



### Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that the Summer Term is almost upon us following a very busy Spring Term. This newsletter is a brief recap of all the wonderful activities that we managed to cram into last term. There were a variety of educational visits and themed days and weeks including World Book Day and Science Week, which are always hugely popular with staff and pupils alike. We finished up with announcing the running total on House points at our assembly on the last day of term – the numbers are very close, but currently, Cass House are leading the way. It's still all to play for!

We look forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term and to welcoming parents to the many events planned which include our annual Sports Day and Speech Day. Please take the time to look through the Summer Term Calendar which has been sent out with this newsletter.

### Year 6 Nursery Buddies

After half-term once the 11 + exams were finished, the Year 6 children wanted to get to know their Nursery buddies better and do some reading and fun activities with them. The children enjoyed a session with them one afternoon each week down in Nursery, helping out and being good role models. The Nursery children loved having the older girls and boys down in their classroom.







### **Year 3 Trip to the Science Museum**

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 3 class visited the Science Museum. The pupils started the trip by observing science experiments at the Wondershow. Then, after an early lunch, they watched an IMAX 3D film all about Antarctica, its wildlife and the threat to its future.

Finally, the class spent time in the Wonderlab and explored concepts such as friction (on the slides), states of matter, and simple machines which they are currently learning about in Science.

Tara – “I learnt that the faster the slide, the less friction it has. It was so much fun.”

Aila – “My favourite experiment was the static electricity demo in the Wonderlab. The noise from the electricity was so loud!”

Kensuke – “I found out that in Antarctica it can get as cold as  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  but climate change is making the ice melt.”

Jahnara – “The Antarctica movie was very informative. We learned about the animals that live there, on land and even deep under the water. Sometimes they get frozen by ‘ice fingers’!”





## Year 5 Trip to Shakespeare's Globe

The Year 5 class, who have been learning about “Romeo and Juliet”, were very excited throughout their trip to Shakespeare’s Globe on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. They were able to experience a tour of the outside and inside of the theatre, including learning when it was built (and rebuilt). They also discovered what it was made from and why, and the reason it was designed in such a way. A bonus was that the class was lucky enough to witness part of a silent rehearsal for the upcoming “Romeo and Juliet” production. From there the class attended a lively action workshop based on the prologue of the play in which the students were engaged in many ways. The children were amazing representatives of both the school and their families. They can be proud of their efforts and commitment to the school value Optime – they gave of their best.

Taiyo: “I really enjoyed this trip, especially the workshop!”

Arisa: “I learned some voice exercises and enjoyed watching the Romeo & Juliet rehearsal.”

Wesam: “This was one of the most interesting trips I’ve been on!”

Miki: “I feel that the theatre’s history and explanation was so interesting!”

Dylan: “I learned that the hole in the roof was to let in light in the olden days as they did not have spotlights. It was an amazing trip! I loved it!”

Sami: “It was the first trip I have been on in the school, and it was the BEST!”





## Year 6 English

Year 6 have been working on persuasive language and speeches, which they combined with our learning from Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. Each group was tasked with creating a vibrant and informative poster on joining a specific god's cabin (Athena, Ares, Apollo, Aphrodite, or Dionysus).

The pupils then prepared short persuasive speeches and posters to present to Years 3 to 5. Each year group then voted, deciding which speeches and posters were the most convincing (the most voted for was the Dionysus cabin). Highlights of each included:

- Apollo cabin as the cabin of the Arts and archery
- Aphrodite cabin as the cabin of kindness and comfort
- Ares cabin as the cabin of training and sports
- Athena as the cabin of learning, invention, and organising.
- Dionysus cabin as the cabin of relaxation and snacks

The Year 6 pupils developed crucial skills in reflecting and adjusting their presentations based on the different audiences and age ranges. Great fun was had by all, and fantastic work was done.

Dylan (Y6): “The Year 3 to 5s were so engaged and enthusiastic towards us – it gave me greater confidence. I had so much fun!”

