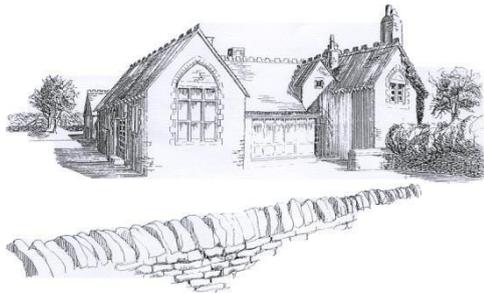


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A Message from Mrs Rogers

I have a couple of things to share with you about our curriculum development and parents' evening in October.

CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

Last academic year and into this term, the staff at Clanfield have worked on developing our school curriculum and assessment.

Our aim is to form a curriculum that will provide the good soil in which our pupils natural passion and curiosity will be nurtured; encouraging them to develop thought and action to make the incredible happen.

Our curriculum runs on a two-year cycle. By studying one 'Big Question' per long term, we can study concepts, ideas and themes in both depth and breadth studies. Pupils' learning builds upon previous knowledge and teaching ensures that sequential learning is optimised. Our approach uses drama and immersion into a 'fiction' to draw children into their learning ensuring their investment and engagement in the subject through the use of commissions, provided by an expert, challenging our pupils to use their learning for a real-life application within the 'mantle' of a career expert.

One commission currently involves the Y5/6 children being visited by a restaurateur and being challenged to open an American Diner to celebrate Thanksgiving. This draws in subjects as diverse as the discovery of the Americas; the Geography and culture of North America; the art of Andy Goldsworthy; the music of iconic American artists and food technology!

We have shared our thinking with other schools and have been told that with a little tweaking we could have a curriculum worth celebrating with leaders across the county. If you would like to find out more, please visit <https://www.clanfieldprimary.co.uk/curriculum-overview.html>

PARENTS' EVENING CONSULTATION

We are hoping to offer a blended approach to our meetings this year as we realise not all families want to come into school and meet in the school building so if technology and time slots allow, we hope to provide you with the opportunity to meet face to face or over Google Classroom. We are interested in your thoughts on this and will confirm the plan over the next 2 weeks.

HOPE

This term our school value is 'Hope.' In worship we have been thinking about our hopes and dreams for the future and what we can do to make them happen.

'The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope'-Barack Obama.

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kim Rogers
Headteacher

Covid Update - Masks

Thank you for your patience. We have changed our Risk Assessment and only require parents to wear a mask when they come onto the school premises.

Google Classroom

Please check Google Classroom as your child will have received an invite so that they can access messages and homework.

Ruby Class

We have been busy in Ruby class in learning and exploring in choosing time and in our focused phonics and number sessions.

In phonics we have been learning the sounds s,a,t,p,l,n. Thinking of words and objects that begin with these initial sounds.

You could play I spy at home too!

In your child's book bag you will find in their folder a sound book to go over and reinforce the sounds we are learning and a book mark to stick on your fridge to practise the sounds daily to build your child's confidence, reading for segmenting and blending words together as we learn more sounds.

Also you will find a letter formation booklet as they are so keen to learn and write the letters. Just a little and often is better- even 5 mins!

We have been looking at a different number each week. This week is number 3. What does 3 look like? How do I know I have three things? Counting carefully! You could practise counting 1-10 forwards and backwards at home too!

We are impressed how the children are settling into school and beginning to learn the school golden rules to be respectful, ready and safe. Well done Ruby Class!

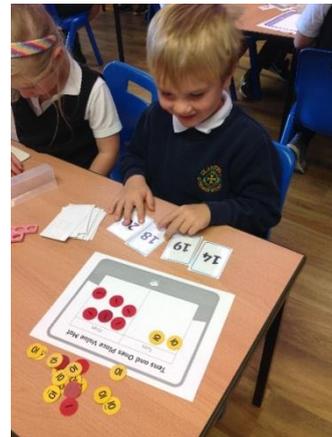
If you have any questions please get in touch via the office. Thank you for helping and supporting your child.

