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STEM Week

This week we have been celebrating STEM week at Clutton (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). In assembly on Monday, each class was given a STEM challenge to complete during the week, and then representatives from each class shared their results with the rest of the school in Celebration Assembly today. It was so lovely to see the children embracing their challenges with such enthusiasm and positivity, and sharing their results so brilliantly too. No doubt many children at Clutton will go on to have exciting jobs in STEM, hopefully inspired by their learning at school.

The class challenges were:

Cherry Class: Gingerbread Man floating, Willow Class: Paper tower building, Rowan Class: Skittles colour mixing, Sycamore Class: Dancing raisins, Chestnut Class: Sneeze Zone, Oak Class: Friction Fables.













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Celebrating Chinese New Year

We have also been celebrating Chinese New Year this week. In our Singing Assembly on Tuesday the children learnt a Chinese New Year song, accompanied by a large dragon and a snake. Cherry Class celebrated with a visit from Elizabeth's mum who kindly came and told us how Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. The Cherries made noodles, learnt how to use chopsticks and also learnt how to write some numbers in Chinese characters. The children made a dragon in Forest School and paraded around the playground, with drummers on their saucepan lids.















A huge thank you to Xinyue for making our day so special.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week so with this in mind Mrs Cowan has organised a well-being day to take place this coming Monday. Children will take part in a rotation of activities and Mrs Cowan has asked if everyone could please wear their PE kit to school on this day.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

First Aid Tips

This week, several members of staff renewed their first aid qualifications and we thought we'd share some handy tips that we picked up that you may or may not know about. Firstly, handy apps to have on your phone: What Three Words. This app uses the GPS on your phone and will generate 3 words unique to your location - especially helpful if you are in the middle of nowhere! The second app is 'Staying Alive'. This app will tell you the location of all the defibrillators near to you. If you check this out you will notice that we have a defib located in our school office. Emergency calls can be made from any mobile phone, whether it is locked or not. Simply swipe up and click the emergency call button. Medical ID can also be accessed in this way.

Finally, as well as calling 999 in an emergency you can also call 112 (all of Europe) or 911 (UK and USA). For non emergency medical advice call 111.

Attendance Letters

Automated attendance letters will be sent home over the next week to parents of children who have attendance of under 93%. These letters are a reminder of how absences, whether from illness or term time holidays, have had an impact on children's attendance.

We are aware that there was a high level of illness before Christmas which may have affected attendance and this has been taken into consideration.

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VIOLIN TASTER SESSIONS

Any children who are looking to have a go at violin, can take up a FREE taster session.

Sessions will run on a Thursday morning from 23rd January up until February half-term. A violin can be borrowed.

Please contact Michelle Falcon, the violin teacher via

www.michellefalcon.co.uk

to book a session.

There are two permanent lesson places that will be available after half-term.

Certificates of the week

Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to the following children for receiving the Head Teacher's Award this week:

Sydney, Thomas, Summer, Millie, Stan and Jake.

Doodle Maths



The children with the most stars in their class this week are:

Doodle Maths - Imogen, Millie, Sam, Max, Freddie, Henry and Jacob. **Doodle Tables** - Ellis, Emily and Travis.



Other Achievements



Abel, Jake and Jacob brought in their football awards to show everyone. Enya, Summer and Erin showed their gymnastics achievements.

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Notices

- Coats Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school. Unless it is torrential rain, children will still go outside at break, lunchtime and PE sessions.
- Nits There have been some cases of nits reported this week. Please check your child's head and treat as needed.
- Office email address Please note that if you need to contact the school office the email address is office@clutton.mnsp.org.uk.
- Long hair For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- **School day** Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates will close at 8.50am and after this time you will need to press the buzzer to enter the school. Children arriving after 8:50am are marked as late in the register.
- **School pick up** Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- **Sickness and diarrhoea** reminder that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd February Wednesday 5th February Wednesday 5th February Thursday 13th February

Wednesday 26th February

Thursday 27th February
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Friday 6th March Saturday 8th March

Tuesday 25th March

Monday 31st March to Wednesday 23rd April to

Friday 25th April

Monday 28th April Tuesday 6th May Wellbeing Day - all children to wear PE kit

Rowan Class trip to Cheddar Caves Year 4 Camp Meeting 3.30pm

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Chestnut Class Learning exhibition to parents 2pm

Parents Evening 3.30 - 7pm
Parents Evening 3.30 - 5pm
Year 5/6 Gymnastic Competition

Sycamore Class trip to the Roman Baths

World Book Day

Bulb Show

Dance Umbrella performance @ The Forum Bath

Year 6 Residential Year 4 Residential

Year 3 Egyptologist Visit

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition











This year, Valley Arts proudly celebrates its 10-year anniversary, marking a decade of creativity, community and entertainment in the Chew Valley. From humble beginnings with just 10 performances in our first year, we have grown to a thriving local hub, welcoming over 6,000 audience members in 2024 alone.

Valley Arts is planning the next decade of creativity, innovation and community impact—and we need your opinion to make it extraordinary!

By taking just a few minutes to complete our quick questionnaire, you'll help us shape our programming to better serve you and our vibrant community.

As a thank you for your time, you'll be entered into a competition for a chance to win one of

FOUR amazing prizes including:

- A family ticket to any Valley Arts event
- 2 x Season Tickets to Yeo Valley Organic Gardens
- A voucher for The Community Farm
- A Hand Wash Refillable Discovery Kit from Neat

Your input will directly influence the type of events, workshops and exhibitions we create and ensure we build a brighter, more inclusive future for Valley Arts.

Click on the link to make your voice heard: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y8CV62

Thank you for being part of the Valley Arts community.