Phoebus (Y6): “I loved how the Year 3 to 5s liked our points – not just one of them, all of them!”

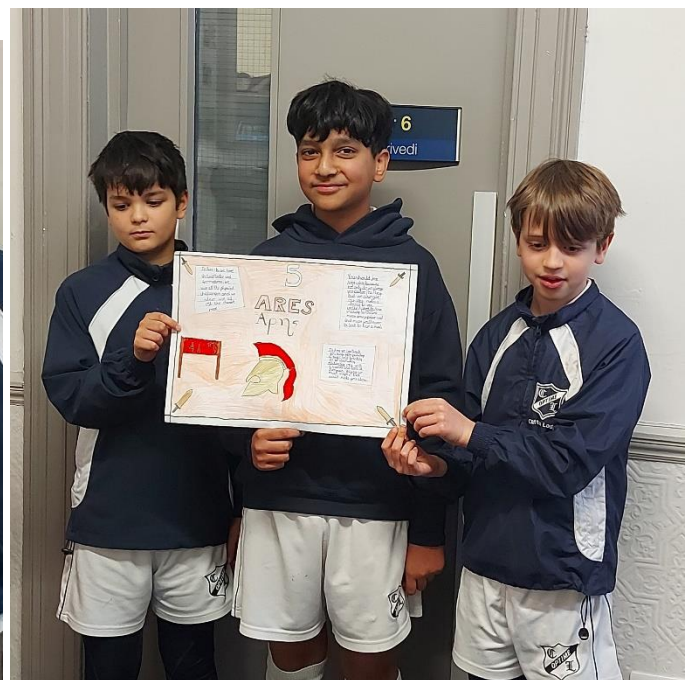
Enara (Y6): “It built on our skills and was so enjoyable!”

Xander (Y6): “Everyone was really supportive! They loved our poster, and everyone wanted to high five us.”

Angelo (Y6): “I liked that everyone was engaged and that we got to share the facts we researched in a speech and a poster!”

Billy (Y4) – “Everyone was very good and so persuasive! I really enjoyed the posters.”

Happy World Book Day!



## World Book Day 2024!

Our pupils and staff excelled themselves on World Book Day with some wonderful, imaginative costumes. Everyone was excited to see the array of characters and join in the fun. Our assembly in the morning included a visit from our prep staff dressed as Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and performances from some Year 5 & 6 pupils. The day was focused on English with our Prep pupils visiting their buddies from Pre-Prep and Early Years to do some reading. Later in the morning there were workshops from Little Voices. Pupils then completed some World Book Day activities in the afternoon including creating book covers. Everyone had a wonderful day.

Lenny: "I liked the parade – my favourite part was when we walked around the other classes."

Aila: "My favourite part was the Little Voices workshop. I liked speaking as different characters – I was Violet Beauregard."

Arabella: "We listened to a little bit of 'The Gruffalo' and then we acted it out by pretending to walk through the sticky mud by lifting our legs up."

Gian: "We went on an imaginary adventure and we saw mice, foxes, a snake, owl and the Gruffalo."

Isabella: "I liked all the children coming in our classroom to read with us"

Sienna: "I liked the decorations at lunch."

Sofia: "I loved the assembly. It was so funny seeing the teachers dressed up – my favourite was Baby and Mommy Bear."

Arisa: "I loved seeing all the costumes at assembly."

Noah: "I loved the World book day themed lunch, it was delicious."

Willow: "My favourite part of the day was when the prep teachers came out as Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Enara: "I enjoyed looking at all the costumes as each class paraded around."

Phoebus: "I liked the Little Voices workshop a lot."









## Perform Workshops

Thank you so much to Perform for visiting Clifton Lodge on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to give drama workshops to our Nursery to Year 2 pupils.

Years 1 & 2 went on an adventure to find a golden horse's mane and learnt how to be cowboys and cowgirls. They also learnt how to do country dancing with pretend pistols and lassoes.

