

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

How has another half term gone by already? We have packed a lot of things into January and February, and the time has flown by, though judging by the tired little faces around school (children and staff!) I think everyone is ready for the week's break.

This week I have had the pleasure of spending some time in every year group in school, sitting in on some lessons and joining in with their adventures. The children are working exceptionally hard and really reaping the benefits of some fantastic teaching. It has been such a pleasure looking through books and talking to them about their work, and it's lovely to see their enthusiasm and energy. I even got to make pancakes with Reception earlier in the week... Delicious! From there I enjoyed a game of Snakes & Ladders in Year 1 as we learned how to do subtraction sums in Singapore Maths fashion! Year 4 were tantalising my tastebuds with their persuasive descriptive writing, designing their own menus for Clifford Bridge Bistro! Some of those recipe descriptions sounded like they'd fallen off the page of M&S food magazine! Year 6 are in full swing of SATs preparation, and have been applying themselves with such an impressive sense of maturity and determination. Well done to everyone, it has been a very productive and positive half term.

As we break up for February half term I would like to wish you all a lovely week; filled with fun, friends and family. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 27th February (Monday 26th is Teacher Training Day).

Amy Husband

Attendance Update

We are now being advised by the Local Authority Attendance Officer to monitor attendance and punctuality across the whole school. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that we operate a free-flow entry between 8:45 and 8:55 each morning with registers closing at 9:00. If your child arrives between 9:00 - 9:30 they will be marked as 'late' and if your child arrives after 9:30 will be counted as 'unauthorised absence'. This will take effect from the Tuesday after half term. As ever, we want to work with all families to promote good attendance. If you need any support, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Gilkes (Learning Mentor) or Mrs Husband.

Merit Certificates	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Junaid D	Louie A	Jamie T	Adam S	Charly D	Jack B
	Olivia M	Harvey P	Harry D	Logan B	Zack H	Daniella W

Birthday Zone	Birthdays from 15 th February - 26 th February 2018					
	Harry D	Alfie P-E	Alice H	Jake B	Phoebe B	Katie B



27.2.18

Children return to School after half term
Parents Evening 3.30 - 8.00pm

27.2.18 Football Tournament

2.3.18 World Book Day - Dress up letter coming home today.

Year 3 and 4 KS2

Calling all parents... Do you ever have trouble getting your Year 4 child to brush their teeth? Well, we hope not anymore! Many confessed to just running their toothbrush under the tap to make it



look like they have brushed their teeth, but after our experiments with toothpaste, eggs and vinegar this week, we hope all pupils will see the importance of brushing their teeth regularly!



In Year 3, we have been writing our Valerie Bloom biographies using our amazing, very posh new editing pens. We focused on using conjunction and adverbs to extend our sentences and make the biography really interesting for the reader. As it was Pancake Day this week, we looked at designing a healthy pancake with a mixture of sweet and savoury toppings! Yum, Yum, Yum!

Year 5/6

A superb end to a half term in which so much brilliant work has been completed. Both year groups have been completing extended writing. The stamina shown and quality produced have been fantastic! The highlight of the week for Year 5 was their Enrichment Day activities. They explored different parts of Coventry's iconic history. This week in Year 6, we have been completing mock tests. These scores will then be shared with parents on Parents' Evening.

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RK	93.01%	3E	96.67%
RW	97%	3EV	93.21%
1C	86.67%	4T	91.67%
1J	92.33%	4W	97.24%
2M	96.67%	50	96%
2FS	97.33%	5Y	99.33%
		6A	97.19%

Whole School Attendance is 94.96%
Best Class is 99.33% **Well Done**

Some Pictures from Year 2 at Alan Higgs



KS1

Year 1

It's been a very exciting week in Year 1. On Tuesday, the school held a 'Coventry through the Ages day'. As part of this, we decided to focus on Sir Frank Whittle and the impact of his invention of the jet engine. The children designed their own planes, thinking about the important features that they would want to include and then created their own paper models. They also explored other types of flying machine and made their own paper spinners.

In English, we have been focusing on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We wondered what it was like for Little Red Riding Hood, when she walked through the woods to visit her grandma, so we all went for a walk to visit our own local woods. The children had lots of opportunity to think about the sights, sounds and smells and were able to think of lots of fantastic language too.



Year 2

Year 2 showed off their sporting abilities when they took part in the inter schools multi-skills competition at the Alan Higgs centre. The children all took part in 6 activities including speed bounce, long jump and the javelin. We were so impressed with the resilience, attitude and behaviour. They really did Clifford B ridge proud, not only with the effort that they put into every event, but also with their sportsmanship. They cheered everyone on and gave lots of encouragement. Both classes came in 4th place out

Early Years

Nursery

What a busy week we have had in Nursery! We learnt about the ingredients that we need to make pancakes, we made shopping lists and recipe books. We really wanted to help Mr Wolf as he can't read, write or count. Our highlight was tasting pancakes with different toppings. Chocolate was definitely our favourite. We finished this week off by celebrating Chinese New Year and we learnt that it is the year of the dog. As we break up today, we wish you all a very happy Chinese New Year and a restful half term.



Reception

The Dreaded Chicken Pox!

Reception has been plagued with the dreaded chicken pox, as well as various sickness bugs and infections. Throughout the week we have had many children (and staff) bedridden, leaving us healthy lot eager to take part in the many exciting themed days we've had in reception. This week we have celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Valentines Day and Chinese New Year! In our Read, Write, Inc. sessions we have been continuing to practise our 'ay' sound, writing short sentences.



of 6 schools, so a big well done Year 2!



