



Dear Parents

Welcome to the Spring (1) issue of our newsletter, giving you a round-up of all the activities and events that have been going on this year to date. These have included trips to Verulamium, The Science Museum, the Museum of Water and Steam, an Ancient Greek Workshop and Nursery local visits. We have had success in Football matches against Avenue House School and a week-long focus on Mental Health and Safer Use of the Internet. Some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils also took part in an A.I.M High Writing Day organised by Authors Abroad and hosted at North Ealing Primary School. A very busy start to the year, with many more trips and activities planned before Easter.

#### **Pupil Survey**

Our Year 3 to 6 pupils recently took part in a Cognita Schools Group survey regarding their wellbeing at our school. From the children's responses and results, we are delighted that our pupils feel happy, safe and cared for. We had so many positive comments, showing the focus that the school has on the importance of wellbeing, is resulting in improved experiences for our children. Here are some of the quotes from the children:

"The Safeguarding Team is really nice. There are lots of Teachers and they are all nice. Also there are lots of walls so no one can sneak in." – Year 3 pupil

"I feel this way because I have lots of friends and brilliant teachers." – Year 3 pupil

"This school has been helping so much with my English and I have learned a lot about different cultures and countries since there are so many cultures in this school." – Year 4 pupil

"Clifton Lodge is a great school and it educates us and teaches us things we don't know." – Year 5 pupil

"I would recommend Clifton Lodge because it's a really nice school with lots of people to talk to about your worries. The teachers are very concerned about how you feel and are there to help." – Year 5 pupil

"This school always helps us with everything we are sad or unhappy about." – Year 5 pupil

"I feel like this because all the teachers are very caring and they wish the best for us and we have a Safeguarding Team." – Year 5 pupil

"I would recommend to my friend because it is a very amazing school and it has helped me very much." – Year 6 pupil

"I would recommend the school, because it has really fun trips and its small like a family." – Year 6 pupil

#### **Year 2 Trip to Verulamium**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, our Year 2 class visited Verulamium, a museum about everyday life in Roman Britain. Verulamium is built on the site of one of the largest Roman cities in Britain and the museum is filled with ancient treasures and mosaics. Year 2 have been studying the Romans as their History topic and the visit enabled us to bring their learning to life. The trip included a workshop which was set up as a Roman market, the children dressed up in Roman costumes and experienced shopping for different artifacts.

It was a wonderful trip, here are some quotes from the children about the visit:

"The Hypocaust was my favourite thing to see because it had a huge mosaic on the floor."

"This was a good place to learn about the Romans because the Roman's lived here."

“I liked the mosaics because they were beautiful.”



### Reception – Winter Topic Work

In January, the Reception class were learning about winter. They rescued the animals from the ice and made homes from recycled materials for the winter animals to hibernate in. The children also made beautiful snowflakes.

Dominic said he loved learning about polar bears. Lex said his favourite was playing with the ice and polar bear.





## Nursery – Visit from the Police!

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, our Nursery class had a visit from PC McGuigan. The children were so excited to try on the different hats and look at the vehicles that help the Police to do their job. They were also happy to meet a real police officer as we have been learning about special people who help us. Thank you so much to PC McGuigan for coming into Clifton Lodge.



## Year 3 Ancient Greek Day

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, Year 3 had their Ancient Greek Day. The children absorbed themselves in a fun and interactive workshop which concluded their learning in school on the fascinating and enigmatic world of the Ancient Greeks. The morning started with some Greek theatre, where they were able to re-enact Greek myths and legends. This was followed by a Greek Quiz, solving the oldest mathematical puzzle, and finally ended with a Greek Game of strategy called Petteia. In the afternoon, a real-life Greek Hoplite soldier visited, showing off all his armour and weaponry, a lesson on democracy was explored and the whole day ended with a mini-Olympic Games. It was a fantastic day and all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The children have written all about the day for a display that will go up in class along with lots of pictures.



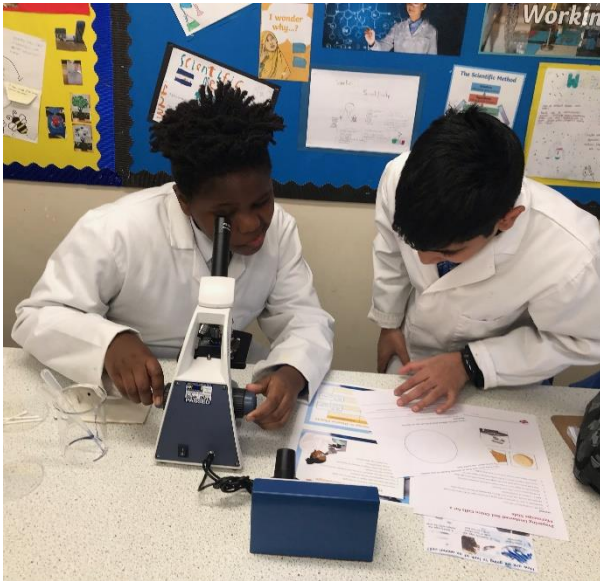


## Year 6 Science

This term in Science, Year 6 have been learning about plant and animal cells.

