

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've had sunshine and snow this week while enjoying the transformation in our playground. Pentagon Play have finished replacing the soft pour with Astroturf and we are thrilled with the results!



As you are aware, national free COVID testing ends today. LFT testing will now stop in school and we will no longer be asking for your child to take LF tests if they are unwell. We will continue to monitor attendance and should there be an increase in absences in pupils or staff, any severe illness that requires hospitalisation or there is a cluster of suspected cases, I will inform the Public Health team, in line with Local Authority guidance.

During April, the NHS will be offering vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years. You will be able to make appointments for this yourself, booking online. Vaccinations will take place at local vaccination centres, a local pharmacy or through your GP. To be clear, vaccinations WILL NOT be administered at school.

Thank you,  
Mrs Cowell-Clark

**Contacting us:**

Calls can be made to school Monday to Thursday from 8:30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am - 4pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other query should be directed to [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk) Please note the office emails will be monitored once per week over the Easter holidays.

Finance queries should be directed to: [finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

## National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'Facebook'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.



## Recycling



We are continuing to recycle old pens, crisp packets, cans and old batteries in school. Please send any recycling into school with your child. **We are now also recycling used/empty printer ink cartridges!**

## Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Parentmail is now open for you to book your child's lunches, Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Summer Term 1. Please note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.



Please also note that **Breakfast club starts from 7.45am and children will not be allowed into school before this time. Thank you.**

## We're on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook and Instagram! Search for 'Clarborough Primary' and follow us for regular updates and see what we are getting up to!



## Please turn off your engines and considerate parking



Please turn off your car engines whilst waiting in the village hall car park and on Hillview Crescent. This is more environmentally friendly and considerate to those around them.

Further, for those parking at the village hall, please can you ensure that you park your vehicle appropriately and in the correct parking spaces provided to ensure that other parents can get in and out of the car park easily.

## Toys and Fidget Toys

Please note that fidget toys or any other sort of toy should not be brought into school unless you have spoken with your teacher and they have permitted your child to bring it in.

## Forest School Club

Week 6 Activities: For our final session before the Easter holidays the children had free choice of their activities. We took lots of equipment and materials outside and the children chose which activities they wanted to have a go at. They made some amazing creations from clay bowls to chalking each other on the playground, they all had lots of fun!

The children and I have absolutely loved our Forest School sessions and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout. Also, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Whitfield for helping us each week, we really do appreciate everything you do for us. Thank you, Mrs Holmes.



### Bird fact of the week:

Birds have hollow bones, which make them light enough to fly; they have no teeth only beaks which are also lightweight. Baby birds have a projection on their beaks called an egg tooth, it is used to break out of their eggshells and then it falls off

## KS1 Stay and Play Club

During this half-term Mrs Turton has been holding a 'Stay and Play' club after school on Thursdays for Key Stage 1 pupils. The children (and Mrs Turton!) have had lots of fun playing indoors and outside, and it has been a great chance for the children to relax and chat and to catch up on some playing with friends that they have missed during the Lockdowns and Covid restrictions. We have been rolling down the slope on the field, playing in the mud kitchen, riding bikes and scooters all around the playground, painting, building obstacle courses and lots more! We are hoping to run another Stay and Play club during the last half-term before we break up for the summer - places will be available to book before the Whitsun holiday/half term.

## Geography club



This term, in Geography Club, we have visited as many countries as we could. Whilst visiting our countries we looked at the language, culture and environments of wherever we were visiting. We visited Italy and learnt to speak some Italian phrases and then cooked some pizza. When we visited Japan we looked at origami, sumo and learned to eat rice with chopsticks. On our travels through India, we practised some Bollywood dancing, learnt some of the language and cooked a curry. As we travelled through China, we looked at the traditional Chinese dragon, watched some Tai Chi and cooked a Chinese feast of sweet chilli chicken, egg fried rice and satay noodles. Finally, when we jetted through Sweden, we looked at what it was like to live somewhere that could be so cold. We looked at the language and then we cooked a traditional Swedish potato cake.

We had an amazing time travelling the world this term learning about various countries of the world and we all agreed that at the end of the sessions that Geography club should have been named 'Food of the World Club' instead!

