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Weekly news at your school



This Week at Clare House

Last week our Remembrance Assembly was led by Anagha, Robert, Alys and Toby (Pupil Heads and Deputies), they shared some key information about the tradition of Remembrance with the school and read 'In Flanders Fields', a poem written by John McCrae, as well as a poem they had written themselves. The senior brass ensemble played 'The Last Post' and, after a minute's silence observed by the rest of the school, they closed with 'The Rouse'. Their rehearsal was recorded and will be on the website until the end of this week -

<https://www.clarehouseprimaryschool.co.uk/1122/latest-news/post/86/clare-house-remembrance-day-the-last-post-rouse-by-the-senior-brass-ensemble>.

My thanks to all those involved (Louie, Thomas, Lily, Isaiah, Oliver B, Felix J, Joe and Felix S - all Year 6) and to Mr Lloyd for rehearsing with and leading the ensemble on the day.

Remembrance Day poem

At the dead of midnight
There was no sight
Stars glistened in the sky
As depressed people started to cry.

Their hearts sank
As in rolled a tank
Planes soared
Engines roared.

As the soldiers began to kneel
Poppies grew in the field
So the poppies continued to grow
And hope filled the soldiers from head to toe.

So today
We are happy to say
We will share the joys
Of Remembrance Day.

by Anagha, Robert, Alys and Toby

Have a good week.

Mrs Holland

Children Achievements

Well done to the following children who recently took their trumpet exams.

Felix (Y6RB) - Grade 3 Merit
Felix (Y6S) - Grade 3 Distinction
Isaiah (Y6RB)- Grade 3 Distinction
Thomas (Y6RB) - Grade 3 Distinction

JJ Dance Club

Please be reminded that there is **no dance club this Friday** after school.

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. They will go outside at playtime and lunchtime unless there is really heavy rain. It is essential that they are appropriately dressed.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection forms will be in the book bags today and should be returned with any changes by Friday 26th November. Thank you.

St Christopher's Reindeer Dash - Friday 3rd December 2021

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On Friday 3rd December, we will be organising our very own Reindeer Dash to support our local hospice, St Christopher's. The children and our staff will be dashing around the playground wearing fabulous fun reindeer antlers kindly provided by St Christopher's.

To help raise funds, it would be amazing if you could give your child/children a pound coin to bring with them on the day of the Reindeer Dash. More information will be in book bags today. Thank you for your support.

The Last Post and Rouse

On the 11th of November I played the Last Post and Rouse with the Senior Brass Ensemble. I felt that playing the Last Post was a great experience and it was an honour to do so, especially playing in front of the whole school and all of the teachers and staff. The Last Post sounds slow and sad and makes you remember the people who died in the war and reflect on that. My favourite piece was Rouse because it was quite upbeat and quick and I enjoyed playing that on the trumpet. It was good to play these pieces with my friends.

Thank you to Mr Lloyd for teaching us The Last

Post and Rouse. I will always remember it, especially as Remembrance Day is also my birthday!

Written by Thomas (6RB) - Music Journalist.

Year 6 Fundraising - Christmas Coasters and Family Tiles

As part of the fundraising for the Year 6 end of year party, Miss Wayman (Y6RB parent) is painting and selling Christmas Coasters and Family Tiles.

The coasters are £4 each and you can choose from a Snowman, Penguin, Robin and Christmas Pudding. They are 10cm x 10cm and will be finished with a felt backing.



The Family tiles are £12 each and come in 2 sizes, 15cm x 15cm for up to four family members and 25cm x 20cm for up to six family members, extras may be added so please ask if needed. These can be personalised with your surname if room allows and will be finished with a hanging ribbon and felt backing.



To order please email: nataliewayman@yahoo.co.uk and wait for your confirmation email before sending in a cash payment of correct money to the school in an envelope addressed to Natalie Wayman c/o Y6RB. Please state family members required and also child's name and class for tiles to be passed to once ready.

