

# Newsletter

2 July 2021



## ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL

*Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full*

## Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to start with a huge thank you to our wonderful staff who have pulled together to ensure that everything has run smoothly this week. We have had some staff absences and, as ever, we have all supported each other in true ECS style. Thank you to the parents who have supported with all our wonderful trips, swimming and so on; we truly are a very special community.

Many of you will have heard about the car crash in Claygate on Tuesday. We have prayed collectively in school and hold all involved in our thoughts at this time. Sadly, Mrs Brindley's son was one of the passengers. He is a well-loved ex ECS student and our school community have come together to offer him and Mrs Brindley assistance and blessings. We wish him a speedy recovery. Mrs Brindley would like to thank everyone for the amazing care and prayers. I would like to express my personal gratitude to Mrs Hunter who has been a rock for Mrs Brindley, we are blessed to have such remarkable staff here.

The new reception children had a wonderful, calm introduction to ECS and the year 5 pupils did a fine job of escorting them to Inkpen and Hargreaves on Tuesday. We look forward to meeting these new children next Tuesday again when they join us for another session. At the same time, our year 6 pupils have spent precious time with our current reception children, the younger ones watched them play House rounders and then year 6 read to them outside in small groups. As ever, we are very proud of our pupils and their responsible attitude and care for the younger pupils.

Mr Foley will be joining us next Friday, he will be on the gate in the morning and then spending time with School Parliament. I will be using the afternoon to hand over to Mr Foley and Mr May alongside our School improvement partner and the Chair of Governors, Mrs Holmes. This opportunity will mean that Mr Foley will be well versed ready for his September start and he will be able to continue all the marvellous work we have recently started.

I am sorry for the conflicting messages that may have come out from school regarding footballs for break times. Going forward, please can I politely request that you do not

## Important News

### BREAK THE RULES DAY- MONDAY 12th JULY

To celebrate it nearly being the end of term and disco day we are holding a Break the Rules mufti on Monday 12th July. A poster is attached with the rules that can be broken. Break as many or as few rules as you like! Each rule costs 50p to break, i.e. if you choose to break 4 rules it is £2. Buckets will be at both gates to accept cash. Contactless payment will also be available at the main gate.



## Dates for the Diary

5<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 Trip to Brooklands Museum

5<sup>th</sup> July – Junior Sports Day

7<sup>th</sup> July – Infants Sports Day

12 July – Break the Rules Day

12 July – Summer Disco

26 July – 6<sup>th</sup> August – Holiday Club

INSET Days:

21<sup>st</sup> July

## Awards

Oliver Yr 2 - Bronze badge

Lucy Yr 2 – Bronze Math

Luca Y2 – Silver Spelling

Tom Yr 4 – Gold Maths

Isobel Yr 4 -Silver Maths

Amelie Yr 4 – pen license

Isla Yr 4 – pen license

Poppy Yr 4 Bronze maths

Matt yr 4 – Silver Maths

send your child in with a football; we will provide play resources as a school. In addition, I have noticed an increase in the number of other toys that have been coming into school. Again, please could I politely ask you that your child does not bring toys into school. If your child requires any help with learning and a professional has suggested the use of a sensory resource, please alert your child's teacher through the teachers@ email and we can then accommodate your request. Such toys get lost causing great distress for children, and we are still being mindful of our COVID risk assessment.

There will be a mufti on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July as it there at the school discos in the afternoon that day. We look forward to seeing the great disco outfits!

Have a lovely weekend. I will be reading all the lovely reports about your wonderful children!

Best wishes  
Caroline McLennan  
Acting Headteacher

### SUMMER DISCO (YR to Y5)-MONDAY 12th JULY

We are delighted that the Kids Summer Discos can go ahead this year although in a different format. The discos will be held during school time in the afternoon of Monday 12th July with each year group except Y6 having a chance to dance. Y6 have their leavers disco on Friday 9th July instead.

Timings will be:  
12.45-1.10 Reception  
1.15-1.40 Y1  
1.45-2.10 Y2  
2.15-2.40 Y3  
2.45-3.10 Y4  
3.15-3.45 Y5

Y4 pick up will be straight after the disco at 3.10-3.15.

Y5 will go straight in to the disco at the end of the day (3.15) and so pick up for Y5 will be at 3.45pm from the schools main entrance. If you don't want your child to stay for the extra 30 mins at the end of the day please let your Y5 rep know so that we know how many children will be attending.

### Golden Boot challenge

THANK YOU Esher Church School families for taking part in The Golden Boot Challenge. Huge CONGRATULATIONS to ROSEN Class who improved their average Green scores by 86%. The Infant winners were BLYTON Class with 57%.

Please do keep up this more sustainable way of coming to school. Not only are we doing our part to look after our World but we are keeping fit and helping to ease congestion outside the school gate. It's a winner!



## In the Community



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Online and Around the Village

#### Dear Schools and Nurseries,

We are delighted to announce that the Claygate Flower & Village Show will be taking place this year Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July 2021, but in a slightly different format to that used in previous years. This year the show will be both online & around the village.

As you may be aware in previous years our local schools have played a key part in the show and its huge effort working with pupils to submit entries for the show's Junior Art Section. This has included creative entries ranging from preschool model making to year 6 creative writing. In previous years from Claygate and the surrounding areas have submitted hundreds of pieces per show into the Juno Section.