### **Always Always with Mrs Cowell-Clark**

Each term, teachers put forward the names of the children who are always trying hard to be the best they can be. Names are drawn out and the children get to have a treat. The children have gone home with a goodie bag of treats (which I hope they'll share!). Well done to:

**Reception: Seb**

**Year 1: Monty**

**Year 2: Cole**

**Year 3: Rowan**

**Year 4: Stanley**

**Year 5: Ruby**

**Year 6: Ruben**

### **Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)**



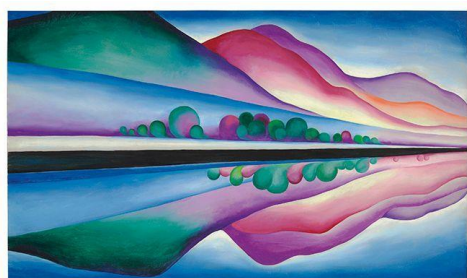
Well what a difference a few days makes! We started the week in sunshine with our old tired playground and ended the week with snow and a fantastic area of new Astroturf which has transformed our outdoor area!





Adding to the excitement has been our Easter preparations and a Fancy-Dress Shop in our role play area. A big 'thank you' to the parents who donated some super new costumes - they never last very long but are a wonderful way of encouraging the children to develop their strength and dexterity as they wrestle in and out of them.

Next term, we will be thinking about different vehicles. Have a wonderful Easter everyone, with your wonderful children!



### Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)

This week we have been continuing to look for the signs of Spring and have been talking about Easter and why it is such an important festival for Christians. We have also had lots of excitement watching what the builders have been doing in the playground and can't wait to play on our new area! After the Easter break we will be learning all about different types of vehicles, beginning with the vehicles that we see on our way to school, and the different ways that we all travel to school.

I would like to say another huge WELL DONE to the children for the fantastic learning that they have been doing over the past few weeks - I am especially proud of how much more they are prepared to persevere, even when they are finding things tricky; Well done everyone - you are all Superstars!



**Stars of the week: Everyone for their hard work and perseverance!**



## Year 1 (Joan Miro)

This week, the children have been busy completing their end of term assessments. They have also been finding out about the Easter story. Miss Green wishes everyone a Hoppy Easter!



**Merit Award:** Katie for her fantastic progress in reading and writing!

**Courtesy Award:** Ollie for always looking out for others and appreciating the little things!



**Star of the week:** Everyone for working so hard on their assessments!



## Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)

In Year 2, the children have been writing fact files about the Olympics. They have also been completing their assessments. On Tuesday, the children had great fun in their PE session which was supported by the Year 5 pupils.



The children also decorated some eggs to tell the story of Easter.

**Merit Award: Freddie - No matter what lesson, you always try your best, even if you find something tricky. We are so proud of your positive attitude and your perseverance!**

**Courtesy Award: Ishe - Your manners are impeccable. You always say good morning and always tell us to have a nice day. Your thoughtfulness is so lovely to see every day. Thank you Ishe!**

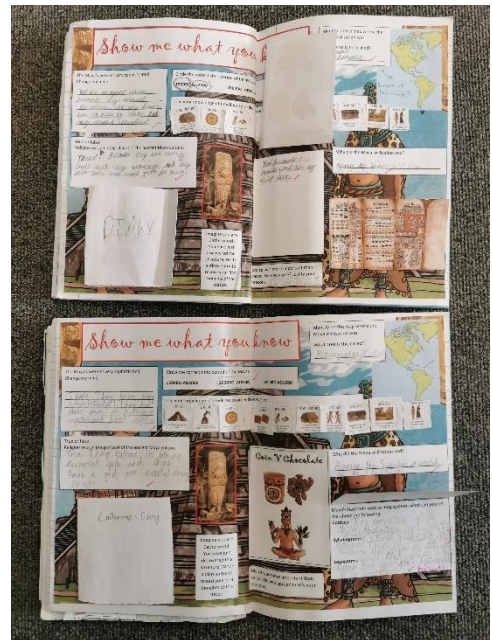


**Star of the week: Edith - You always have a smile on your face and your cheery personality makes the classroom a happy place to be! You are a good friend to others and always go out of your way to help anyone who may need it!**



### **Year 3 (William Morris)**

The children have been learning about Easter traditions and customs in France. They have created Paper Mache Mayan masks. They have also been busy with their end of term assessments.



**Merit Award: Rion – You always work so hard in every lesson and your effort has not gone unnoticed. There is nothing you won't do and it so lovely to see you doing your best in everything that you achieve!**

**Courtesy Award: Sebastian - You are so polite and well mannered, you are always conscious of others around you and you are always willing and happy to help!**

