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Woodland Trust Gold Award



A very big well done to Mrs Davies and all of the children who have been working towards the third and final Green Tree School award.

Throughout all the classes, we have been working towards the Woodland Trust's award and recently Deer Class completed the creative words activity. Having walked through the woods, they collaborated in groups to produce some amazing descriptive writing. We are so proud of their work and it has also earned the required points for us to be presented with the gold award.

We now have a very special plaque to celebrate our achievements.



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week and we are organising a range of activities to support wellbeing amongst the children.

Miss Cou t ts will start the week with a special assembly linking mental health to Decider Skills and throughout the week the children will be given the opportunity to select some of the Bingo activities within their classes.

On Wednesday each class will also experience a children's yoga session with Yoga Therapist Gitu Menghani. There will be a selection of books available in the foyer to

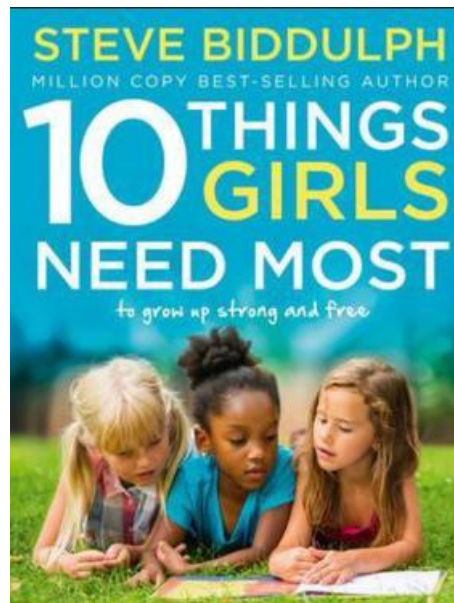
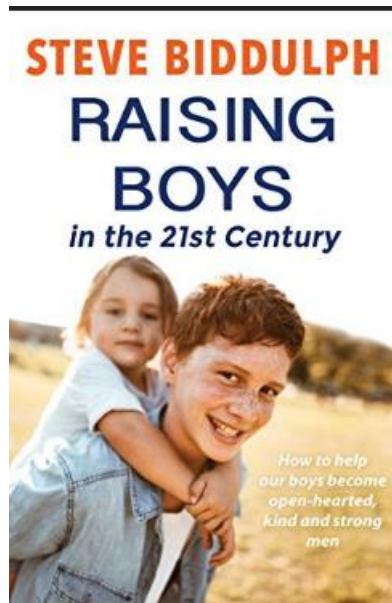
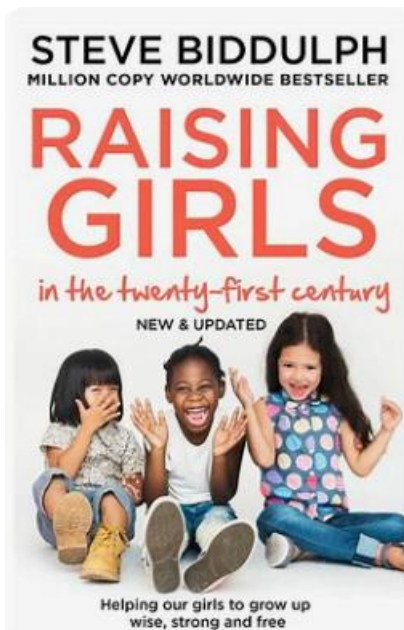
Mental Health Week

BINGO

EXTRA PLAYTIME	MINDFUL COLOURING	LEGO ACTIVITIES	PAINTING AN 'ISLAND OF PERSONALITY'
WELLBEING WALK	BAKING	FIRE AND MASHMALLOWS	MUSIC AND DANCING
HOT CHOCOLATE	FIDDLING FINGER ACTIVITIES	FEED THE BIRDS/GARDENING	YOGA LESSON

'POSITIVE WORDS OF AFFIRMATION'
 WRITE DOWN A COMPLIMENT ABOUT SOMEBODY IN YOUR CLASS. PUT THESE IN A JAR AND READ THEM OUT AT RANDOM POINTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

support parents on the challenges of bringing up children so please feel free to pop in and borrow one. They are all tried and tested by members of staff who have used them in school and for their own children.