Dates for your Diaries

- Friday 19th November - Y6CC Class Assembly
- Friday 26th November - Y6RB Class Assembly
- Friday 3rd December - St Christopher's Hospice Reindeer Dash
- Friday 17th December - Break for end of term

PTA

Christmas Fair Donation Week

We would really welcome any donations to support our upcoming Christmas Fair. In particular, we would love any hamper donations, 'No Adults Allowed' gifts and Jolly Jars this Wednesday-Friday at school drop-off. Your donations will be used to create festive hampers for the raffle at our Christmas Fair. There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most Jolly Jars.

Please also donate any Christmas Jumpers or Nativity Costumes this week in time for our second-hand clothes sale next Tuesday after school.

Christmas Raffle

This year's Christmas Raffle is our biggest yet with amazing prizes waiting to be won. Please look out for tickets in book bags this week and return your completed ticket stubs and cash to the school by Thursday 2nd December. All unsold tickets are also to be returned by this date.

Ping Pong Evening - Friday 19th November

We still have 10 tickets left. This adult-only event will be held in the school hall from 7.30pm. The PTA will run a licensed bar and there will be pizza available to purchase by the slice. Games will be organised based on playing ability.

Christmas Party (Adults-only) - Friday 10th December

Looking to have an end-of-term social? Come and join our adult-only Christmas Party being held in the school hall on Friday 10th December. The PTA will run a licensed bar and there will be classic party tunes from our very own 5-piece 'Beckenham Band'! Bookings can be made now via our PTA-Events booking link below.

Book tickets for these events online at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/clarehouseprimary>

Volunteers Needed

We really need volunteers for the Clare House Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 4th December. The Fair will be running from 12-3pm. Could you volunteer one hour of your time to set up the Fair, cover a stall or even bake a cake?

If you would like to help make this event happen and get involved with fellow parents, please click on the link below to volunteer your time, as we are not sending paper volunteering slips this year.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/clarehouseprimary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=40511#.YYAqoS-l17M>

Christmas Art Fundraiser - My Child's Art

Thank you to everyone that has already ordered Christmas cards and gifts - we have already raised over £300 for Clare House. There is still time to check out your child's artwork if you

haven't already. The children have produced some amazing designs and you can now order cards, tea-towels, mugs, water bottles, candles, sweet jars, jigsaws, tote bags and much more! Goods will be delivered to your home. Below is the direct link for the online portal.

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/?username=ClareHouse&password=DRn6DnN6>

Thank you
Clare House PTA



Without your generosity the Christmas Fairs would not be as successful as they are. During donation week we are asking you to please donate Toys, Jolly Jars and items for your year group. The PTA and volunteers will be at drop off from Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th November to collect all your Christmas Fair donations. The items will be used in the Fair games, stalls and to create hampers for the raffle. Below are just some examples.

Reception - Arts & Crafts

Items to make, bake, colour, craft, stick or paint. Pens, pencils and stickers.

Year 1 - Family Night In

Family films, board games, drinks and snacks. A pack of cards, dominoes, hot chocolate and marshmallows, dips, crisps and party games.

Year 2 & 3 - No Adults Allowed

Away from view, and at pocket money prices children can choose a gift for the adults in their life. It will be wrapped and ready to go under the tree. We need any small items that could be included in the gifts, such as toiletries, unused make-up, jewellery, golf balls or key-rings.

Year 4 - Sweets

Any type of sealed sweets. Haribos, Swizzels, Lollies, Skittles, Starbursts, Wine Gums.

Year 5 - Chocolate

Chocolate, festive chocolate, Mars, Dairy Milk, Galaxy... But NO NUTS please.

Year 6 - Anything Christmas!

All the festive fun. Christmas puddings, crackers, mince pies, foil wrapped chocolates, Baileys, Cranberry sauce, gingerbread men.

ALL - JOLLY JARS

The Clare House tradition is back! Which class will make the most Jolly Jars this year? Fill your empty jars with sweets, chocolate, toys etc. But please ensure any edible items are sealed and wrapped. No loose sweets please.

ALL - TOYS

Do you have any new/great condition second hand toys looking for a new home? Please donate them to the PTA for our toy stall at the Christmas Fair! No soft toys please.