"When the horse with the golden mane arrived, we had to stand very still and pretend to be hay stacks in a field and when the horse went away we could move and have a dance party." (Haruya & Alaiya)

"My favourite part was when the horse put apples down to eat, but we ate them instead." (Victor)

"My favourite bit was when we pretended to be lots of animals and chase after the teacher." (Freya)

"I pretended to be a coyote and tried to eat the teacher." (William)

"It was so much fun and I loved it, I want to do more Perform Drama workshops." (Dominik)

"My favourite bit was when we went on our adventure and we had to hide so that the golden horse couldn't find us." (Sasha)

"My favourite part was when the lady tasted the fake milk and everyone had a go at tasting it." (Caspian)

"My favourite part was when we had to pretend we were tumbleweed to hide from the horse and then when the horse couldn't see us we would boogie dance." (Parisa)

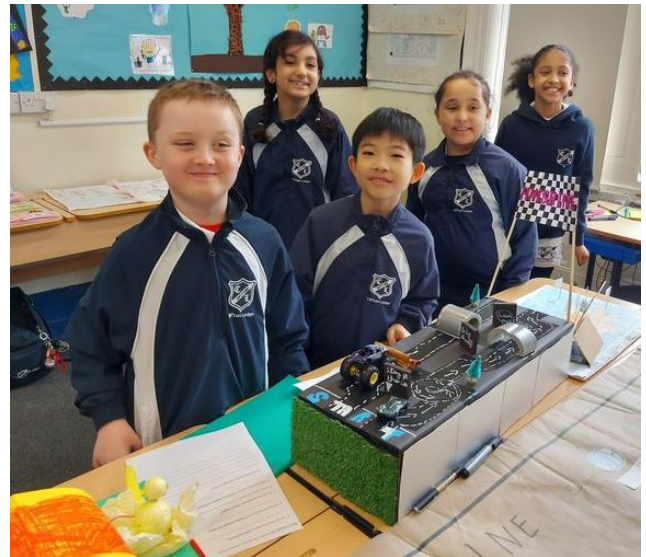
"My favourite part was when we were riding on the train around the playground." (Dominic)



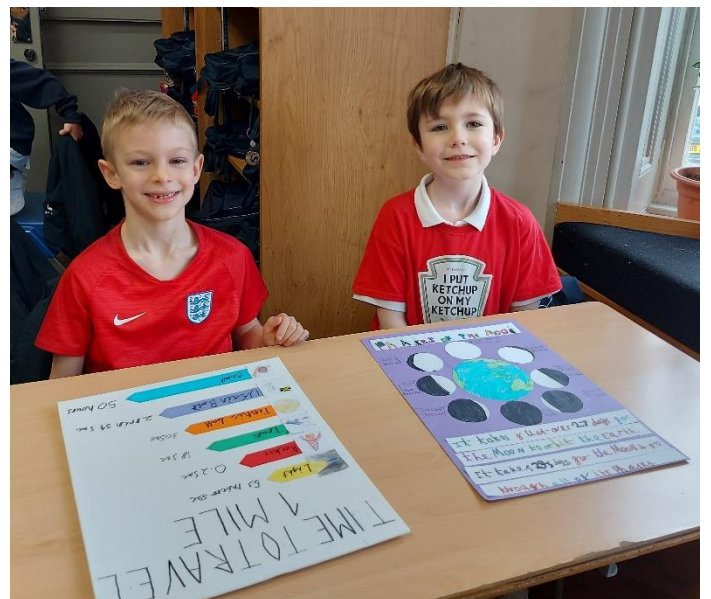
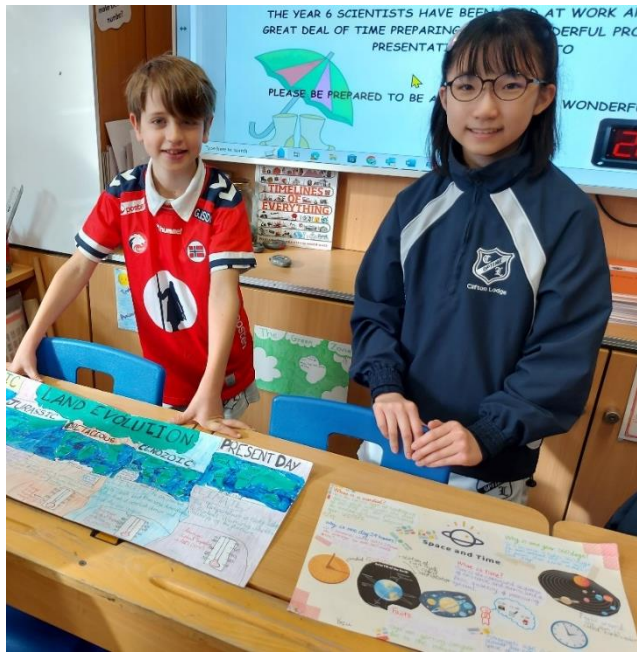


