



Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that this academic year has already come to an end, and it is with great pride that we can now look back on all the achievements over the year. A special final mention should go to our departing Year 6 cohort who did so well, breaking an already impressive 11+ record set by the previous year 6, amassing 10 scholarships and several offers from a variety of excellent senior schools. We wish them all the very best for their future educational careers and do hope they come back to share their experiences with us.

This term has been an absolutely packed one, with several end of year events to supplement the already busy schedule. There are so many different opportunities on offer for children to showcase their talents and interests in music, art or drama and it is wonderful to see them make the most of these in school. It is especially pleasing that this has also been recognised by the prestigious Independent School of the Year Awards with another shortlisted award – this time in the category of Rising Star for the musical talents of our own Arisa. We hope this inspires others to achieving similar heights in their own areas of interest.



Perform

On Tuesday 3rd June, Nursery to Year 2 participated in a Perform Drama workshop where they learnt some new skills and games.

One of the games that Year 1 & 2 took part in was called 'Strike a pose'. The instructor announced a letter from the alphabet and the students had to freeze frame and strike a pose of something beginning with that letter. For example, for the letter B, the students posed as a beehive, ball, broom and for the letter S, the students posed as a steak, stick, stomp.

They also played a game called Vampires vs Werewolves based on Romeo and Juliet and had to act out an angry werewolf whilst dancing to some newly taught choreographed dance steps and movements.

Here are some Year 2 pupil quotes:

Caspian - I liked it when we were playing the strike a letter pose because we had to act it out.

Kloe - I liked it when the instructor pointed at us and we had to say 'My hands are high and my feet are low and this is how I do the Bongalo... where we had to create a new action.

Some quotes from Early Years after their session:

Ariya: "It was bananas and so funny!"

Gabin: "It was super funny!"

Michal: "I liked it because she was telling stories."

Alexander: "I loved waking up the crocodile."

Ella: "She taught us a banana language. So funny."



School Garden

Our School Garden is Blooming! The School Council and Eco-Committee are proud to share their gardening success. The children were especially impressed by the size of the radishes they helped grow—truly a fantastic achievement! We've also enjoyed seeing our cornflowers flourish, adding a splash of colour to the garden. Looking ahead, we're excited to plant more flowers and even some fruit.



Years 1 & 2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 1 & 2 had a wonderful trip to Kew Gardens on Monday 9th June. Both groups had workshops, Year 1 did 'Plant Scientists' & Year 2, 'Maths in the Great Outdoors'. Year 1 really enjoyed learning about plants and did some interesting research about the different parts of a plant and the types of seed dispersal. The children even had a chance to draw some flowers and look at the flowers up close through a microscope!

The children also enjoyed walking around the park and discovering new areas such as the Palm House (it was hot!) and the Orangery, together with the Hive and the playground.

Year 2 enjoyed participating in their workshop. They estimated and measured distances in Kew Gardens using a trundle wheel and a counter. They also found 2D and 3D shapes in nature and organised sticks in height order.

Here are some of their quotes:

Year 1

"I enjoyed walking inside the Hive and listening to the vibrations and sounds of the bees!" Esma

"I liked it when we had some playtime and we played hide and seek in the playground." Sienna

"I liked the workshop, my favourite part was drawing different flowers and naming the different parts."

Adi

"I liked when we went inside the big greenhouse and saw plants from different continents." Borna

Year 2

"I saw a tree that was over 250 years old and it was being held up by bricks and stilts." Dominic

"I loved seeing the giant Lily Pads in the Waterlily House." Yuna

"I liked walking around the Hive installation and listening to the vibrations on the platform." Max

"I loved acting out different animals like a kangaroo, pigeon, rabbit and frog and participating in a race across a long distance. The kangaroos travelled the furthest distance." Parisa

"I like collecting sticks, measuring them in centimetres and organising them into different groups." Nanato

"I loved measuring the trees in non-standard units. We had to see how many people could hug the tree with their fingertips touching. Some trees were 2 hugs wide and other trees were 5 hugs wide. We learnt the older the tree, the wider it was." Ms Carlon



Japanese Themed Lunch

Our chef, Rohan created a wonderful Japanese themed lunch for pupils and staff. The children were so excited as they saw the dining hall being decorated and delicious aromas coming from the kitchen!



Sports Day

We had a wonderful sunny sports day on Friday 13th June. Thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff for making it such a success.



Sports Day Medals

Medals were awarded at our Friday assembly on 27th June for the top point scorers per year group on Sports Day. Well done to all the pupils, especially Dominic in Year 2 who was the highest point scorer overall.



Nursery & Reception Trip to Hobbledown Heath

On Wednesday 18th June, Nursery and Reception had a very exciting trip to Hobbledown Heath. There was a lot to see and do there. We saw many wonderful animals including giant rabbits, tortoises, meerkats, capibaras and lemurs all the way from Madagascar who are endangered. We learned how these animals move during an 'Animals in Motion' workshop. In addition, the children had the opportunity to enjoy the incredible play areas; they had fun climbing, swinging and playing in sand and on wobble boards. We even had time to go into the soft play area.

Here are some quotes from the pupils:

Reception:

Hiroto said, "I love Hobbledown Heath because there were a lot of animals."

Malcolm said, "I loved Hobbledown Heath because there were places to play."

Ella said, "I love Hobbledown Heath because there are amazing things there."