#### REMEMBER!



This year, due to the change in format we have had to rethink the simplest way to give the child opportunities to show their work and we also understand the additional pressures you are currently experiencing.

There is no requirement this year for schools to get involved in the submission process this is up to the individual to enter their work through our online entry process. You can submit entries online - Junior section by uploading photos of children's exhibits to the Facebook events page: <https://www.facebook.com/claygateflowershow> or <https://www.facebook.com/claygateflowershow>. Or display them in the front of where you live for the community to see. Take a look at the different categories and themes - Japan and the Olympic

Another way to further the schools to get involved is to make some bunting of any shape, length, size material to decorate the show area at the Claygate village community hall. Schools may wish to use Japan or Olympic theme for inspiration but are not obliged to do so. Alternatively, we will be del to each school a length of paper bunting that can be decorated in any way you like. I can collect the schools no later than Wednesday 7th July.

Therefore, we would ask you simply to share and communicate the following message with all your and families in your next newsletters.

Many thanks, The Junior Art Section Team (contact Kate Bennett [eveskate@hotmail.com](mailto:eveskate@hotmail.com), 07811 5, or Sharon Williams [sharonannsb@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonannsb@hotmail.com) 07444 980784)



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The show is coming to you in 2021, with activities online and around the village.

This year's Junior Art Section theme is 'Japan & The Olympics'

Look online to see the exciting categories: [JUNIORS | CVJS Main \(claygateflowershow\)](https://www.facebook.com/claygateflowershow)

ONLINE ENTRIES can be submitted from Monday 28th June. You will be able to upload photographs through the online exhibition.

Entries can also be displayed at the front of where you live to be viewed and enjoyed by local Claygate community.

\*No judging or prizes this year.

You will also find a Children's Fun Trail on the website.

## English News



In English Y3 have been unlocking tricky vocabulary from an Alice in Wonderland extract, as part of the Plazoom scheme.



## Mastering Maths



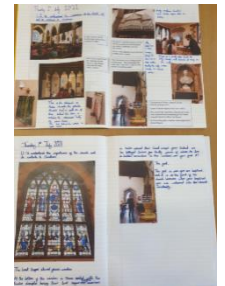
In a busy week for Y3, they have been practising using the grid method for multiplication.

## RE



Y3 are studying the Lord's Prayer in RE, and reflected on how they can show their appreciation for God in making Earth more like Heaven.

Year 6 have been writing about their visit to Christ Church, Esher just over a week ago. We learnt about many things, including the font, the incredible stained glass window depicting The Last Supper, and the connection Prince Leopold had to the church through his mother Queen Victoria. We also compared what we saw with the features of the Catholic Church that we visited a month ago. Thanks to Miley and Zoe for sharing their work!



## PSHCE

For our PSHCE in Year 4, we are exploring ways that we can be, 'Agents of Change'. The children have decided that they would like to write to Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. Vernon and Mr Macdonald to ask them if there is anything that we could do to help to make our school community even better.

## In the Community

**Parenikind**

**THE BIG PTA SUMMER RAFFLE 2021**

That summer feeling is on its way

**WIN UP TO £5,000**

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- Help boost PTA fundraising
- Tickets cost just £3
- 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!

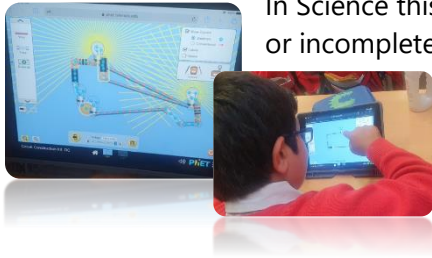
12 CHANCES TO WIN

HELP RAISE FUNDS

To buy tickets, visit: [bigptaraffle.co.uk](http://bigptaraffle.co.uk) and search for: Esher Church School Association

The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021 is open to all ages. Tickets are £3.00. The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021 is open to all ages. Tickets are £3.00. The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021 is open to all ages. Tickets are £3.00. The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021 is open to all ages. Tickets are £3.00.

## Science Update



In Science this week Year 4 have been busy testing out and identifying what makes a complete or incomplete circuit. The children spent the afternoon creating possible circuits and asking their partners to test them out. They even tried to add materials into the circuit to test whether they conduct electricity. Occasionally their light bulbs would set on fire and the children quickly realised the reason behind this (don't worry this part was online).



In Reception we found a ladybird larvae. After having seen the life cycle of a butterfly the children were excited to find out more about the life cycle of a ladybird. While looking for aphids for the larvae to eat we came across a ladybird Pupa. The children are very excited to watch the ladybird emerge.

## Sport



Yesterday Year 6 played their inter-house rounders tournament. The weather stayed fine and the Reception classes enjoyed watching and cheering on their houses from a safe distance for a short time. The eventual winners were Hope - well done! Great teamwork was also shown by Dignity, with some extra house points given out for extra effort and determination by certain children.



## School trips

Year 1 had a wonderful time on their summer walk to the woods. Apart from spotting signs of summer, we also made boats to float on the stream and used nets to explore the creatures in the water. The children were all ready, safe and respectful and made all the adults smile! Go Year 1.



Tallulah had a great inset day!

I found a Monet! My favorite part of the painting was how green it was because my favorite color is green! I went to the National Gallery with my cousins for my homework and everyone loved the paintings. We also got some ice cream which I bet Monet also liked.