

# Autumn 1 Newsletter

## **Nursery**

It has been a busy time in Nursery and the children are beginning to settle into their new daily routines. We are very proud of their hard work. Thanks for all the support from parents and carers too during this first half term. We have been busy exploring our wonderful indoor and outdoor areas, getting to know our teachers, making lots of friends and learning new things.

If you would like to contact the nursery team, please email us:

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## **Reception**

Our Reception children have had a fantastic start to their school year. We are so pleased to see them being independent and also being so friendly and caring towards each other. Our learning has been around the story "So Much" by Trish Cooke. They have enjoyed talking about their families; drawing pictures of their families and also completing self portraits. We have talked a lot about being resilient. The children have their own superhero figure with their photo on to remind them that they can ask for help and not to give up! The children have also been playing safely in our outdoor area and enjoying water play, the mud kitchen, our climbing frame and our new bike wash area.

## **Year 1**

What a wonderful start to the school term! It has been lovely to see all the children back with smiles on their faces! We will be sending out homework and a reading book this week. Thank you in advance to parents for supporting us by ensuring that the homework books are returned to school every Monday and the reading books are returned to school every Friday. We have been very busy completing our indoor and outdoor challenges based around the book, 'What the ladybird heard'. We have also had a skipping competition as part of our outdoor challenge to encourage children to stay healthy and be active.



## Year 2

The children in Year 2 have settled in really well and we are all very proud of them. We have started learning about materials in Science and we are looking forward to carrying out an investigation in the next few weeks. Our Geography topic this term is 'Our Local Area' so please ask the children what they have been learning about. Reading books will be given out on a Monday and need to be returned to school each Friday. Please encourage your child to read their book more than once as this improves their fluency. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and needs to be returned by Monday. We will send home a list of common exception words so the children can practise reading and spelling these throughout the year. If you need to contact us you can do so using our class emails.

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## Year 3

In Year 3 we have been doing lots of exciting work on our topic the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We learnt about how Stone Age settlers lived by looking at the hidden settlement of Skara Brae that archaeologists had discovered. We then had a turn at finding artefacts that are hidden in sand like real archaeologists. We also made dens out of sticks and rubber bands to help us imagine how the Stone Age settlers lived. We have also been practising our weaving skills by first weaving paper and then making out own bags out of strips of material. It was hard work but it paid off because the bags look fantastic!



## Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent start to the new term and have showed great maturity as a year group. One of the most exciting learning experiences in Year 4 is learning to swim and the children have started their lessons with great enthusiasm. We have been very proud of their bravery and resilience and it has been lovely to see so many smiles in the pool.

We have started to look at Europe in our topic lessons and will be focussing on Greece in preparation for our work on Ancient Greece and the Romans. Ukelele lessons have also started again in 4TD with some super strumming and accompanying.

### **Year 5**

Year 5 have had a great start to the year. We have been working hard learning about the world using Atlases. We have located different countries in the Northern, and Southern hemisphere and countries that sit on the Equator. Year 5 have also done some fantastic art work using music to make marks and then creating some amazing animals.



### **Year 6**

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year. The year 6 children have settled into their new classes extremely well and are working hard. They had lots of fun on European Sports Day where the Year 6 children took part in various sporting events and then designed posters about nutrition. They have been taking part in Rockband, where they have worked with Chris and Chris and have been learning how to play a variety of instruments including guitar, piano, keyboards and drums.

### **Music**

Our music lessons have started once more with Year 4 Steel Pan auditions taking place over the next few months. Although we are currently not singing as much as we would like, we are still making sure the children enjoy music in creative ways around the school.



We are very happy to have been named a 'Music Mark School' in recognition of our 'commitment to providing high-quality music education for all children'.

### **PE and school Sport:**

The whole school enjoyed taking part in the European sports day on Friday 25th September. It was a chance for children and staff to do even more sports. Years 2– 6 took part in a cross-country challenge. Key stage 2 also completed some football intra bubble skills challenges and Key Stage 1 lots of FMS challenges.



## Chess

We are delighted that the chess lessons have started again in Years 2-6. We look forward to some competitions in the near future.



## School Money—Online payments



Thank you for using 'Schoolmoney' to make online payments. You can now make payments for school meals, breakfast club, uniform and milk. If you are still having issues logging in, please call at the office so we can help you, or email: [admin@claremont.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@claremont.manchester.sch.uk) We are now able to issue PayPoint bar codes for you so that you are able to pay at any local shops that offer this service at any time. If you require a PayPoint code, we can send a paper copy home with your child, please call the office to request this.

## Road Safety, Parking and Climate Change.

During September to support with the staggered start and end times we have closed Grantham Street and Maine Road entrances to all cars. Parents have given very positive feedback to this change and it has made the roads surrounding the school much safer. Please keep your children close to you on pavements and remind them of staying safe on our roads. When crossing on Claremont Road please use the pedestrian crossing where the school crossing patrol is.

## Nursery September 2021

If your child was born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 and you would like them to attend our nursery from September 2021, please contact the school office on 0161 226 2066 to complete an application form.

## ParentApp

ParentApp is now live, and many parents have now downloaded this to access school information. We will be using this more and more to help with information sharing and news. If you have not received a text invite for access, please contact the school office. The app also provides quick links to the school website and the Schoolmoney log in page. You can download the app from Google Play Store or the App Store on i-phones.



## Breakfast club

The breakfast club is open from 8.00 am every morning. Entrance is at the Grantham Street Gate (Gate A) between 8.00 and 8.10am. There is a charge of £1.00 per day per child and sessions must be booked and paid for a week in advance on Schoolmoney. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**Dates:** Flu vaccine Thursday October 8th

Photographs Thursday October 22nd (individual ONLY no family Photographs this year)

School closes for Half term Friday October 23rd