



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

You will remember from previous newsletters that Cledford and Gainsborough Primary School, who have worked together successfully in a federation for over 6 years, have been working towards joining The Alexandra Multi Academy Trust. The Trust consisted of two schools, Monks Coppenhall Academy and Haslington Academy. We are pleased to inform you that as of 1st February 2025, our federation and the trust will merge.

We anticipate that you and your child/ren will notice very little difference in your day to day interactions with our school but we are confident that the partnership will be positive and will bring many advantages, such as greater access to resources, staff recruitment and training, and curriculum development opportunities.

You may be aware that over the last year or so, we have already been working in partnership with the schools in the trust through projects such as 'Games for All', last year's Y5 'Balloon Project', and the 'Alexandra Trust Games'. Staff across the schools have also been working together to develop provision and the sharing of good practice in subjects across the curriculum.

We are looking forward to strengthening the collaboration that already exists between the four schools as we work together to further improve outcomes for all of our children across the multi academy trust.

If you have any questions about the trust, please pop in and see us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Adlington

NSPCC Number Day 07.02.25

Friday 7th February is Number Day!



Children can come in non-uniform but wearing something with a number on it.

This can be on the top and/or bottom half and children are welcome to do a number face paint. Children can wear a football shirt - on this occasion only! Please make donations to the NSPCC by scanning the QR code above.

Arbor

Please ensure you are using the Arbor app! The majority of school communications are sent out via an app message so if you are not using the app with notifications turned on you are likely to miss important messages from school. If you are struggling to access or use Arbor, please call into the school office and we will be happy to help.

Pharmacy First

Please see the attached leaflet from Cledford Pharmacy.

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on week 1 of our school menu.

Merits

- 1 Mrs Higgins – Darby W, for all her hard work and amazing progress.
- 2 Miss Parton – Phoenix S, for super science work! Phoenix could find animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores!
- 3 Mrs Giblin – Alexis H, for amazing independent writing.
- 4 Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester – Max G, for always using lovely manners and trying really hard in lessons. Keep it up!
- 5 Miss Addis – Taniya D, for settling in so well to class 5. Welcome to Cledford!
- 6 Mr Varnom – Elysia J, for persevering, being very attentive and developing in confidence during her swimming lesson. I am very proud of you!
- 7P Miss Platt – Amber K, for a powerful retell of The Iron Man in her Golden Write. Stunning!
- 7PM Mrs McLoughlin – Teddy G, for his improved learning behaviours which are having such a positive impact on his work across all subjects. Well done, Teddy!
- 8 Mr Gill – Lyla B, for an excellent attitude to learning and being a great Cledford role model!
- 9 Mrs Phillipson – Jude H, for his active participation in lessons. Jude is always keen to share his ideas. Well done, Jude!
- 10 Mrs Marsland – Amari P, for her determination and focus in computing when creating her text adventure. Excellent work!
- 11 Miss Wagstaff/Mrs Lester – Ethan B, for offering ideas more readily in lessons. Keep it up!

EYFS news

The reception children have been celebrating the Lunar New Year this week, learning about the traditions and food. They have visited a 'pop up' noodle bar, danced with a dragon, made money purses and lanterns and even tried to write numbers using Chinese symbols. They enjoyed the story 'Cleversticks'. Maths work has been about mass, capacity and length. The children have been learning vocabulary such as 'compare' and 'container' and making comparisons heaviest to lightest, largest to smallest and greatest capacity to smallest capacity. They enjoyed stories such as 'Balancing Act' and 'Who Sank the Boat?'.

Pre school children also celebrated Lunar New Year by eating noodles and dressing in red clothes. They have made repeating patterns and enjoyed dragon dancing and looking for patterns in nature at Forest School. They have listened to the story 'I love Chinese New Year' and played 'Bertha the Bus' in phonics sessions. They have been singing 'Incy Wincey Spider' again this week during Rhyme Time.

The pre school merit goes to:

Mason MJ, for super tidying up!

The nursery children have been learning 'Three Little Kittens' and listening to the story of 'Froggy Gets Dressed'. The colour of the week was orange! They have been working on counting behaviour and accurately counting objects to 3. Please find attached some useful advice about potty training.

Have a great weekend.

The EYFS team

Dates for your diary

- Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 14th February – Last day of school before half term
- Monday 24th February – School re-opens
- Tuesday 25th February – Young Voices (Choir only)
- Wednesday 26th February – Family Lunch Class 8
- Wednesday 5th March – Family Lunch Class 9
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – stay and get reading
- Tuesday 11th March – Year 1 visit to Blue Planet
- Wednesday 12th March – Year 4 (Class 7P) family lunch
- Thursday 13th March – Year 4 (Class 7M) family lunch
- Friday 28th March – Non uniform day for Easter bingo donations
- Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd April – PTFA Easter bingo
- Friday 4th April – EYFS visit to Delamere Forest
- Friday 4th April – Last day of school before Easter holidays
- Tuesday 22nd April – INSET DAY
- Wednesday 23rd April – School re-opens
- Thursday 24th April – Year 3 family lunch
- Wednesday 30th April – Year 2 residential meeting (5.30pm – 6.00pm)

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class 3 (Mrs Giblin) = 97.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK = 91.6%

WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR = 95.5%

Class 1 = 96.8%

Class 7P = 95.6%

Class 2 = 89.5%

Class 7M = 93.6%

Class 3 = 97.5%

Class 8 = 96.0%

Class 4 = 87.3%

Class 9 = 94.7%

Class 5 = 89.5%

Class 10 = 94.7%

Class 6 = 77.1%

Class 11 = 89.1%

