

## From the Headteacher...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all those parents who have sent me their best wishes over the last few weeks. It is nice to be back at school and in full health.

Over recent weeks, we will have all witnessed the distressing scenes in the media regarding the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. No matter how much we attempt to protect our children from these upsetting images, children will understandably be inquisitive and, in some cases, anxious about what they are seeing and hearing. A number of children have been overheard by their teachers or other adults in school discussing the situation and asking questions.

Since September, we have introduced a new subject at CMPS called Global Learning. Global Learning is a combination of French and **Current Affairs**. Children study a half term of French and a half term of Current Affairs. This half term is the next unit of work on Current Affairs. Whilst we intended to continue the theme of the Climate Crisis and build on the Autumn terms learning related to COP 26, we now plan to sensitively look at the crisis in Ukraine in an age appropriate way.

There are a range of school based materials that we will be using to support the children's learning and understanding of this. Later in this issue of the newsletter, we have also included some helpful links for parents that may support you in talking to your child at home.

We are proud that our curriculum supports the children in this way in order to give them a broad and balanced, well rounded education.

*Mr Broad*

## Diary Dates

**CLASS LIST DEMO BY THE PTA**

*Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 9am*

**RECEPTION VISION SCREENING**

*Thursday 17th March 2022*

**SCIENCE FAIR**

*Thursday 17th March 2022, 3.30pm until 4pm*

**4 ALI SHARING ASSEMBLY**

*Friday 18th March 2022 at 9.15am*

## Workshops & Trips

We will be having a school Science Fair after school on **Thursday 17th March 2022**, where the children will be showcasing some science experiments that they have been learning about in class this year.



Please come along to the top hall from 3.30-4pm. All welcome!

### **Calling All Green Fingered Parents and Carers**

We are holding a 'Clear Up' session in our edible playground on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30 - 4.30pm.**

We would love you to come along and help with weeding, clearing and preparing our edible playground for planting our new crops after the Easter break.

Please meet us in the infant playground at pick up and join us for tea and cake and to get involved.

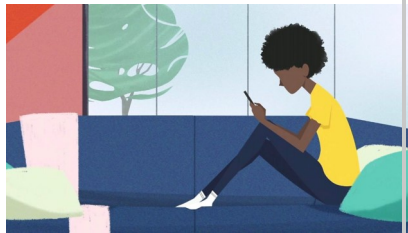
## Our Learning

The beginning of the second part of the Spring term has seen the return of Global Learning in our classrooms. Initially, we continued with our focus on climate crisis and its links with the pandemic but in view of current affairs - Russian invasion on Ukraine, we felt it was important to talk about it with our children, particularly in KS2.

We therefore highlighted the historical relationship between the two countries, explained reasons behind Russian invasion and discussed reactions of other countries towards Russia.

Due to high sensitivity and upsetting nature of the subject, the sessions were suitably differentiated according to children's age and emotional development. We also discussed what we may do when we feel upset or scared i.e. talk to our parents, teachers, share/write our worries, do something that makes us happy. If you would like more information on how to talk to children about conflict or ways to support them when they feel scared or upset, please visit 'Advice if you are upset by the news':

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>



### [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002)

To enjoy the CBBC Newsround website at its best you will need to have JavaScript turned on. WATCH: If you are upset by the news, here is some advice to help you. If you are upset by the news, it's ...

[www.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk)

and 'How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine'.

<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>



### [How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine | Metro News](https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/)

Talking about the distance between the UK and ongoing events can be helpful (Picture: Getty) As news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine escalates, so do anxieties around the situation.

Hundreds of ...

[metro.co.uk](https://metro.co.uk)



The news and social media feeds regarding the Ukraine and Russian conflict often have the latest information, and some of it is very upsetting and worrying; and may not even be verified. Children listening and viewing distressing images can become frightened and fearful. Here are some links to background reading resources to help you think about how you can support children with what they are seeing or feeling. Please read through these links before sharing with your child to ensure that they are suitable.

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine (Childnet)

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine (Schools Week/Children's Commissioner)

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/we-should-not-hide-from-children-what-is-happening-in-ukraine/>

How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine and World War Three anxiety (Metro)

<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

How to cope with traumatic news - an illustrated guide (ABC News, Australia)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-23/illustrated-guide-coping-traumatic-news/5985104>

## Star Class

W/C 21st February was Thunberg with 99.3% and

W/C 28th February was Armstrong with 98.5%.

Congratulations to 5 Thunberg and 1 Armstrong!

Well done to everyone who is getting to school on time every day, every minute counts!

We look forward to seeing who will be our star class next week!



## WORLD BOOK DAY



### World Book Day at Clapham Manor

Clapham Manor had an amazing day celebrating World Book Day 2022, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Tigers roamed the corridors, princesses and superheroes played together in the playgrounds and a burglar was spotted in the library! Meanwhile, aliens invaded the Early Years and half of Hogwarts arrived for lessons, with wands at the ready!

