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Winners Eloise and Poppy perform their wonderful gymnastics routine at the Claremont's Got Talent final

And the winners of CGT 2016 are...

by Issy Lowe and Laurie Edwards
The winners of Claremont's Got Talent 2016, Eloise and Poppy from Year 6, performed a brilliant gymnastics routine. Adeel from 5M performed a fantastic rap about Pokémon to earn second place. Finlay, Felix and Jacob were third with their band and the Teachers' Award went to Matthew from 5M for his amazing singing.
For more on CGT, see pages 2-3

Welcome to The Claremont Chronicle

Welcome to the first issue of The Claremont Chronicle. It has been written and produced by 14 Year 5 and 6 children who meet on Thursdays after school at the Newspaper Club.

We started only a few weeks ago and really wanted our first issue to come out before Christmas - and with the Claremont's Got Talent result in it, so this first issue has been a bit of a rush. We hope to produce one paper each term from now on.

All the ideas in the newspaper came from the children and they have written all the stories and features themselves. They have been helped by three parents - Matt Lowe, who helped produce a pupils' newspaper at the school he used to work at, David Edwards, who has worked as a journalist for several newspapers, and Mark Leeds, an art director for newspapers and magazines.

We would like to thank Mrs Crockett, for agreeing to be interviewed for this first issue and for being such a good subject, Mrs Ball, for letting us use her classroom on Thursday afternoons, and all the parents of the children for helping them write and send their stories.

We would love to know what you think of The Claremont Chronicle. Please email us at the.claremont.chronicle@gmail.com

The finalists



Adeel
Year 5

Act: Rap
Mentor: Mrs Ball

Complete with baseball cap and street attitude, Adeel wowed the audience with his self-penned rap and impressed the judges with his coolness under pressure.



Eloise and Poppy
Year 6

Act: Gym/dance
Mentor: Mrs Ball

Eloise and Poppy joined forces after auditioning separately and produced an amazing routine of dance and gym moves, brilliantly co-ordinated with each other.



Finlay, Jacob and Felix
Year 6

Act: Band
Mentor: Miss Newby

Performing with real confidence, the boys produced a beautiful rendition of Cold Water by Justin Bieber, and impressed the judges with the hard work and dedication they had put into their practice.



Matthew
Year 5

Act: Singing
Mentor: Miss Newby

Matthew's emotional rendition of Justin Bieber's Love Yourself, performed solo with no backing music, brought cheers from the crowd and tears from some of the watching teachers. Truly gob-smacking.



Con, George, Jamie and Amelie
Year 6

Act: Comedy
Mentor: Mrs Smith

Con, George, Amelie and Jamie performed an hilarious mime impressing the judges with some interesting costumes, stuck together with some revolting chewing gum.



Emily
Year 3

Act: Singing
Mentor: Mr Miles

Emily sung the famous Naughty song from the Matilda musical with feeling and fantastic expression and particularly impressed the judges with her acting out of the lyrics.



Issy and Tallulah
Year 6

Act: Singing/dancing
Mentor: Mrs Smith

Put together after their first auditions, the girls started afresh, developing a brand new routine. Tallulah's beautiful voice and Issy's dance interpretations got the final off to a cracking start.



Zack, Timo and Jack
Year 4

Act: Comedy
Mentor: Mr Miles

The boys were at the doctor's for their brilliant sketch about a miraculous medic who solves his patients' ailments with a magical chair. The last illness was almost too much to stomach.

Meet our own Sharon and Darcey

Mrs Smith and Miss Newby tell us about being judges for CGT 2016

by Jess Poland and Maryam Zobeir Ali

I am sure there are lots of things you will want to know about Claremont's Got Talent, but most of all you might want to know about the judges. We went to interview Mrs Smith and Miss Newby, two of the four teachers who are judging this year's competition.

Mrs Smith, who are the judges this year?

Mr Miles, Miss Newby, Mrs Ball and myself.

Miss Newby, what qualities are you looking for from the finalists? Confidence, eye contact with the audience and how well rehearsed will the performance be.

