

# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> June 2021



**ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL**

*Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full*

## Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a really busy day in school today with a variety of training for teachers and support staff. The teachers have been looking at progression in each of our curriculum areas, ensuring we are building on prior knowledge and skills in each area of the curriculum therefore preparing our children for the next stage in their school life and the world beyond. The support staff have spent the time working on 'access' for all children and considering strategies to enable this. Thank you to the senior leaders and Mrs Messiha for planning and delivering these sessions.

We have been joined by Mr Ben Foley, our new Headteacher and Mr Oliver May, our new Deputy Headteacher so they have now met most of the staff. They have been made to feel most welcome and have enjoyed their day with us,

Look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

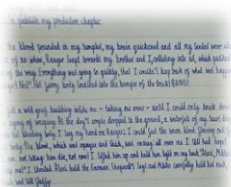
Best wishes

Caroline McLennan

Acting Headteacher

## English News

This week in English Year4 have written their own alternative ending to The Iron Man (Ted Hughes). They have used their imaginations and taught concepts to 'run away' with their writing skills. We were very impressed with their attitude to becoming better writers and were unable to stop their pencils from flowing even when it was break time!



We have continued to read The End of the Wild and stopped at a cliff hanger where a truck was speeding towards Fern's two brothers, who were playing in the middle of the road and not paying attention. This was in the middle of the woods where they live and nobody else really lives. We wrote a predictive chapter about what might happen next and have been

publishing our edited version.

## Dates for the Diary

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

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

INSET Days:

21<sup>st</sup> July

## Awards

Charlie W Yr 2 -Star Spelling

Jemima Yr 2 - star spelling

Sebastian Yr 2 – star spelling

Alexander J Yr 2 – star spelling

Finn Yr – star spelling

Charlie M Yr 2- star spelling

Nick C Yr 2- star spelling

Charlie J Yr 2- star spelling

William Yr 2- star spelling

Lucy Yr 2- star spelling

Sienna Yr 2- star spelling

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Nathan Yr 2- star spelling

Daisy Yr 2 - star spelling

Oliver Yr 2 - star spelling

Hettie Yr 2 - star spelling

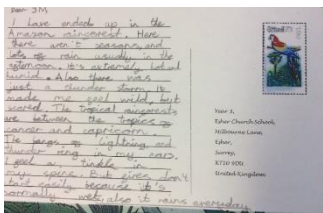
Charlie Yr 2 – Bronze Maths

Charlotte Yr 2 - Bronze Silver

Isoble Yr 4 – Silver Spelling

Cammi Yr 4 – Silver Maths

Isabelle Yr 4 – Bronze Spelling



Y3 sent postcards from the Amazon to describe the climate of tropical rainforests.

## Mastering Maths

This week Year 4 have been busy exploring place value to work out how addition and subtraction calculations can be achieved mentally. They surprised themselves with the realisation that 4digit sums can also be worked out mentally using place value.

## RE

Year 6 visited Christ Church, Esher as part of our R.E topic 'How do churches help us to understand Christian Beliefs?'



The Reverend Darren spoke to us about some of the objects in the church, such as the font and Last Supper stained glass window, before answering some questions. Then we had a look around, made notes and did some sketching. It was well worth the very wet walk there in the rain!

In Year 2 R.E. We have been deciding what is fair and what humans need. We read a story from Mimi's village where the children discovered that not all families have access to what we consider basic needs i.e. water and medicine. The children then wrote diary entries from Mimi's perspective and thought about what they would pray for if they were in her position.

## 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 on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 made a 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 children from Claygate and the surrounding areas have submitted hundreds of pieces per show into the Junior Art Section.

REMEMBER!



This year, due to the **change in format** we have had to rethink the simplest way to give the children 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 to the online Junior section by uploading photos of children's exhibits to the Facebook Events page, <https://www.facebook.com/claygateflowershow> or [CEVSMain@claygateflowershow.co.uk](mailto:CEVSMain@claygateflowershow.co.uk). 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 Olympics.

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

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

Many thanks, The Junior Art Section Team (contact Kate Bennett [everyskate@hotmail.com](mailto:everyskate@hotmail.com), 07811 527268 or Sharon Williams [sharonanash@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonanash@hotmail.com) 07444 880764)



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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 | CEVS Main** ([claygateflowershow.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/claygateflowershow))

**ONLINE ENTRIES** can be submitted from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 the local Claygate community.

<sup>1</sup> No judging or prizes this year.

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

## Science Update



the school.

Exciting things have been happening in the Reception classrooms as our caterpillars have turned into beautiful butterflies! The children have been eagerly monitoring their progress and watching them all emerge. The Reception children enjoyed releasing the butterflies next to our wild flowers and vegetable garden. They waved goodbye to each one as they flew off and over



## Geography



In Year 2, we have been learning about the geography of the continent of Africa. We identified different countries using the atlas and where different geographical features were such as the River Nile and Mount Kilimanjaro.

## Art

Year 1 have been planning and making their own version of the painting hanging in the National Gallery called The Finding of Moses by Orazio Gentileschi. (Part of Take One Picture Week) They have spent time discussing and investigating the painting after reading about it's background in the Bible. These pictures are part of the process but the big reveal is a few days off!



## In the Community

**Parentkind**

**THE BIG PTA SUMMER RAFFLE 2021**

That summer feeling is on its way

**WIN UP TO £5,000**

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- Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!

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

It is illegal for anyone under 18 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are sold on the basis of age only. Tickets cannot be sold for the Big PTA Raffle 2021 until immediately before the age of 18 years. Tickets must be 18 years old. It is illegal to sell raffle tickets to anyone under 18 years of age. Tickets must be 18 years old. It is illegal to sell raffle tickets to anyone under 18 years of age. Tickets must be 18 years old.

**U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL**

We're looking for enthusiastic and committed players to join our under 9 girls team next season.

**Open training sessions**  
Saturday 26th June & 3rd July, 9-10am

**Venue**  
Walton & Hersham Arena  
Burwood Road, Hersham KT12 4EW

**Regular training**  
Saturdays 9-10am (from September)

**Matches**  
Sundays (from September)

**For more information**  
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**For girls going into YEAR 4 September 2021**

**The FA Charter Standard Youth Club.**

In partnership with:

**SkillZone**

## Sport

Year 5 and 6 boys played amazing in the tournament this week. We may have finished 5th but we deserved so much better. We only lost 1 game and conceded 2 goals in total out of 6 games which is amazing. We started slow with scoring but the boys didn't give up and then couldn't stop scoring in the final 2 matches. Well done lads and it's been a pleasure to coach you all this season!

## Year 6 Trip to Sandown

On Friday, Year 6 went to Sandown Park; this trip was to make up for (in part) the week-long residential in Wales that had to be cancelled. The children took part in three different activities, spread over the day. 'Gallop and Golf' was a horse-racing themed mini golf course where the children competed against each other in small groups. The Ringos took place on the dry ski slope and involved hurtling down the slope on large inflatable rings or 'donuts'. The final activity was the Skywalk or High Ropes course that involved a zip wire, nets and other obstacles, all several metres off the ground. A fantastic day was had by all, the children's behaviour was exemplary and I imagine everyone slept very well on Friday night!