Alfie said, "I loved the playgrounds and animals there."

Florence said, "I loved going on adventures in Hobbledown Heath."

Nursery:

Arti said, "The big slide was super fast!"

Anvi said, "I liked bouncing on the cushion."

Bodhi said, "The lemurs were so funny."





Lamda Examinations

The LAMDA pupils are celebrating outstanding results for their recent exams. Over 80% gained top level results, being awarded a Distinction and 100% of students gained either a Merit or Distinction. These are all wonderful results and very well earned by the pupils who worked extremely hard. The LAMDA exams strive to empower pupils to be effective, confident communicators, and they maintain these skills throughout their education and future careers. Well done to our LAMDA pupils.



Nursery & Reception End of Year Concert

Congratulations to all our Nursery & Reception children for a wonderful end of year concert. We hope all our parents enjoyed it and thank you to the Clifton Lodge staff for working with the children to make it such a success.



EY Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Friday 27th June the Nursery & Reception families joined us for a wonderful picnic in Walpole Park. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Winning House Trip

The winning house this year was 'Ward' and they were treated to a trip to the Ealing Picturehouse Cinema followed by pizzas in Walpole Park followed by delicious ice-cream in Amorino. Well done 'Ward'!



Y6 Leavers Trip

Year 6 have worked so hard this year and gained some wonderful academic results. They enjoyed a great day out at Chessington World of Adventures to celebrate the end of their time at Clifton Lodge.



Year 6 Drama Production

On 3rd July our Year 6's entertained their parents by performing the play: '10 Ways to Survive in Quarantine'. It was wonderful, with superb acting. A big thank you to Mr Beetar and Mrs Trivedi for working with the children to make it such a professional performance.

The rest of the school watched the dress rehearsal earlier in the day and thoroughly enjoyed it, here are some comments from Year 2:

"I liked when the strong guy came out but was actually eating crisps and lollipops, instead of exercising." (Dominic)

"I liked when the scary girl came out and she was laughing and there were ghosts." (Caspian)

"I loved the bit at the start where the girl said she had friends, and her friend was a football." (Max)

"I liked the bit when the boy said his mum took his Nintendo switch away from him." (Parissa)

"Thank you Year 6 for performing and entertaining us. We loved the whole show. Congratulations on your hard work, effort and outcome." Ms Carlon



Year 6 Market Day

On 4th July, the Year 6 pupils (assisted by Year 5) planned and set up a Market Day in the playground to raise money for charity and FOCL. The whole school had the opportunity to buy items from the brick a brac table, play games, win prizes and buy snacks. The event was organised by Mrs Trivedi and Year 6! Everyone had such a wonderful time.



Science Club Highlights - 2025

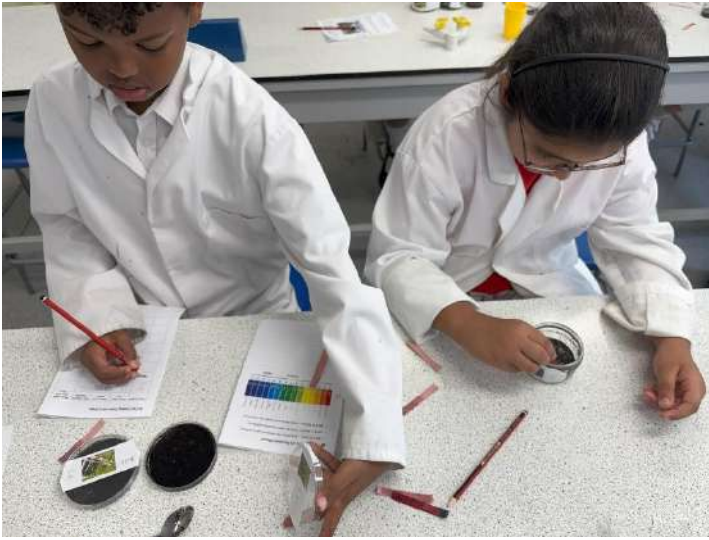
During the final Science Club of the year, the Scientists acted as Soil Detectives and tested the pH levels of the soil in the Clifton Lodge front garden.

Some other highlights from Science Club in the Spring and Summer terms included:

Balanced forces on a Lunar New Year mobile – January

Robot Fingers – March

Tallest Tower in the world STEM challenge – June



Speech Day

Thank you to all our pupils and staff for a wonderful Speech Day. The performances from both choirs, individual instrumentalists and LAMDA and poetry readings were all superb. It is a pleasure to come together as a community with our parents to celebrate the end of the academic year and the talents of our pupils. Congratulations to the children who won awards and thank you to all our pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm this academic year. We also look forward to September and working with our new Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls. Finally, thank you to our guest speaker Mr Ben McCarey for joining us.



Friends of Clifton Lodge Disco

A huge thank you to FOCL for putting on an end of year disco for the children. There was face painting, snacks and dancing, the children had such a great time.



Tara – Year 5

Many congratulations to Tara in Year 4. She was a finalist in the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Children's Art Competition - Global Canvas 2025 (8-11 year old category). DSWF Global Canvas 2025 wrote: We had some incredibly artistic and thought-provoking entries this year based on the theme 'Coexistence – how can humans and wildlife live in harmony?'. We received entries from 95 different countries and competition was really tough, so huge congratulations!



We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you on the first day of term, Wednesday 3rd September.

Kind regards

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Head