And what are you looking for, Mrs Smith? A well-practised performance, people who are



Mr Miles, Miss Newby, Mrs Smith and Mrs Ball watch the finalists in action



really enjoying what they are doing, commitment and the courage to have a go.

Mrs Smith, if you were in Claremont's Got Talent, what would you do? Play my clarinet.

Miss Newby, have you ever been in a talent show? No, I never have been.

Mr Greaves was presenting his sixth CGT final. Does he find it scary?

by Philip Stannage and Laurie Edwards

Do you have any talents? You may not know this but I am a good singer!

Is it scary standing in front of everyone? No, it's more scary talking in the staff meeting!

Who is your inspiration? The Scottish comedian Billy Connolly

What is your favourite part of being the host? Making people laugh and watching different acts!

What is your favourite animal and would you have it as a pet? My favourite animal is a whale (but I wouldn't have it as a pet).

What sport did you like when you were a kid? Cross-country

What are your favourite books? The Tale of Despereaux

Do you like boys choir? I love it



Mr Greaves hosts the 2016 final

PAST CGT WINNERS

- 2015 Monty + Josh (comedy)
- 2014 Sami (gymnastics)
- 2013 Anna (the cup song)
- 2012 Tegan (gymnastics)
- 2011 Joshua (gymnastics)

Mrs Smith, what is your favourite TV talent show out of The X-Factor, Britain's Got Talent, The Voice or Strictly Come Dancing? Strictly Come Dancing.

Miss Newby, who is your favourite judge from all the talent shows? Sharon Osbourne.

Mrs Smith, which judge do you most identify yourself with in Strictly Come Dancing? Darcey Bussell.

Miss Newby, are you going to be stressed as a first-time judge? Yes, but I have colleagues who will help me and I am already mentoring brilliant people.

Miss Newby, are you going to be strict? I don't know yet.

Miss Newby, are you looking forward to seeing how talented people are in our school? Yes I am and I was really surprised to see the amount of people who decided to audition.

When you were in school did you ever take part in a singing competition? No, but I did a solo in a choir

What is the best act you have ever seen in Claremont's Got Talent? The comedy from 2015

If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be? Newcastle's No 9, the striker

Where do you get your 'funny' jokes from? A website or comedians

What is your favourite TV show? Frasier

Endangered animals



Through the years, animals' habitats have been destroyed and animals are being hunted and are becoming endangered, or even extinct. These animals have to survive, even under these circumstances, if they are to keep their species alive

by Issy Lowe

Pandas

Everyone knows about the giant panda. They used to be endangered, but the number of them has increased thanks to conservation efforts over decades, the increase in bamboo forests and breeding programmes in China. The population of adult pandas is now at approximately 2,000. They may not be endangered any more, but they are still vulnerable due to future deforestation and climate change. The change from being endangered to being vulnerable was announced as part of an update to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, which is a list of 82,954 species of animals and plants. Unfortunately, almost 24,000 of these species are listed as being threatened with extinction.

Apes

While it's good news for pandas, our apes are struggling. The eastern gorilla is now critically endangered, along with three other

great apes. The eastern gorilla's population has fallen in the past 20 years mainly because of illegal hunting. Their habitat is also destroyed when people use the land for farming and the trees for fuel. Gorillas are also killed by poachers, but sometimes they get caught in poacher's traps, which are meant for other animals. Gorillas are the world's largest primate and for years they've been seen as fearsome and aggressive beasts. But gorillas are actually gentle giants that have strong family ties and live on a vegetarian diet.

The western gorilla, the Bornean orangutan and Sumatran orangutan are all considered critically endangered. While gorillas in Africa have suffered due to illegal poaching, the orangutans



in Indonesia and Malaysia are faced with rapid deforestation and loss of habitat.

Elephants

Elephants are threatened for many reasons. Habitat loss is one of the key threats facing them, along with climate change, which will put their calves' lives at risk. Poachers are one of the reasons these animals are endangered. Poachers kill elephants for their ivory tusks. Many people in Asia find elephants important to their culture, but their future is at risk.