In this lesson, the children were able to examine the cells of an onion, and the cells from the inside of their cheek, under a microscope. The pupils drew the structure and observed the organelles that make up the cell.

They developed their skills of analysis and synthesis in working scientifically and enjoyed learning collaboratively.



## Year 6 Trip to The London Museum of Water & Steam

On Wednesday 18th January, Year 6 visited The London Museum of Water & Steam in Brentford.

This was a precursor to our upcoming History topic, The Industrial Revolution. The pupils took part in an interactive ‘Victorian Washday’ workshop, teaching them all about how the Victorians washed their clothes as well as discovering how machinery, through time, has changed this laborious process! In addition to the workshop, they were taken on a detailed tour around the museum learning about the history of London’s water supply. The pupils enjoyed exploring the exhibits, educational functions and working in pairs to solve challenge cards. What a great trip!

“It was so interesting learning about the industrial revolution.” Ernest

“I liked the houses and how they change over time.” Inaya

“My favourite part of the experience was exploring the steam machines. It was exciting, interactive and interesting learning about the fascinating machines and their function/how they work.” Min Foh





## Football Matches v Avenue House – 20<sup>th</sup> January

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January our pupils from Years 3 to 6 played football against Avenue House at Trailfinders Rugby Club.

The Year 5 and 6 team played excellently, showing fantastic effort and sportsmanship. They were engaged and demonstrated excellent teamwork. As a result, they won their match 5-2. Min Foh and Noah showed excellent vision and positioning, and Tofunmi was like a shield in front of goal, keeping excellently.

The children reflected on their performance and ways to improve still further in the next fixtures:

Miriam – “I think I should try go for the ball more and be a bit more focused in my play.”

Yuto – “We won with a great blend of Year 5s and 6s.”

Tofunmi – “Our opponents played well and can be proud of their performance too.”

Min Foh – “We had exceptional teamwork and generally good plays. Even the opponents had some fantastic plays.”

Noah – “I could play a bit more focused.”

Sam – “I want to improve my accuracy.”

Our Year 3 & 4 football team also played against Avenue House on the 20<sup>th</sup> January. The match was very competitive with our team coming back from being 0-5 down in the first half to finally losing 6-8 to Avenue House. The children worked hard as a team to regain ground with Alex scoring all the goals with support from his team-mates – well done to you all.

Year 4 quotes:

Alex - “Even though we lost it was still fun, I felt very good scoring so many goals.”

Jay – It was a fair match. I really enjoyed helping the other positions set up the goals.”





## A.I.M High Writing Day Workshop

Some of our pupils in Year 5 and 6 had an amazing experience at the Authors Abroad - A.I.M. High Writing Day workshop delivered by the fantastic poet Kimba.

They enjoyed exploring a variety of subjects to write about and challenged their thinking by exploring figures of speech and writing techniques before commencing their own writing of poetry. The children were great performers and enjoyed sharing their poems with their peers. The workshop supported our children to – Achieve, Inspire and Master. Thank you to North Ealing Primary School for hosting this event.



## Reception Trip to the Science Museum

In class, our Reception pupils have been learning about Space and the Planets. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, they visited the Science Museum for a very exciting day! The children had a fascinating workshop learning about 'Space and Life on the International Space Station'. The pupils learnt about how water is cleaned and filtered to be reused in Space. They also played and explored in the Garden and in the Pattern Pod. Everyone had so much fun!

Parisa: "I loved the Garden and playing in it."

Lex: "I loved looking at the spaceships and the astronauts."

Dominic: "I loved when that girl was teaching us about water in space."

Sasha: "I love to look at the big spaceships in the Museum." Zoren agreed with this too.

The children also loved going on the coach to London.





