Officer recommends children and young people aged 5 to 18 should take part in an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

Taking part in Physical Activity has many benefits for children and young people, including: improving fitness, increasing concentration, building a stronger heart, bones and healthier muscles. Being regularly physically active improves self-esteem, lowers stress and encourages a better nights sleep.

The NHS has further information [here](#).



Did you know?

Exercise leads to improved motor skills, better thinking and problem-solving. It's a **BRAIN BOOSTER!**



TRY SOMETHING NEW TODAY!

Now is a great time to try a new sport! Joining a team or trying out a new physical activity gives children the opportunity to meet new friends, develop their confidence, learn how to play by the rules, stay focused, be consistent, and work hard towards their goals. It also gives them a taste of competition and teaches them that there's always room for improvement.

2 ACTIVE TRAVEL MONTH

This year's Active Travel Month takes place throughout October and we want as many pupils as possible to get involved!

Actively travelling to school is a great way to boost a child's physical and mental health. It helps them feel alert and ready for the day. Pupils can actively travel by walking, cycling or scooting to school this month.

Last year 8,185 pupils took part in Active Travel month, can we beat that this year?

'I really enjoyed walking to school and helping the environment.'



CHECK OUT OUR ACTIVE TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO FROM LAST YEAR [HERE!](#)

Key October dates

- International Walk to School Month
- Black History Month
- World Teachers Day- 5th
- World Mental Health Day-10th
- World Food Day-16th

STAY ACTIVE FOR LESS!

Click [here](#) to find helpful resources and information for your family to stay active for less.

Look out for our guide to local walking routes and beautiful green spaces South Leicestershire has to offer.