Polar bears

Polar Bears live by catching seals and other animals from the top of the sea ice. The sea doesn't freeze as much any more so polar bears can't get any food. They are at risk as the ice which they live on is melting, which is caused by global warming. Scientists predict we could lose two-thirds of our polar bears by 2050, if nothing is done. This is why they are listed as a threatened species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Top 10 endangered animals



1. Ivory-billed woodpecker
A North American bird so endangered it may actually be extinct

2. Amur leopard
The world's rarest cat: only 40 left in Russia's Far East

3. Javan rhinoceros
No more than 60 of these swamp-dwelling Asian rhinos exist

4. Northern sportive lemur
Here's the scarcest of Madagascar's fast-dwindling lemur species

5. Western lowland gorilla
Disease and illegal hunting are wiping out this gentle giant

6. The saola – an Asian unicorn
So rare it is almost mythological, the saola hangs on by its hoof tips in a forest full of poachers' snares

7. Leatherback sea turtle
The population of the world's largest turtle is dropping at an alarming rate

8. The tiger
The world's biggest cat is almost gone

9. Chinese giant salamander
Humans are eating the world's largest amphibian into extinction

10. The little dodo bird
Samoa's little dodo bird is in imminent danger of following the large dodo into extinction



Folly Wildlife Rescue

By Gracie Venables

Folly is worth supporting because it rescues and saves injured, orphaned and distressed animals all over Kent and Sussex. The charity saves thousands of animals every year that have been injured through some contact with human activities, like attacks from cats, being caught in fencing, hit by cars, etc.

The trust helps hand-rear mammals such as foxes, badgers, mice, rabbits, hedgehogs and many more. Many pupils at Claremont have been introduced to the hedgehogs in Reception when Folly comes to visit. Folly helps educate people on how to prevent accidents happening to animals and to be considerate of the wildlife around them.

Folly has a wildlife hospital in Tunbridge Wells and they hope to add an X-ray unit. By raising money for them, we can help achieve this. Folly has no funding apart from donations and that is why we are grateful for all their work and as a school have chosen to support them this year.

follywildliferescue.org.uk



"Many pupils at Claremont have been introduced to the hedgehogs in Reception when Folly comes to visit"



World Wildlife Fund

By Jessica Hughes

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) works around the world to protect endangered habitats and animals. It is worth supporting because it helps protect our amazing planet, including more than 1,000 endangered animals each year.

Success stories

In Tanzania, where fishing is a big part of the economy, a lot of turtles have been caught up in fishing nets. WWF has set up around 60 community-based beach management

units, which have made a real difference to wildlife and local people. They also work with local fishermen to help them see the importance of turtle conservation. In the past, if they had to cut turtles free from their nets, they would view it as a loss to their income, as their nets would be out of action. WWF has been replacing their nets, which also helps them to monitor the turtles.

Also, some of the money that we raise at our school is going towards tigers' homes and habitats. In 2010 there were as few as 3,200 tigers in the wild. By 2015, the number had risen to 3,900. By 2022, WWF wants to double the number of tigers.

Even though it is illegal, in some parts of the world tigers are still being hunted for their skin and fur. With our school helping to support WWF, we can try to make sure that people and nature all over the world can thrive together for many generations to come.

Fundraising

£10 could buy 40 seedlings for forests in Tanzania.
£25 could pay for a rhino ranger salary for 10 days.
£100 could pay for a hand-held GPS to map turtle nests.
£200 could pay for a dog handler for one month.
wwf.org.uk

Cancer Research UK



By Jessie Marshall

Cancer Research UK's aim is to reduce the number of deaths from cancer. As the world's largest independent cancer charity, it does research into prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

Research is done in universities and hospitals around the UK. It also provides information about cancer and runs campaigns aimed at raising money for the disease. It raises money through donations, community fundraising and events. Over 40,000 people are volunteers. On July 18, 2012, Cancer Research had its largest donation ever of £10 million. The money went towards the £100 million needed for the Francis Crick Institute in London, the largest research building in Europe.

About cancer

Cancer is a collection of related diseases. In all types of cancer, some of the body's cells begin to divide without stopping and spread into surrounding tissues. Cancer can start anywhere in the human body, which is made up of trillions of cells. When cells grow old or become damaged, they die, and new cells take their place.

