

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 29th March 2019

Whole School

If you are interested in a career in teaching, the next 'Get into teaching' information event is next week at Bennett Memorial School: Thursday 4th April at 7.00pm. Following that there is one on 23rd April at Staplehurst primary at 7.00pm.

This week at Claremont was our very first **Wellbeing Week**! During the week, we began a very important conversation around mental health and wellbeing.

The West Kent branch of the charity Mind started our week with a very important message, introducing the children to the concept of mental health and understanding who we can turn to for help when it is needed. Mental health and wellbeing were discussed in class throughout the week, in both discrete lessons and daily circle times. A yoga class was provided for every class in the school, in which was discussed the health benefits of yoga and how beneficial it is for our minds. Some classes also took part in a Change for Life workshop. Later in the year, we will be visited by the NHS Fantastic Fred workshop, which will continue the important conversation around good mental health and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who made this a very special week!

Mr Miles



Following on from our Wellbeing week, St. John's CE Primary School has also been focussing on mental health & wellbeing and have invited Andy Caress from the children's mental health charity, The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust (www.cwmt.org.uk), to come in and give a talk on **Tuesday 4th June at 7pm.**

The talk is entitled: "**Supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing - guidance for parents and carers**". Andy is a highly regarded, experienced and personable mental health trainer who works specifically with schools & families. This talk will last for approximately one hour and Andy will be happy to stay on afterwards to address individual questions.

Parent from the local community are welcome to join. Please contact St John's school to register your interest: **Tel: 01892 678980** www.st-johns.kent.sch.uk

Explore Exhibition!

Monday 1st April

3.30pm – 5pm

Main Hall

Pupils across the school have been working hard on their Geography projects this term and will be delighted to show you their work! They will be on display in the school on Monday. Most of the work will be displayed in our main hall but there may also be work in classrooms. If this is the case, it will be signposted from the hall. Please enter the school via the main hall doors. We do hope you can come.

Well done to Claremont's Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils for coming 52nd out of 450 schools worldwide in the **Mathletics World Challenge.**

See the following website for the results table: <https://uk.mathletics.com/march-maths-challenge-2019>

Linden Class won the award for the best video demonstrating our **Autumn term 2 values – Kindness and Respect.** Please take a look at it on our website: <https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/Values-behaviour-and-rewards>

On Thursday 4th April, your children will be allowed to wear **home clothes** to raise funds for one of our charities, the RSPCA. Voluntary contributions are £1.

There will also be a **cake sale in aid of Plastics in the Oceans** after school. We would be grateful for any contributions of small cakes. We cannot use anything containing nuts, so please check the list of ingredients of any shop bought cakes. Please could you children bring in money to buy cakes. Many thanks for your support.

Parent Governor Election – please see the email last week regarding the election for Parent Governor. Deadline for voting is 1.00pm on Monday 1st April

Just a reminder to complete the **parent's annual survey** before the closing date of 3rd April.

Please find the link below for you to complete our short questionnaire (it should take 5-10 minutes) and please complete a separate survey for each child you have at the school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Claremontparentsurvey2019>

Thank you. Carla Van der Zanden, Chair of Governors

Year 6

Visit to Year 6 by Greg Clark



Pupils in Year 6 were fortunate to receive a visit from **Tunbridge Wells MP and Secretary of State for Business and Energy, Greg Clark**. Mr Clark was excited to hear about the renewable energy projects that the pupils have been doing and he set out his vision for the future for sustainable energy in the UK. He then fielded some questions – including one challenging one on Brexit!

Chess

Claremont Chess club participated in a CFF Champions League Chess event on Saturday 23rd March at Unicorn primary school, West Wickham. Despite some tough competition, our team of Tommy Atkins, Conrad Szarowicz, Luke Murray and Daniel Szarowicz came 16th out of 30 teams.

In the individuals, Gleb Korolev and Louis Hallam put Claremont in 10th place out of 21 schools. Well done to everyone representing Claremont at this chess tournament.



Holiday Clubs



With only just over a week away to the Easter break, get the kids being creative this holiday and sign them up to a one or two-day Mosaic workshop. If they attend both days, they will be creating a piece from start to finish, which includes getting messy with grouting!

When: Monday and/or Tuesday 8th/9th April Time: 10am - 12noon

Where: Woods Restaurant in the Pantiles

Cost: £15pp (1-day workshop) & £28pp (2-day workshop) - Payable on the day Age: 5+

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for next week

Please see the calendar page on the website for advanced dates. The calendar is updated every Wednesday. For detailed information, please click on the DAY view.

1st Apr – Reports home, 3.30pm Explore Exhibition in hall

2nd Apr – 3.30pm A&B Boys' football v Paddock Wood

3rd Apr – 4.00-7.00pm YR-5 Parents' Consultation evening

4th Apr – Home Clothes Day £1 voluntary donation, Y5/6 Hockey Tournament at TWGGS, 4.00-8.00pm YR-5 Parents' Consultation evening

5th Apr – Last Day of Term, PTA Easter Egg hunt, 5.30pm Juniper Class to Dance Fest