Pupil Voice Conference Action

A couple of weeks ago the children were all asked their views about school clubs, lunches and playground activities. It did not take Mrs Brough long to respond to their requests. No sooner did the sun come out on Thursday and she had organised an 'obstacle course' for them to explore over the day's playtimes. It was very well received and the children were pleased that their views had been actioned. Thankyou Mrs Brough for your dedication.



Decider Skills

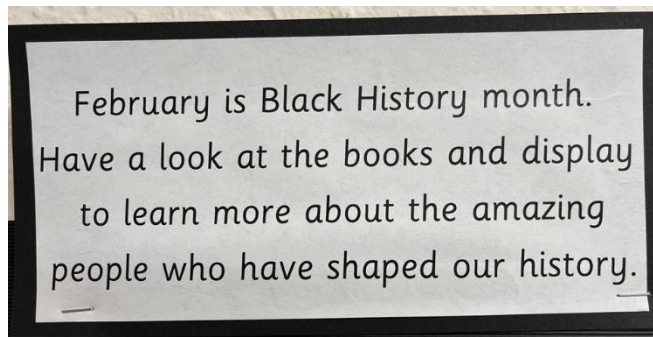
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Our newly revamped library is certainly proving a BIG hit with the children and the librarians are kept very busy with the never ending stream of avid readers wanting to borrow new books. School Librarian Mrs Roberts has this week created the first of our new regular library displays with one focussing on books that commemorate Black History month. Thankyou Mrs Roberts for sharing your passion for books and reading with the children.



Year 5 and 6 have this week begun the Spellbinding Reading Challenge organised by Cumbria Libraries. The award is designed to create enthusiasm and excitement about books and widens reading choices by giving children the opportunity to discover new authors and try different genres. Pupils post comments via the website about the books they have been reading and vote for their favourite. Each child receives a passport with a different book related sticker to collect every time they finish a book. Pupils read as many books as they can from the shortlist during the Spring Term and voting takes place after Easter.



The Year 2-4 Nuts About Reading Challenge ended this week with two more children finishing their final book just in time to earn their certificate and special bookworm badge.

The children are already eagerly awaiting the Summer Reading Challenge and have asked Mrs Newman when it starts!!!

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Headlice

We have been made aware that a few children have had some unwanted visitors and urge everyone to check the hair of all family members and treat immediately if any headlice or eggs are found. No one likes the thought of these so with vigilance and prompt action we can keep them from spreading any further.

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

Hedgehog Class – Monday and Friday

Fox & Deer Class – Friday

The children in Year 2-6 will be having PE at Newton Rigg for the whole of Friday afternoon until Half Term.

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

On Friday 7th February – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 will go to Newton Rigg for PE as Deer Class will be in Manchester doing Young Voices.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL HEDGEHOG CHILDREN HAVE THEIR PE KITS IN SCHOOL FOR USE ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Friday afternoon is busy and getting the children back to school on time after Newton Rigg is much easier if the coach can park outside school. Please do not park in the parking spaces on Friday afternoons – we will try to put out cones but it is not always possible. Thankyou!

Outdoor Learning

This half term it is the turn of Deer and Hedgehog classes to do Outdoor Learning.

Wednesday 5th February – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 12th February – Deer Class

Please send a complete set of suitable clothing and, now the wetter weather is here, **wellies** and 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.

Spring Term Clubs

Miss Wilson will be hosting Choir club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Sewing Club with Mrs Roberts on Fridays – there is a £4 charge to cover costs. It is open to children from Year 2-6.

Running Club (for all age groups) is on Thursday. Children will need a spare pair of trainers that can get muddy.



Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Thursday 6th February – PTA meeting

Friday 7th February – Young Voices for Deer Class

Wednesday 12th February – Stay & Play @ 2.00 - 3.00

Thursday 13th February – KS2 Dodgeball

Friday 14th February – Break up for Half Term

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

27th March – PTA meeting

Wednesday 2nd April – End of term Spring Celebration in church @ 2.00pm

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

Job Vacancies

New Vacancy – Site Manager at Beaconside School. See attachment for more information.

We are currently looking for a Clerk to Governors to join our school team (1.5hrs per week).

If interested, you can find further information about the role on our school website or please feel free to pop in the school office to discuss the role further.

[Clifton Primary School & Hedgehogs Nursery - Vacancies](#)

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

School term and half term dates for 2024/2025

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 September 2024	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025	Friday 18 July 2025

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.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team