Genes and cell division

Different types of cells do different jobs, but they are basically very similar. They all have a control centre called a nucleus. Inside the Nucleus are chromosomes made up of long strings of DNA. DNA contains thousands of genes, which are coded messages which tell the cell how to behave.
cancerresearchuk.org

‘When I was nine you could see what I was destined to do’

Mrs Crockett kindly agreed to be interviewed for the first issue of The Claremont Chronicle. So all members of the Newspaper Club thought of a few questions to ask her

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

You all know that I’ve got a Scottish accent but I wasn’t born in Scotland. I was actually born in Belfast in Northern Ireland and we moved to Scotland when I was five years old.

What was your childhood like?

That’s a long, long time ago! I really enjoyed my childhood. It was a very happy childhood. I have one sister and one brother. My sister is two years younger than me, so we were very close. We had quite similar friends. My parents were quite strict, although I was happy, they didn’t give me any room to do anything wrong, and I have to say I was a bit of a goody two shoes.

What was your favourite subject at school?

I had two favourite subjects. Am I allowed two? They were music and maths. And those two subjects go together. Seemingly, if you are musical you also have a mathematical brain as well.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A teacher, I’m afraid. I have always wanted to be a teacher. As I said, I had a little sister and a little brother. My brother is seven years younger than me. They used to have to sit and put up with my lessons when I was a child. I had a little blackboard and everything. I also liked to organise things. Obviously I was heading to be a head teacher because when I was about nine, we lived in a cres-

cent with about 15 houses and in front of them there was a big grass area. I organised a concert that all the children in the street did and I got all the chairs from people’s dining rooms, put them on the grass and then invited all the neighbours to come to this concert. They had to pay money and then we took the money to a children’s home. So when I was nine you could see what I was destined to do really.

What was your favourite childhood book?

I loved all the Narnia tales. I started with The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, which I read several times. And then I read all the other books in the series as well. When it then came on television and the movie, I was a bit disappointed because it wasn’t quite how I imagined it in my mind.

What was your first ever job?

As a child my first job was working in a home bakery. It was hard work. You started at eight o’clock on a Sat-

urday morning and finished at one. But the food was amazing, so we got amazing break times. The other thing about it is I got paid 25p an hour, so it really was a long time ago.

Where did you work before you came to Claremont?

I was headteacher of St James the Great Academy, which is over in East Malling. I was there for 10 years as headteacher and before that I was headteacher of a middle school in Suffolk.

Where do you live and do you have an easy journey to work?

I live in Sevenoaks so in order to miss the traffic I leave home at ten to seven, or seven o’clock. That gets me into school at half past seven. If I leave my home at quarter past seven, I don’t get in until eight o’clock. If I leave my home at half past seven, who knows! However, in summer 2017 when they promise that the roadworks are going to be done, I’m going to be zooming here every morning.

How did you feel when you did your first assembly at Claremont?

My very first assembly was when I had my interview here, which I did to half the school. That was nerve-racking because it was an interview. But my very first assembly when I came here as headteacher, I was nervously excited. When I stood in front of you all it was lovely to see your smiling faces, but I thought I really want to make a good impression because I would quite like it if the children at Claremont like me.

Did you play an instrument when you were young?

I started playing the piano when I was six. I went through all the grades. I got grade eight when I was 15 and I also learnt to play the clarinet when I was 11. I also did singing. After I did all of that I went off to university and I did a music degree. I had a choice when I left school. At one moment I might not have been a teacher because I was accepted into the Royal Scottish Academy of Music as a performer, so I could have gone down the performance route but I decided I wanted to be a teacher.

What was your first impression of our school?

Mrs Bruce showed me round the school and I thought it was a really happy place. There was lots of learning going on. I liked the idea that it’s a teaching school, so there are people learning to be teachers here as well. So I thought why not, I’ll apply for the job. I didn’t actually think I would get it because Claremont is a very big well-known school, and I was very, very chuffed to get it.

What is your favourite aspect of Claremont daily life?

That’s a really tough one. What I like about Claremont is that it’s got a real family feel. Even though there are 500 children in school and 60 members of staff, so 560 of us in this building every single day, everybody still looks after each other.