**Smashers: Ben, Paige, Jacob, Zach, Rion, Lydia, James, Bess, Isla H, Elsie, Henry, William, Oliver, Isla O and Bella**

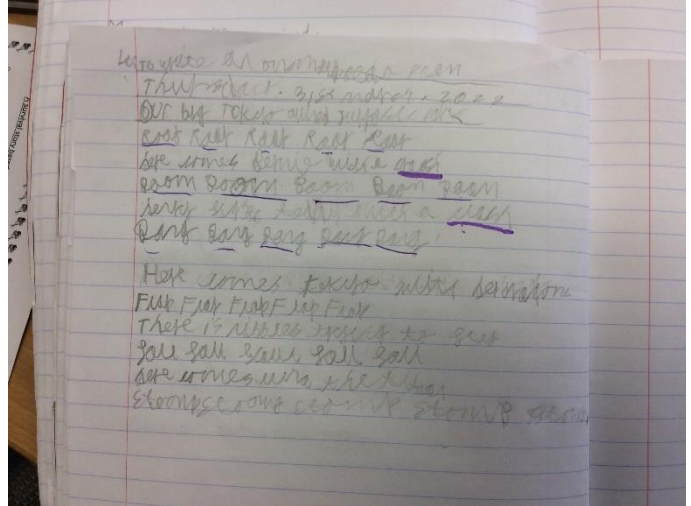
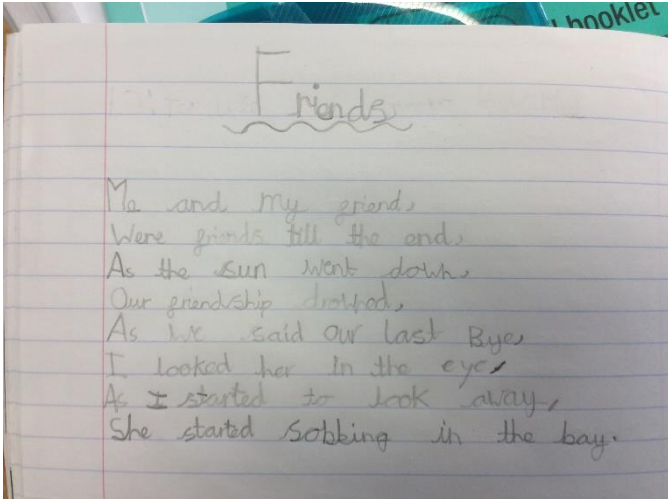


**Star of the week: All of Year 3 for their hard work in their assessments!**



## Year 4 (Salvador Dali)

Y4 have been learning about onomatopoeias (these are words that sound like their meaning: bang, crash, squelch.) They have also been writing poetry. Their Science lessons have been focusing on making electrical circuits and revising telling the time. As well as all of this, they have been doing their assessments! A busy week for Year 4!



**Merit Award:** Reece for focussing so well this term!

**Courtesy Award:** Winnie for always being so polite to everyone around school!

**Smashers:** Toby, Charlotte, Bobby-Lee, Winnie, Heidi F and Asya.

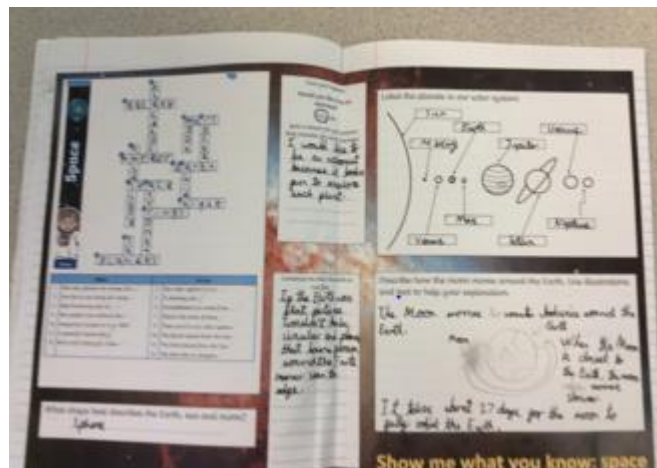


**Star of the week:** All of Year 4 for their hard work in their assessments!



## Year 5 (Banksy)

Year 5 have been getting crafty with Easter art projects between their end of term assessments. They have finished their sci-fi stories and typed them up. They have also shown what they know about Space.





