

CLYST HEATH NEWS

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A BUSY TERM SO FAR...

It is such a pleasure to read through our November Newsletter and be reminded of all the fabulous things that have been going on in our school in recent weeks. As always, we have received a number of very complimentary comments regarding our children as they have been out and about. The compliments have extended to behaviour, conduct and politeness as well as how well they have responded to challenge and new learning with determination and resilience. We are extremely proud of these accolades and congratulate the children on representing themselves and our school so well!

There are just a couple of Parent Consultation Days to complete and if you have visited your child's class teacher we hope that you have been well informed as to their progress and development. If you have missed your day please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher and rearrange. We urge every parent to take up this opportunity and stay attuned to your child's progress.

Christmas is fast approaching and no doubt we will all meet at one event or another which we warmly invite you to attend! Times and dates have already been sent to you and can also be found on the school website.

In the meantime we hope that you enjoy reading through the newsletter and help us to celebrate the variety of exciting things that have been happening here

Karen Hadley—Headteacher

HAPPINESS

Our school value of 'Happiness' is being celebrated at the this time of year. We have had some lovely assemblies which have explored the theme and children have shared their thoughts about what it means to be happy, how we ensure that our school remains a happy place to learn and how we can make others happy.



THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to all those who contributed to our donation to the Exeter Food Bank. Staff at the foodbank were delighted to receive the many kind gifts of food and essential items which have now gone to those in need across the city.

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

November has been a very busy time around the school with children taking part in a range of exciting activities and events...

Oak Class have had a very busy November so far! We have learnt all about rockets so we could help our friend Marvin fix his. We spent a whole day exploring 'what makes a rocket whoosh', making and launching three different kinds of rocket. We watched a real rocket launch and even saw how astronauts eat in space. Now we are sharing what we know about rockets by writing 'rocket reports' for Marvin, if you need a rocket expert, pop into Oak class!

In **Hazel and Ash Classes** our friend the 'Time Traveller' sent a new video to us. Last half term we helped him to fix his rocket because it broke down over Clyst Heath. After sorting this problem, the rocket goes so fast that he is getting space dust in his eyes. He has sent a message asking us to be like Percy the problem solver and help him design something to keep the space particles out of his eyes! We have been very excited about this project and we have explored lots of different materials.



The mysterious Time Traveller



On fire patrol; at Middlemoor

Beech and Elm Classes

visited the local fire station. Children wanted to find out about fire safety during the Great Fire of London and how it is different to fire safety now! They explored the fire station with the firemen, looked around a fire engine, squirted the hose, and then became real firemen exploring a dark, smoky house! At the end of the day children set fire to our Tudor houses and watched our mini London burn. An exciting time was had by all!

As part of their study of World War II, **Willow, Rowan and Chestnut** classes took part in an historical hunt around Exeter. Children set off with images of a blitzed area to help them investigate the numerous sites of devastation for any remaining clues as to this sad time in our local history. Children also had the opportunity to meet a witness to the Exeter Blitz. Mrs. Ogley (Mrs Parsons' mum) remembers the events of 1942 and spoke movingly to the children about the living in Exeter through the war years.



Uncovering the history of Exeter

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Birch Class had an amazing Creative Day at ISCA Academy. Children spent the day writing stories, making puppets, exploring textiles and learning new computer skills. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the High School atmosphere. A huge thank you to the staff and students of ISCA for making this such an inspiring, exciting and interesting day!



Acer Class having been busy writing letters to people they admire. We studied letter writing and discussed who we would like to write to and why. Inspirational people with letters winging their way included Jessica Ennis, Sir David Attenborough, Her Majesty The Queen, David Walliams, Beth Tweddle, Rebecca Adlington and Rowan Atkinson to name but a few! The letters were beautifully written and are certainly deserving of replies. We are watching the post with anticipation!

REMEMBRANCE AT CLYST HEATH



On Monday 9th November Mr Davy led a whole school assembly when we remembered all those affected by war. The children learnt about the significance of the poppy and why it is important to wear one at this time of year. Darcie read an extract from Laurence Binyon's famous poem and we listened to The Last Post.

At 11.00am on Wednesday 11th November the school fell silent for two minutes to remember once more. We are very proud of the thoughtful and respectful way our children shared this annual act of Remembrance.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."



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GYMNASTS IMPROVE IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS!

Our Clyst Heath Gymnastics Team entered the Inter-Schools Gymnastics Competition held at Ladysmith School on 17th November and all performed brilliantly! Our gymnasts are new to the sport and, as group, have only been learning gymnastics for seven weeks, training for one hour per week. Our team was up against some very strong school teams comprising talented and experienced young gymnasts.

In true Clyst Heath spirit all our competitors had a go at both the beam (of which they have little experience) and the vault with a springboard - which was a first attempt for all our team! Although they did not win medals we are all thrilled at the excellent progress they have made and their fantastic attitude to this demanding sport. Well done to all concerned!



Our budding gymnasts show their skills

WELCOME RETURNS AND A SPECIAL MENTION

It was a real pleasure to welcome from St Peters High School some former pupils of Clyst Heath! **Jed, Katie, Lewis, Lori and Izzy** took their Year 11 work experience placements in our school this month.

It was wonderful to see how they have grown into such mature, responsible and thoughtful young people. They all worked hard as they spent time in classrooms across the school supporting some of our youngest children. We wish them well in their GCSEs and in the coming years as they move on to college.

A special mention must also go to another former pupil **Izzy Newbery** who was nominated for an **Excellence in Exeter Award** in recognition of her achievements at Clyst Heath and ISCA Academy. We are all delighted by her well deserved success!

It is always fantastic to hear of the successes of our former pupils. If you are aware of any other former pupils from Clyst Heath who have moved on to great things, we would be delighted to hear about it! Please contact comms@clystheath.devon.sch.uk

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THANK YOU

A special thank you to all those who supported the cake stall held on Friday 20th November. An amazing £82.15 was raised for Hospiscare and The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Special mention must go to Faye, Ella, Caitlin, Cara, Millie, Alfie and Franki in Acer Class who used their initiative to organise this event for this excellent cause.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Three bumper boxes of books from our regular book exchange arrived in school last Wednesday. This is just a sample of some of our new books. Come and discover them...!

- The world's continents and countries, including the countries of the UK
- Computers and their history in the
- How to stay safe on the internet
- Wifi and how it works
- Sports and the skills required
- Books on music and musical instruments
- 'Dino FC' and 'Super Soccer Boy' football-related books
- 'I, Hero' books - you can decide what to read and where to go next
- 'Pirate Princess' books by Judy Brown
- 'Amy Wild, Animal Tracker' by Diana Kimpton
- 'Judy Moody' books by Megan McDonald
- A few more treats from the amazing Michael Morpurgo
- More fairy stories by Daisy Meadows

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We look forward to seeing you at our many Christmas events which are now on the horizon. Our Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December is sure to get you into the festive mood!

Thank you for your continued support !