What’s the most embarrassing thing you’ve ever done?

I’ve done quite a lot of embarrassing



“I was very, very chuffed to get the job at Claremont”



things! But this is a really embarrassing one. I was learning to ski on a dry slope and I just really couldn’t get the hang of it. The instructor said, this time I’m going to stand in the middle of the slope and I want you to go down on your skis and stop just in front of me. So I’m on the way down the slope, thinking I can’t stop. But when you’re skiing if you lean backwards you go faster. So I bent down, hoping that I would stop but I didn’t, I went faster. I was crouched down and ended up going – this is the absolute truth – through the instructor’s legs. All my friends were there as well and they were laughing!

Where else have you lived?

I was born in Ireland. Then we moved to Scotland. I lived on the West Coast of Scotland in a place called Troon. When I went to university I went to Aberdeen, which is the other side of Scotland. I met my husband there. When we got married we moved across to Canada, thinking that we were going to live there for ever. After two years I had my first

daughter, who was born in Canada. But my father in law was very ill and we just got a bit homesick, so we came back to England.

What has been your worst teaching moment?

When I was a music teacher I took the school choir to sing in this competition, quite a prestigious competition. I was conducting the choir and I was aware that a boy in the back was being sick down the neck of the girl in front of him. It was difficult to know what to do, do we stop or keep going? We kept going. The girl in front didn’t move a muscle, she kept singing and it was fine. The person judging the choir didn’t even know it had happened.

If there was one way you could improve the school even more, what would it be?

It would be great if we had really nice interactive whiteboards. You should take a look in Miss Edmonds’ room because she has got one of the brand new ones. It would be great to have

more technology across the school that was available for everybody.

Can you ban homework please?

There are pros and cons for it but I wouldn't say I'm going to ban it [groans all round]. But it's something we can have a discussion about.

What's your favourite TV programme?

It's The Big Bang Theory. The new one was on last night so after parents' evening, the first thing I did was go home and watch the new episode. Sheldon makes me laugh.

Do you have any children?

I have two children. I have a daughter who lives in Canada. She's married with two children. I have a granddaughter who's three and a half and a grandson who is one month, who I've not seen yet but will be seeing over the Christmas holidays. I have another daughter who's married and lives in Southampton.

What is your favourite biscuit?

To be honest, I love every biscuit. If it's got chocolate on it, then it's my favourite. Probably at the moment my favourite is a Kit-Kat.

Can you speak any languages other than English?

I speak a tiny bit of French, enough

to get me by, and an even tinier bit of Spanish.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

I would like for all the children in the world to have a happy time. The school that I came from, there were lots of children there who didn't have enough to eat. I would really like it if every child actually had the same opportunities that the children at Claremont have.

If you could go anywhere in the world on holiday where would it be?

At this moment I'd have to say Canada, because my grandson is there. Two years ago I went to Vancouver and Alaska and I'd love to go back there again. I also like the Caribbean. If I could do a cruise that did both, that would be fantastic.

If you were stranded on a desert island and could have one luxury, what would it be?

An iPod, so I could listen to music. Failing that, a piano. A grand piano would be even better.

What do you want for Christmas?

All I want for Christmas is a cuddle with my grandson. And I'm going to get that!



Interview by Maddie Lench and Jess Poland

Mrs Vincent has a Dalmatian called Lady

Describe your pet in three words.
Beautiful, spotty and a pickle.

Does your pet have any peculiar habits?
Chewing wood.

What's the most embarrassing thing she has ever done to you?
Jumping up at strangers.

Does your pet eat anything strange?
Yes, shoe laces!

Do you find it a challenge to look after your pet?
No, she's really easy, although she can be a pickle!