**Merit Award: James for always giving 100% in everything that you do, in and out of school. You are always willing to share your passions with others. You are a pleasure to have in the class!**

**Courtesy Award: Saffron for always being so polite and well mannered. You are always willing to help others with a smile on your face!**

**Smashers: Anya, James, Luke, Sarina, Katrina, Aidan, Henry, Logan, Kai and Freya**

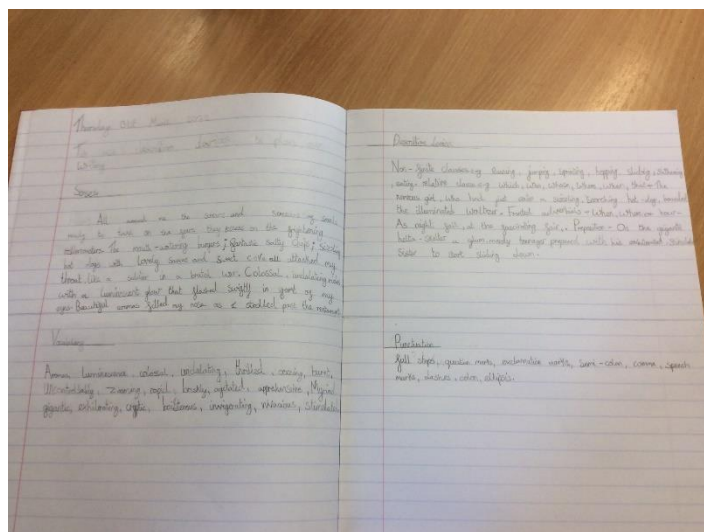
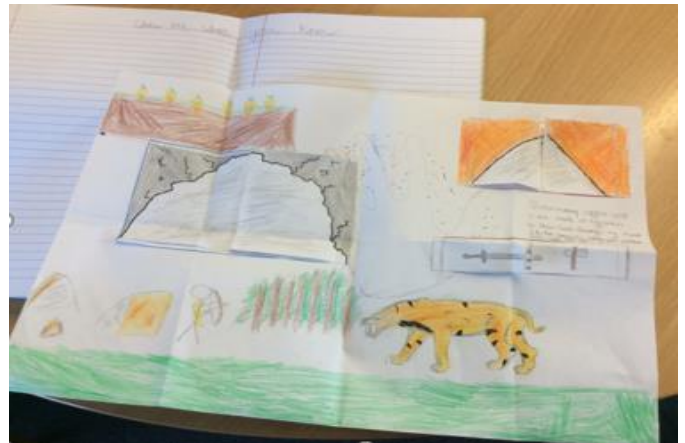


**Star of the week: All of Year 5 for their hard work in their assessments!**



### Year 6 (Lucian Freud)

Year 6 have been making their 'show me what you know' about the Stone Age posters. In Maths, they have been using algebra to create a formula which allowed them to create curves out of straight lines. In English, they have been busy planning their descriptive writing about a visit to the fairground.



**Merit Award: William - for making amazing progress this term and putting in huge amounts of effort into everything that he has done!**

**Courtesy Award: Olivia - for her impeccable behaviour and work this term!**

**Smashers: Isabella, Chloe and Amelie**



**Star of the week: Lily for putting 100% in to every single thing that she has done this week!**

### **Dates for your Diary....**

**1<sup>st</sup> April – Last Day of Term**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Children return back to school**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday, school closed**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day of Term**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – HALF TERM**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Children return back to school**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Golden Jubilee Celebrations (details to follow)**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos and Year 6 Leaver Photos**

### **Out of School Achievements**

If your child has any out of school achievements that they would like mentioned in the newsletter, please send in your photos/certificates by Thursday to ensure it is included in Friday's newsletter.

This week, Isabella donated 12 inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust. This is the second time she has donated 12 inches of hair. Wow, what an amazingly thoughtful thing to do Isabella!





A big well done to Esmay who received her Puffin Certificate and Learn to Swim Stage 1 Award in swimming this week – Great work Esmay!

A huge well done to Seb who received his Puffin Certificate in swimming this week – Great work Seb!



A big well done to Winnie who gained her red belt in karate this week – Great work Winnie!

A huge well done to Henry who received his certificate and medal for achieving his Lilac Award in gymnastics – Great effort Henry!





A big well done to William who received his Learn to Swim 4 Certificate in swimming this week – Great work William!

Congratulations to Jorgie who made her promise at Rainbows and received her certificate and badge – Well done Jorgie!



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Just a friendly reminder...

## Local News

### **CDCA is seeking additional Trustees**

Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA, Charity Commission 502076) is seeking new Trustees to help power forward. The Board of Trustees is particularly keen to hear from anyone who has financial experience who can guide our charity to accessing funding for the long-term maintenance and development of our hall building.

We are also keen to engage with younger members of our community to enable us to make our hall available for weekend events such as children's parties as well as other special occasions. The Tree Lighting Fair, which took place in December last year, was a really good example of what can be achieved when our community works together.

If this sounds interesting, please contact Greg on 01777 700 918 or [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com) or David on 07501 803918 or [dawsondauida@yahoo.com](mailto:dawsondauida@yahoo.com)

For more about CDCA and also forthcoming meeting dates, please go to our community website's **Village Hall CDCA** page.