### Football Matches v Avenue House – 3<sup>rd</sup> February

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we played football again at Ealing Trailfinders Rugby Club against Avenue House School. Both our teams won their matches decisively with our Year 3 & 4's scoring 3-0 and our Year 5 & 6's 11-0! Well done everyone, the great teamwork, fortitude and concentration paid off. In their own words, here are quotes from some of our pupils:

"Last Friday we played a football match. I was goalkeeper and I saved 2 goals! We were playing against Avenue House. Alex scored most of the goals. It was 3-0 so we won"! - Woody

"I played as goalkeeper and then defender, I was really good in those positions. I had a really good time. Clifton Lodge won with 3 goals". - Emma

"Our opponents were really challenging to play against so they should be proud of their performance". - Tofunmi

"It was a good match. I enjoyed playing with Avenue House". - Tokio

"I enjoyed playing with them and they should be very proud of their performance". - India

"It was a challenge to play against them". - Noah

"I enjoyed playing with them and it was really fun". - Zach

"I enjoyed playing with Avenue House, it was a good match". - Ernest

"I enjoyed the first half but I was stung by a bee"! - Yuto

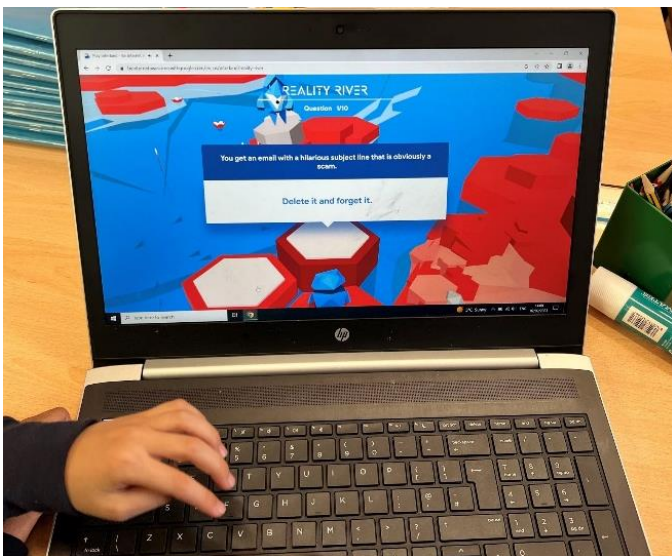
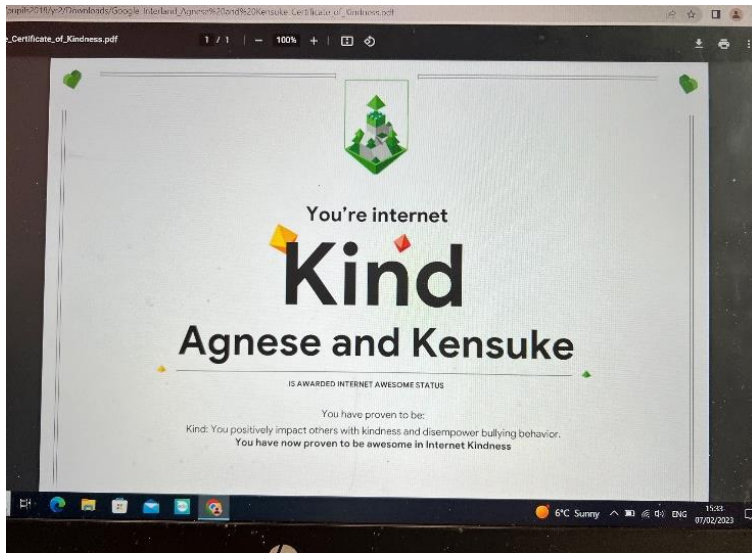




## Safer Internet Day / Children's Mental Health Week

The week before half-term was Children's Mental Health Week, incorporating Safer Internet Day. The theme of the week was 'Let's Connect!' Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. Healthy connections to family, friends and others can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Members of our School Council visited each class to distribute children's mental health books for their class libraries.

The classes explored positive mental wellbeing and carried out activities to support the theme of this week and learn more about Internet Safety.





## Year 1 Art visit to Pitzhanger Manor

Year 1 have been learning about Architecture in Art and have been looking at the different features of buildings. The class visited a local building, Pitzhanger Manor and the children identified all the features they had learnt about.

The pupils were really engaged and spotted many features on the outside of this local landmark:

"I liked the stained glass windows. I liked all the colours." - Sosei

"I liked going out because it was sunny, I like the building." - Arabella

"I saw a conservatory. When it is sunny but cold outside, it will be warm in a conservatory." - William

"I saw four statues of ladies and I liked them very much." - Freya



It is wonderful to see the children enjoying school life and taking advantage of all the opportunities we offer.

Could I use this opportunity to thank those parents who responded to the suggestion of starting a Friends of Clifton Lodge Parent Group. We are still on the look out for more volunteers who would like to set up and take part in such a group – it would be a great place to meet with parents on a more social level, organise events and fundraise. If you feel you would like to take part in some way, please do let the office know or catch me on the gate.

Thank you to the parents who have completed the Voice of the Parent survey, it will be open for a further 2 weeks.

I hope you are having a relaxing half-term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Belsito'.

Michael Belsito  
Head