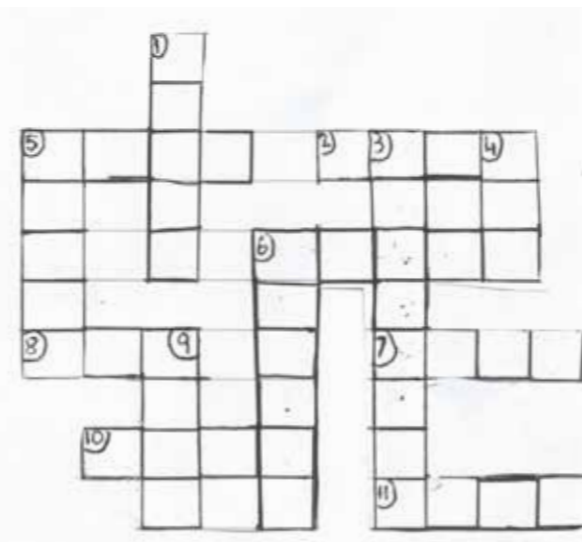
What's the most rewarding thing about your dog?
She's happy to see you when you get home.

The Secret Life of Claremont Teachers

by Issy Lowe and Olivia Lench



Crossword



Across

- 2. What is the opposite of bad?
- 5. What is the opposite of far?
- 6. What is the opposite of sad?
- 7. What is the opposite of hard?
- 8. What is the opposite of cold?
- 10. What is the opposite of low?
- 11. What is the opposite of west?

Down

- 1. What is the opposite of white?
- 3. Happy is the ----- of sad
- 4. What is the opposite of wet?
- 5. What is the opposite of south?
- 6. What is the opposite of sick?
- 9. What is the opposite of thick?

Claremont word search

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Find these words in the grid

Maths	Mrs Mitcheson	CGT	Mrs Smith	Eagles	Teachers
Miss Newby	Pupils	Mr Gerrard	Mrs Street	Claremont	
Mr Greaves	Lions	Christmas	Mr Miles	School	
Classrooms	Mrs Baldwin	Sport	Dragons	Mr Hogwood	
Mrs Ball	Unicorns	English	Mrs Griggs	Mrs Crockett	

Crossword compiled by Maryam Zobeir Ali
 Word search compiled by Laurie Edwards

E-safety

by Jessica Hughes

In October, a group of five children from Year 5 and Year 6, plus Mrs Griggs, went to Southborough Primary School to work with children from loads of other schools to learn about E-safety.

During our day, we learnt a lot of different things about being safe on-line and what you should do if

you are upset about a rude comment on the internet.

We played lots of fun games, including the S.M.A.R.T. Game (which stands for Safe, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable and Tell. and other E-safety games to help people in all sorts of situations. We watched a video about cyber-bullying and how, if you bully other people over

the internet, you could end up being arrested and sent to prison, even from the age of 10 years old.

We all learned a lot about E-safety and it was a really good day.

Please remember there is an E-safety talk for parents by PCSO Kemsley taking place in the school hall on January 24, 2017. It starts at 2.10pm and lasts for an hour.

The Ghost of 6P



by Ruby Charlotte Bran
Illustration by Issy Lowe

The board flickered to life. An eerie figure sled across the interactive whiteboard before disappearing to reveal a message typed across the board in black ink.

5N stumbled wearily into their classroom, on a Monday morning, tired after an energetic weekend. Yawning and looking slightly degraded, they took their places at their desks after politely saying good morning. Around the classroom 32 pairs of eyes finally focused on the whiteboard. Something was written across it.

Gasps filled the room. Some children were pointing, some still reading the uncanny message on the board. It said: "Good morning, 6P.

My name is Mr Mulgrave. Please read a book until I arrive to do the register. Thanks."

Slowly 5N opened their trays and proceeded to take out their reading books. That was all 5N did for the whole day until it was time to go home. But, weirdly, the children somehow still remembered doing maths and English and learning that there were nine planets (including Pluto, in the solar system.

As the week continued the messages carried on and still the children learnt things, even though they were really just reading their books. But it was only 5N that had these unearthly visits from Mr Mulgrave.

Have you got a short story for us? Email it to the.claremont.chronicle@gmail.com



Teachers' Pets 'Bear'

Interview by Maddie Lench and Jess Poland

Mrs Lench has a puppy called Bear

Describe your pet in three words.

Handsome, cuddly and cheeky.

Does your pet have any peculiar habits?

Chewing shoes.

What's the most embarrassing thing he has ever done to you?

He tries to get into the bath with you.

Does your pet eat anything strange?

Figs.

