

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

YEAR 1 TOYS FROM THE PAST

Year 1 followed up their visit to St John's museum with a visit from a 'Victorian' lady. She brought with her a whole range of toys from the past, which the children had a chance to play with. It's helping them answer their 'big question' about how children around the world and in the past have fun. There are lots of photos below!

YEAR 6 REAL LIFE EXPLORER

The Maya Explorer workshop provided an awe-inspiring day for Year 6 who are studying the ancient Maya civilisation. During the workshop, pupils spent time investigating the reality of living in the Central American rainforest, exploring subjects such as the tropical climate; the vast array of wildlife and plant life; and the potential hazards that await would-be explorers. They then moved on to look at the Maya civilisation in detail, dissecting the Mayas' rainforest-based way of life and exploring their highly advanced culture, their rise and their fall, their architectural achievements, their often strange-looking appearance and their infamously bloodthirsty rituals and sacrificial practices.

TRAINING DAYS – A REMINDER

We have set our 2 remaining teacher training days for Monday 28th February and Friday 8th April 2022. These are days when all staff will be in school to cover training needs. School is closed to pupils on these 2 days.

BEHAVIOUR AND ANTI-BULLYING

We are always helping children to learn to be kind in their relationships. We know that children all learn how to manage their feelings and understand how to have positive relationships at different rates. If there are negative behaviours which affect a child we record those (using our 'pink form' process) and are proactive in our approach to communication with parents and next steps to support all children involved. If you are ever concerned about behaviour please do talk to us. When we recently asked children about behaviour at school they said that the children were almost always kind. In this weeks' assemblies with Years 2 to 6 in particular, we're continuing with the theme of 'We support each other' and, in particular, 'we support each other to listen and make up'. We're encouraging the children to ask each other these questions ...

1. "What just happened here?" (we've encouraged them not to start sentences with 'you' because that can come across as blaming) but rather starting sentences with 'I'.
2. "How do we feel about it?"
3. "What could we do about it?"
4. "What will we do about it?"

Those are useful steps for all of us in any conflicts, and it would be great if children used the process when they needed to.

COVID update

Fortunately, the number of cases has reduced at Clinton in the last week, but we know that in other local schools numbers have leapt up. It just shows that despite measures being reduced by the government, we still need to be vigilant and continue to be suspicious of symptoms, doing lateral flows if in doubt. Remember that lateral flow tests are good at ruling Covid in but NOT good at ruling Covid out. PCRs are the gold standard and should be taken if children have any of the main 3 symptoms (which are still 'high temperature – which might be for a short time', new continuous cough and loss of taste / smell).

MUSIC LESSONS

A reminder that there are NO violin lessons tomorrow (Friday 29th January).

NEWS FROM TEEM CLINTON

Thank you to the Clinton community and all the volunteers for making the TEEM Clinton events last year such a success. Not only did we raise funds for the school, but we had a great time dancing at the disco and frolicking at the festive Christmas fayre while doing so! Information will be released shortly regarding our Green TEEM initiatives, how much money has been raised, and how these funds go towards supporting the school.

The first TEEM Clinton meeting of the year will be held via zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd February. A link will be sent out closer to the time. Please feel free to join, as an active or passive participant, to hear our plans for the coming year and to get involved in the process.

Yours sincerely,

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