Ms Harley, Miss Hill, Mrs Newell



Diamond Class

We have been busy little bees over the last two weeks and have been working so hard! Our writing journey has come to an end and we are so impressed with the character descriptions that have been written. In maths, we have continued working on Place Value and we are so excited to be entering a maths competition next week with 'Sumdog'. We worked on a Science investigation last week and discovered how sound travels by creating phones with string and different materials. In gymnastics with Miss Thomas we have been taking risks and we are working hard at learning new skills. Miss Thomas even had a go at a forward roll! Coach Nemo will now be teaching us Gymnastics over the next few weeks. Show and Tell has been a success and will continue every Friday, the children will take it in turns to take the 'Show and Tell' back home to find something interesting and informative to bring back to school. Well done to Joe and Reuben for being the first two children to get the show on the road!



Miss Thomas



Phonics Meeting for Parents – 29th Sept

Parents of Ruby and Diamond Class are invited to a Phonics meeting on Wednesday 29th September to learn about how we teach phonics in school and more about the phonics screening check held in Year 1. Siblings are welcome.

Sapphire Class

The last few weeks in Sapphire have been busy as always but it has been great fun and I am very proud of how everyone has settled into their new class. We have completed our first writing journey and written a diary entry as fishermen and fisherwomen. We couldn't believe our eyes when we were on our trawlers one morning, hauling in mountains of fish and we saw a gigantic figure standing on the edge of a cliff. You will have to ask your fisher people what happened next. We have also started learning about electricity, last week we sorted objects into electrical and nonelectrical items. In pairs children were then given two wires, a motor and a battery and asked to see what they could do with these items. They all worked very well together and by the end of the lesson every pair had made an electrical circuit. I am looking forward to the next few weeks of learning.

Miss Davies



Topaz Class

Topaz class have been experimenting with our new approach to learning in Geography this week: entering a fiction where we were geologists on a mission; dropped into North America to chart the landscape and who had accidentally lost one of our group! We had to build 3D representations of our contour map to help us work out what was going on and where we were...

During our PSHE sessions, we have considered discrimination and inclusion as well as beginning to consider how to recognise and manage our own feelings and emotions through an approach known as 'zones of regulation'.

In core time, we have continued to immerse ourselves in our class text, 'Holes', by considering the impact of other people on our choices and the effect of discrimination. In Maths, we have applied our understanding of place value to the formal methods of addition using models and images to support and demonstrate our understanding.

Another busy fortnight in Topaz. The children have been superb and the classroom has been buzzing!

Dr Wallis and Mrs Tuach

Topaz Residential – May 2022

Please remember to keep up-to-date with your Kilvrough payments. Many thanks.

Cleaning Vacancy

The cleaning company that looks after the school would like to recruit someone to help our existing cleaner, for two hours a day, There is also the potential for an additional hour a day. If you're interested in a term time only job with competitive rates of pay please call Terry on 07407 552 910 or email admin@clarendoncleaning.co.uk to find out more.



**CLANFIELD
YOUTH CLUB
PRESENTS:**

Family Fun Day

**MUSIC GAMES
BOUNCY CASTLE
AND MUCH MORE...**

Come and meet Clanfield's youth workers, join us for activities, have your say and see whats planned for the coming months

**23
OCT** | **12PM - 4PM** ★ ★ ★ ★
CARTER INSTITUTE ★ ★ ★ ★
MAIN STREET ★ **FREE ENTRY ALL WELCOME**

After School Club

At ASC we celebrated a birthday by decorating biscuits to look like the birthday girl. You may even recognise her!

Mr Castle has been having a great time encouraging the children to play outside during the lovely weather we've been having. He has challenged them to play games of football on the Astro which has created a fun atmosphere with lots of laughs. He would like to see more of you to play football, basketball, netball, cricket every day. Come and join us!



Mrs Harris and Mr Castle



Dates for your diary 2021 – 2022

29 th September	Roots to Foods workshops Colourbox individual and sibling photos 2.30pm – Parents Phonics meeting (Ruby and Diamond)
30 th September	Partnership Cross Country event – details to follow
12 th October	Harvest Festival – details to follow
12 th & 14 th October	Parents Evening – details to follow
21 st October	End of Term – School finishes at 3pm ASC finishes at 6pm
2 nd November	School open (08.45) Breakfast club and ASC resume
11 th November	Remembrance Service – details to follow
w/c 6 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance – details to follow
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & children's Christmas Lunch
17 th December	End of Term – School finishes at 1.10pm

Celebrations/Awareness Days

Black History Month	October 2021
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School Closure Dates 2021 – 2022

22 nd October 2021 – INSET 1 st November 2021 – INSET	4 th January 2022 – INSET 2 nd May 2022 – May Day Bank Holiday 6 th June 2022 – INSET 7 th June – Queens Jubilee
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