

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

Come any Friday and join us! We're always glad to see you, and it's your chance to hear our fantastic orchestra!

WORLD BOOK DAY

There were some great costumes to be seen today to celebrate World Book Day. It's clear that there is a really positive reading culture in school. It's so beneficial to have children reading regularly, and, if between us, we can enthuse them and get them reading for pleasure, it's a real gift for their education. Their enthusiasm for reading was definitely in evidence today as the pictures on the back show! The School Council had suggested that children from Years 1 to 6 would mix and share favourite books and it worked brilliantly! The School Council also had the idea of running various activities and it looked like children were enjoying them! Thanks to those who allowed their children to bring in money so they could attend! The School Council are sure to think of a good use for the money they've raised. Thank you to Mrs Brown for facilitating this!

WORLD BOOK DAY £1 TOKENS

We still have some spare tokens so please ask if you'd like any. They're valid until Sunday 25th March and can be used to get £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more, or for any of the World Book Day books. Also, Kenilworth Books in Talisman Square have reminded us that they will donate 50p to the PTA for every book bought by a child from Clinton (this runs all year, not just on World Book Day!).

'INNOVATION LAB'

You will know that we're trying to raise money for our innovation lab! Recently we've received a pledge from Kenilworth Rotary and the PTA have also pledged £5000. We are doing really well with our funding strategy and will hear the views of the Edwards Charity soon.

Well, as part of a week where children are doing some real life problem solving, many are testing out designs for the building based on the size of the plot and our needs for the building, learning about surface area, volume, how to measure accurately etc. Others have been considering what sorts of things we think we should buy and put into our lab if we're lucky enough to get the money. They have started carrying out surveys and will be presenting that information to me so I know what we could get. Others are working within budgets to plan what resources we could afford! It's been a hive of activity and I'm looking forward to children's work appearing on display in the school hall to provide me with inspiration for our potential scheme!

STAFF TRAINING EARLIER THIS WEEK

The staff training session on Monday this week enabled us to consider further how we can build children's resilience. We explored a model which shows how our feelings all come from thought and how we can choose to 'pay attention to' or 'allow to let pass through' the thoughts (positive and negative) that enter our minds. We will be looking at inviting parents in for an information session so you learn and help to reinforce this healthy way of thinking!

CLUBS RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL

Please see the attached 'weekly diary' for information on these and other school events.

NOT ATTENDING A CLUB SESSION?

If your child won't be attending a club session for any reason, please make sure you inform the office. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we contact parents if a child is expected to attend a club and doesn't arrive. This happens almost every day and can be very time-consuming for the office staff. More importantly, it could mean an unnecessary delay in contacting the parents of a child who has genuinely gone missing (which we hope will never happen, but we have to operate on the basis that it could). We would very much appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.

TUESDAY NEXT WEEK – AFTER SCHOOL

Next Tuesday we have a staff training session centred on site security, fire safety and safe internet use. All staff are needed so there will be no Imagineering club running after school that day and the office will not be open after 3.30.

FRANCE AND RED RIDGE PAYMENTS

These were due to be made on ParentPay yesterday. Thank you if you've paid; please do so if you haven't.

MUSIC NEXT WEEK

We're looking forward to a whole-school performance next Thursday by the London Haydn Quartet – another opportunity for our children to listen to internationally renowned musicians!

'SUM FUN WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY'

There's a poster attached about this free event at the Kenilworth Community Centre on Wednesday 14th March, from 5.30 – 8.00 pm.

PTA NEWS

Mother's Day Secret Room - Friday 9th March For a small fee of £2 per gift the children have the opportunity to select a gift for their Mum or someone equally special. Letters were sent out earlier this week; please return your slip and payment in a sealed marked envelope by tomorrow.

Wear what you like day - Thursday 22nd March Choose what you wear to school in exchange for an Easter Egg for use on the Easter Egg Tombola later the same day at the **Bunny Hop Disco: KS1 6.00-7.00pm and KS2 7.15-8.15pm**. Admission is £1. Please come and join the fun! Details are attached.

The Easter Colouring Competition has been sent home today and is due back in by **Wednesday 21st March**. Prizes will be awarded in assembly on **Friday 23rd March**.

Following on from our meeting before half-term we have plenty more dates for your diary, so watch this space.

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Yours sincerely,

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