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Science Week



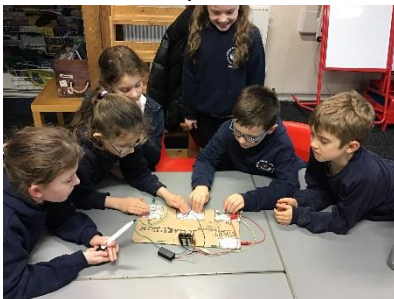
There has been a busy buzz of scientific investigation and exploration at school this week as we celebrated British Science Week.

Hedgehog classes have been exploring floating and sinking and reactions when different substances are mixed together.

Squirrel Class have been focussing on the science in farming and how technology helps make farming more efficient. They have even made their own propagators.

Fox class coded the microbits to make a reaction time game and also used the new PTA funded data loggers to measure temperature in their ice troll experiments.

Deer Class have looked at the impact of plastic waste on the environment and created their own upcycled items from plastic bottles – bird feeders, plant pots, money boxes, pencil cases and desk tidies have never looked so unique!



Netball Final

Eight members of Deer Class represented the school at the Eden Valley Netball final on Friday. It was a tough competition and they lost, one, drew 2 and won. They showed such resilience and determination and for the second time in recent weeks Clifton has been commended by the Sports Partnership and other schools for their fair play and good sportsmanship. Well done Lucia, Olivia, Jesse, Natanya, Matilda, Alana, Ebony and Oliver who lent his support and stood in at the last minute to help out.



Squirrel Class Farm Visit



To support their Science week work on farming in the future Steve Bland showed the children the robots, scrapers and talked them through how computers help him to track the cows and keep them healthy. And of course they had to taste the product of all this effort and investment.

Parent's Evening Meetings

Padlets have been sent home for you to book your appointments to chat with teachers about your child's progress. We very much value the opportunity to meet with parents and urge you to sign up. If the times and dates are not suitable please speak to your child's teacher about an alternative date and time.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Book Fair – it was great to see so many children eager to get reading a new book they had chosen for them self. We sold over £360 worth of books which meant school have almost £100 to buy books for the classrooms.

Reading will remain a focus this year and we already have our next library visit planned for the end of this term. Fox class will be making their second visit to the library on Tuesday 26th March. Please send in library cards and any books to return on this date.

All children now have a library book and card and you do not have to wait until we next visit to return and swap your books.

Penrith Library opening hours are listed below but books can be returned to and borrowed from any Cumbrian library

Monday: 9.30am to 6pm	Tuesday: 9.30am to 6pm	Wednesday: 9.30am to 5pm
Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm	Friday: 9.30am to 5pm	Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm

Price Increases

Just a reminder that we have regretfully had to increase the charges for the additional services provided at school. From 15th April charges will be as follows:

£3.00 School meals

£3.00 Breakfast Club

£4.00 ALL After School Clubs 3.30-4.30*

£7.00 After School Club 3.30-5.30

*Teachers may continue to provide additional complimentary clubs on a termly basis.

We have tried to absorb as much of the cost rises as possible and we will continue to look at ways to minimise future increases. Clifton Primary School prides itself in the tasty meal options and varied clubs we can offer the children and we will do all we can to continue providing value for money in all the services we offer.

Outdoor Learning

Please send in a complete set of warm winter clothing that is preferably waterproof and wellies, hat, gloves and scarf. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. Please be aware that shorts are not acceptable clothing for Outdoor Learning. The children are outside for a long period of time and the weather can be wet and cold. It can also be a health and safety risk when children are around fires and in nature with nettles/brambles etc.

Hedgehog Class – 20th March

Deer Class – 27th March

PE LESSONS this half term are as follows.....

Squirrel Class – Monday and Thursday

Fox Class – Monday and Friday

Deer Class – Wednesday and Friday

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please send PE kits in to keep on the pegs for Hedgehogs as changing time is a good opportunity to develop independence skills

PTA News

The next event is the Easter Bingo on 22nd March

100 Club letters will be coming home very soon and this is the perfect way to support the school without any effortand you could be a lucky winner of one of three cash prizes. The more members the bigger the prize money.

Date for your diary - Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 16th June – a perfect Father's Day treat!

NEXT MEETING – 18th April @ school @ 7pm

Spring Term Clubs

Monday lunchtime – running club with Mrs Davies. For all children in Year 1 – Year 6. Children must bring in a PE kit and trainers that they can get muddy.



Tuesday lunchtime - Cheer Club with Jennie Davidson and Miss Hunter.



Sewing Club – Fridays **until 4.30** with Mrs Roberts & Mrs Brabant.

Lunchtime Drama Club – Wednesdays

Miss Simpson will run a Homework Club for Year 6 children on Tuesdays

Dates for the Diary



18th March – Hedgehog Trip on Carlisle to Settle Railway

19th/20th March – Parent's Evening Meetings

20th March – Eden Rock Bouldering Final

Thursday 21st March – Fox Class - U Dance Festival @ Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle (5.00 and 6.30pm)

Thursday 21st March – Downs Syndrome Day – wear socks to get you noticed

Friday 22nd March – PTA Easter Bingo 6pm for 6.30pm start

Tuesday 26th March – Fox Class Library Visit

Wednesday 27th March – Fox Class to Action Ants Ball Skills @ Culgaith

Thursday 28th March – End of term celebration @ church @ 2pm

Monday 15th April – Start of the Summer Term

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Spring term

Start -Thursday 4th January End - Thursday 28th March

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Summer Term

Start - Monday 15th April End - Friday 19th July

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Please remember there is a small change in term dates compared to those published on the Westmorland & Furness website.

Remember you can keep up to date with events and photos on our Friends of Clifton Primary School Facebook page so please join if you have not already.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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