Do you find it a challenge to look after your pet?

Yes. He never stops!

What's the most rewarding thing about your dog?

The cuddles!



Wish lists

Gracie Venables asked pupils what they wanted for Christmas. Here are the most popular...

Reception

A toy Miffy
Cuddly toys

Year 1

Lego Friends
Barbie
Pokémon cards
Lego

Year 2

Soft toy reindeer
Pokémon cards
iPad
Nintendo
Roller blades

Year 3

Roller skates
Football
Pokémon cards
Lego

Year 4

Goalie gloves
3D pens
Scooter
Bike
Ice cream maker

Year 5

Bike
Roller skates
Lego
Watch
iPad

Year 6

3D pens
Pokémon cards
iPad
Xbox



Alice Brandon
Class 5AM

My name is Alice Brandon and I'm in class 5AM. I like music, reading, chocolate, fudge, sport, writing, my room, sleep, my rabbit and emojis. I joined the Newspaper Club because I think that it is really important that kids know what is going on in the world, and that they should learn about it in a fun way.



Gracie Venables
Class 5AM

Hi, my name is Gracie Venables and I'm 9 years old. I'm in Year 5 and my teacher is Mr Miles and I enjoy art, science and maths. In my spare time, I like to cook, eat nice food and laugh a lot! I love going on holiday with my mum and dad. I like to visit new places and revisit places I have been to before. I like going to museums, parks and eating lovely food when I am away. I have just started to learn the violin and it's a bit squeaky!



Issy Lowe
Class 6G

Hi, I'm Issy. I am in 6G. I am bubbly and fun, and I have an obsession with rabbits. My favourite subjects are English, art and history. I love dance and trampolining – those are my hobbies. I hope you enjoy reading!



Jess Poland
Class 6G

My name is Jess. I'm in 6G, I'm house captain for Eagles and a 'buddy' – you might see me on the playground. My passions are dancing and tennis – I like to keep moving. Those are some facts about me and I hope you enjoy reading our newspaper.



Laurie Edwards
Class 5N

Hello. My name is Laurie Edwards, and I'm in 5N, Miss Newby's class. I think I'm kind and have a great sense of humour. My favourite game is Minecraft but it doesn't take over my life. I think the best thing about Claremont is HOME TIME!!!



Jessie Marshall
Class 5M

My name is Jessie and I am in Year 5. I'm quite bubbly and energetic, and most of the time I'm happy. I am very scared of flies because they are small and hairy (I hate small and hairy things.. I am very easy to make friends with and I do a martial art called taekwondo.



Jessica Hughes
Class 5AM

Hello! My name is Jessica Hughes. I like writing and I am happy that I got into Newspaper Club. I am in my sixth year at Claremont. One of my favourite things that I have done at school was Strictly Cool Dancing ... and my least favourite things are all tests. Outside of school, I love going on REALLY scary rides like Space Mountain.



Lucy Beal
Class 5M

I'm Lucy. I decided to do the Newspaper Club because it sounds fun and it is great. I have three sisters, one brother, a step mum, a dad and a mum. My favourite colour is blue. I'm in 5M and I'm 9.



Maddie Lench
Class 6G

Hi, my name is Madeleine Eleanor Lench, but my friends often call me 'Madster'. I will be 11 on the 1st of February, 2017. My class is 6G, however, my twin sister Olivia is in Mrs Ball's class, 6B. I love sport and participate in lots of clubs. Last week I was asked to become a Language Buddy for our school, this made me very proud. I already speak Spanish and I am also very interested in other languages, and cultures.



Maryam Zobeir Ali
Class 5N

Hi, my name is Maryam. I'm always out and about, with my adorable Lion-head rabbit, Bubbles. My parents own the Papa John's in Royal Victoria shopping centre. I also speak three languages: French, Arabic and English. I am a language buddy.



Olivia Lench
Class 6B

Hi, my name is Olivia Lench, I am a funny figure. I am in 6B, also I have a twin in the other class named Maddie. We have a new member in the family, he is a dog and his name is Bear. I love art. It is my passion and is my favourite subject in school. I have two fishes named Rainbow and Finlay. We used to have three fishes before, but they got eaten by Sharky, who is sadly dead!