## Science Week 2024

Always one of the most popular themed weeks of the year, our Science Teacher introduced Science Week with a series of interactive experiments outside in the playground. All our pupils from the youngest in Nursery to our Year 6 Class contributed by joining in with some of the experiments and asking and answering questions. The children were so excited for Science Week and planning their individual projects on the theme of 'Time'. On Friday 15th March, we culminated Science Week with all pupils bringing in their wonderful Science projects to display in the classrooms. The children had been so creative in bringing the topic of 'Time' to life with their amazing work. Thank you to all the parents who came in on the morning to support their children and see the projects on display. We love Science at Clifton Lodge!









## Science Week – Project Winners

At our assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> March we awarded certificates for the best Science week projects. Each class had two runners-up and one winner. Congratulations to the children who received certificates, and we look forward to next year's submissions. Here is the list of the winners:

Nursery – Winner: Brayden / Runners-up: Amelia & Charlie

Reception – Winner: Kosuke / Runners-up: Shoma & Rei

Year 1 – Winner: Suzu / Runners-up: Caspian & Mio

Year 2 – Winner: Haruya / Runners-up: Rohan & Alaiya

Year 3 – Winner: Ashan / Runners-up: Theodore & Kai

Year 4 – Winner: Laila / Runners-up: Alisa & Shuma

Year 5 – Winner: Eleeza / Runners-up: Jay & Taiyo

Year 6 – Winner: Sam / Runners-up: Dylan & Haruki



## Year 6 - Police Visit

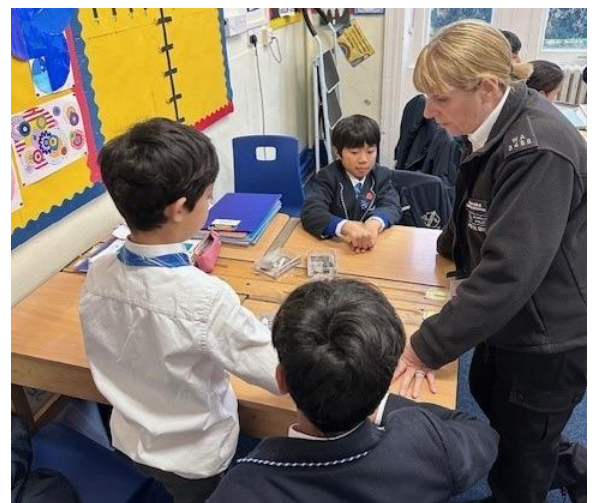
On 11<sup>th</sup> March, PC McGuigan visited our Year 6 class to talk to the children about drug awareness. Year 6 listened attentively and were engaged; they had some great discussions as they looked at the different drugs out there and the dangers they pose. Thank you so much to PC McGuigan for visiting the school.

Noah - "It was a very informative session and I know that it will help us in the future."

Angelo - "It was interesting to see what the different drugs looked like."

Yuzu - "It was interesting and now I know what they look like, I will not be tricked in the future."

Phoebus - "It helped me a lot especially with my health and mental well-being in the future."





## Nursery Visit to the Library

Our Nursery children enjoyed a visit to our local library on 14th March. The children had the opportunity to explore the library and the wonderful array of books. They also took part in a craft activity where they decorated a butterfly. Thank you to Ealing Library for welcoming us.





## Year 6 Visit to the Barbican

On Monday 18th March, our Year 6 class visited the Barbican Centre to watch a London Symphony Orchestra concert called 'Heroes, Outlaws & Villains'.

During the concert the children met a range of classical music's best heroes and villains. They learned about them and found out how the composers use the orchestra to bring their stories to life. A main part of the concert was Copland's wonderful score for his ballet, 'Billy the Kid'.

They also featured a new participation piece, 'Billy's Hoedown' by the composer Rachel Leach.

Year 6's behaviour was exemplary and they really enjoyed the concert. They especially enjoyed the start as it featured the 'Star Wars' theme and Rossini's Overture 'William Tell'.

In the afternoon, the class visited the Diana Memorial Garden near Kensington Palace and the children created artwork of cubist style trees. It was a wonderful trip.





## Year 1 & 2 Trip to Lee Valley

On Tuesday 19th of March Year 1 & 2 travelled by coach to Lee Valley, Waltham Abbey Gardens where they immersed themselves into the Stone Age. They started the day by making a human timeline dating back 6 million years, looking at the changes over time to the present day. The children enjoyed exploring the local area for plants that were traditionally used in the Stone Age for cooking and survival such as; Nettle, Hazel, Hawthorn and Plantain. After lunch, they learned how to safely use a fire striker to start a fire and discussed what fires were used for. They ended the day by creating some Stone Age Cave Paintings using charcoal, with dimmed lights and candles.

### Pupil Feedback:

- "I liked seeing all of the nature around us and trying to find certain plants that were used in the Stone Age." (Freya and Dominik)
- "I learnt a lot about the Stone Age that I didn't know before." (Arabella)
- "I now know how to use a fire striker safely." (Haruya)
- "I didn't know there were 3 types of Stone Age: The Old Stone Age called the Paleolithic, The Middle Stone Age called the Mesolithic and the New Stone Age called the Neolithic." (William)
- "I learnt a lot about Stone Age artefacts and plants." (Hashim)
- "I loved doing the fire lighting and learnt how to make sparks." (Alaiya and Ema)
- "I liked it when we created art with charcoal in a dark room, and imagined what it would have been like to do Cave Painting." (Merrie)







### **A.I.M High**

Some of our Year 3 & 4 children had an amazing experience at the A.I.M. High Writing Day workshop at North Ealing Primary School. The workshop was delivered by the experienced author Cliff McNish. The children enjoyed constructing a story and creating great characters. They also learnt about a powerful 5 step method to craft compelling stories from start to finish. The workshop supported our children to – Achieve, Inspire and Master.





## Spring Concert

Thank you to our families for joining us for the Spring Concert on the last morning of term at Christ the Saviour Church. It was a wonderful celebration of music and drama with some exceptional performances from individual instrumentalists and beautiful singing from all the children including the two choirs. We are so grateful to all the performers and to our staff, especially Mrs Velkova for helping the children and the choir perform so well.





### **Friends of Clifton Lodge – Quiz Night**

A massive thank you to our wonderful 'Friends of Clifton Lodge' parent group who hosted a fabulous staff/parent Quiz Night on Friday 1st March. Everyone had a great time and it proved to be highly competitive! The quiz master did an amazing job devising the questions and compered the evening, with the group securing a wonderful range of raffle prizes to raise money for the school. Hopefully this will be the first of many events that our new parent group will organise and we are really grateful for all the hard work involved in making the evening such a success.



Kind regards

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

Michael Belsito  
Head