Philip Stannage
Class 5N

Hello. My name is Philip and I have two brothers and one sister. In the future I want to skydive. I have a pet called Luigi, he is a tortoise.



Ruby Bran
Class 5N

Hi, my name is Ruby. I love nature and I am constantly outside with my miniature Labradoodle Nelly. At school I am a school councillor and I thoroughly enjoy my job so far.



Sophie Dubery
Class 5M

Hi, I'm Sophie Dubery and I am nine years old. My favourite colour is purple and I LOVE art. My full name is Sophie Ann Dubery and I'm addicted to Christmas. I start putting decorations in September! I'm in Mrs Mitcheson's class and I love gym and ballet so there's a few things about me.

The Chronicle quiz

1. How many wives did Henry VIII have?

2. What was his second wife called?

3. What is Queen Victoria famous for saying?

4. How many reindeer does Santa have?

5. What's the most popular name for a boy dog in the UK?

6. What's the most popular name for a girl dog in the UK?

7. Who wrote Hetty Feather?

8. In Five Children and It, what are the children's names?

9. What kind of spell is expelliarmus?

10. Harry Potter was born on what date in 1980?

11. And where was he born?

12. In which movie does the waiter on the train serve hot chocolate?

13. Who wrote the Mr Men books?



21. What is the biggest ocean in the world?

22. What is the tallest building in the world?

23. What is the nickname of this building in London (left) that melted a car?

24. How long did the Mona Lisa take to paint?

25. What's the second book of the Lord of the Rings called?

26. Who won the last football World Cup?

27. In what event did Jess Ennis-Hill win gold at London 2012?

28. What's the name of Andy Murray's brother?

29. Who are the best football team?

30. Where was Mrs Crockett born? (The answer is in The Claremont Chronicle somewhere!)

31. Who won Claremont's Got Talent 2016?

32. What's Claremont School's motto?

FATHER CHRISTMAS... IN WHICH LANGUAGE?

By Alice Brandon

- a. Papá Noel
- b. Mikulás
- c. Julemanden
- d. Óng giò no en
- e. Missier Milied
- f. Jōuluvana
- g. Joulupukki
- h. Patro Kristnasko
- i. Baba Krismasi
- j. Otec Vánoc
- k. Babbo Natale
- l. Oče Božič
- m. Mikołaj
- n. Moș Crăciun
- o. Jultomten
- p. Makua Kalikimaka
- q. Père Noël
- r. Ubaba Christmas
- s. Otec Vianoc
- t. Jólásveinn
- u. Bodach na Nollaig

14. Which was the first Mr Men book?

15. What kind of kid was Jeff Kinney's diary about?

16. Who sang the song Happy?

17. Which Christmas carol was written by James Pierpont in 1857?

18. What's special about Nike's new HyperAdapt trainers?

19. What's the capital of France?

20. What's the name of Germany's most famous sausage?

Quiz answers 1. Six 2. Anne Boleyn 3. We are not amused! 4. Nine 5. Alfie 6. Poppy 7. Jacqueline Wilson 8. Cyril, Arthur, Robert, Jane, Lamb 9. A disappearing spell 10. July 31 11. Godric's Hollow 12. Polar Express 13. Roger Hargrave 14. Mr Tickle 15. Wimpy 16. Pharrell Williams 17. Jingle Bells 18. They lace themselves up! 19. Paris 20. Bratwurst 21. The Pacific 22. Burj Khalifa in Dubai 23. The Death Ray (or 20 Fenchurch Street) 24. Four years 25. The Two Towers 26. Germany 27. Heptathlon 28. Jamie 29. Arsenal (says Mr Lowe). 30. Belfast 31. Eloise and Poppy 32. Let Every Light Shine

Father Christmas answers, a. Spanish b. Hungarian c. Danish d. Vietnamese e. Maltese f. Estonian g. Finnish h. Esperanto i. Swahili j. Czech k. Italian l. Slovenian m. Polish n. Romanian o. Swedish p. Hawaiian q. French r. Zulu s. Slovak t. Icelandic u. Scottish Gaelic