On Thursday, we held a share a story session, where adults from across the school shared stories to groups of children from different classes. Some children were keen to read more of the books shared, so here are the titles shared this year:

Ms Nakkas – Billy and the Beast  
Ms Langley – This Moose Belongs to Me  
Ms Lancaster – Who Let the Gods Out?  
Ms Mumby – Little Glow  
Ms Camdzic – A Squash and a Squeeze  
Ms Porter – Winnie and Wilber  
Mr Mather – Giraffes Can't dance

Ms Floyd – Burglar Bill  
Ms Stoneham – You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus  
Mr Pittard – Elephant Joe is a Knight  
Ms Chaudhri – What the Ladybird Heard  
Mr Saunders – The Superhero Encyclopaedia  
Ms Wiley – Marmalade  
Ms Pitt – The Fox and the Star



Ms Turner - The Book with No Pictures & The Mole  
Who Knew It Was None of His Business  
Ms Stevenson – Welcome to Alien School

Ms Silva – Fearless Fairytales  
Ms Hewitt – The Day the Crayons Came Home

*Remember to take your voucher to a bookshop this month and exchange it for a special £1 World Book day book, or to get £1 off a book of your choice.*

## Costume Donation

We were amazed by the incredible costumes created to celebrate World Book Day. Lots of families got really creative making characters from items they had at home. If you do have any costumes that all your children grow out of, we would welcome any costume donations at school. These can be used in the future for any children who have not been able to dress up on World Book Day. Please give any costume donations to Ms Chaudhri.



## WORLD BOOK DAY



Earlier in the week we were lucky to have the author and illustrator of 'Look Up!' Nathan Bryon and Dao Adeola visit Clapham Manor. They shared their new story, 'Rocket Rules' (which you can buy with your World Book Day voucher) and led a draw-a-long for Reception and KS1. They kindly stayed in the rain after school, signing copies of their books in the playground.

They then spoke to year 6 about their career journeys! Thank you to both of them!

### To our music students!

GREEN practice diaries will be given our instrumentalists this week! Our tutors will use these practice diaries to provide our young musicians with weekly tasks/challenges & has the space for you, the parents/carers to be involved in their music learning too!

Please support our budding musicians by using these diaries and our "*Practice makes perfect*" inserts to check how much hard work and dedication they are doing each week!

There might be a prize for the student who has shown the most dedication and resilience to their musical journey!

"Practice *does* make perfect!"



### Music Cancellations

If, in the unfortunate circumstance that our students wish to cancel their music lessons for any reason, can the Music Department ask for as much notice as possible (at least a half term notice).

This will allow for Mr Mather to allocate new pupils who are currently on the waiting list and for our tutors' employment consistency.



## From the PTA...

### PTA Meeting Slides



Thank you for those who attended the PTA meeting on 23 February. You can find the slides from [this link](#)

### Story time with Serena



[Get your tickets](#) for the Story Time with Serena Pascall, the local author of JamJam Can! We will read a story and talk about children with special needs. Limited space available.

### Fundraise for the PTA while shopping online

Easy way to make money for the school. If purchasing something through Amazon please consider signing up via [Amazon Smile](#). The first time you do, you'll get an option to search for your chosen charity. Just type in Friends of Clapham Manor and we should come up. From then on you just need to purchase via Smile. So simple and really could start to make a difference for our community.

Do not forget you can raise money for the PTA with other online shopping by purchasing via [Easy Fundraising](#).

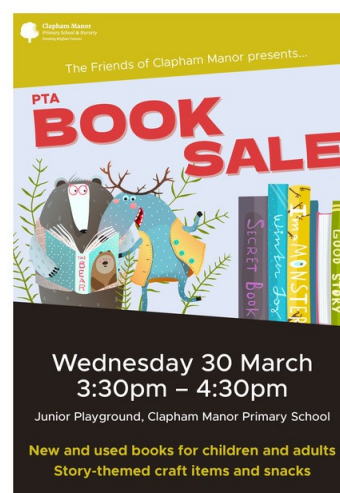


### PTA Book Sale

[Find out more on Classlist.](#)

We would be grateful for volunteers to come forward to help on the day. Or you could support us by donating cakes, candies, and operational costs.

Please make this known via the event page on [Classlist](#), contact us directly in person or by email [PTA@clapham-manor.co.uk](mailto:PTA@clapham-manor.co.uk)



### Have you joined Classlist?

Join The Friends of Clapham Manor Primary School on [Classlist](#) you can keep up to date with all of the PTA



activities, sell/buy items from other parents. You can even communicate with parents/careers from your child/children's class, while only sharing your name! All other contact details can remain anonymous.

### Uniform Collection

**From the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 we will be taking the following donations.**

These can be left in a donation box which will be outside the school office at drop off and collection, so if you are having a spring clean, we would really appreciate:

- Second hand good quality uniform- clean (and bundled by size/age would be particularly helpful)
- Xmas jumpers that have been outgrown (We will resell these in at our Winter Fair later in the year)



## Clubs

### Surrey County Cricket Club's ACE Programme + Chance to Shine

The ACE cricket programme has been taking place at Harris Academy Clapham every Monday, starting from 5pm for 90 mins.

The schedule is as follows;

- 7th March
- 14th March
- 21st March
- 27th March

It is located at:

Academy Clapham Sports Hall  
33 Clarence Avenue,  
W4 8LD

(Enter from the bicycle parking area.)

This programme is coached by Surrey County Cricket Club, ACE and Chance to Shine.

The Metropolitan Police will participate on 7th, 14th and 21st March.

Everybody over Year 3 is welcome to join and it is absolutely free.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to learn and play cricket.

Please come and join. It will be great fun!

<https://www.kiaoval.com/ace-programme/>

<https://aceprogramme.com>

<https://www.chancetoshine.org>



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**FREE**  
**STREET**  
**CRICKET**  
Age 8 - 15

**WHEN:**

Every Monday  
5.00 – 7.00pm

**WHERE:**

Harris Academy secondary school  
33 Clarence Ave,  
Clapham  
SW4 8LD

All abilities welcome  
Wear what you want  
Make new friends  
No equipment needed  
Explosive action



## Surrey Cricket Foundation and ACE Programme

**FREE | COMMUNITY | CRICKET SESSIONS**

For young people aged 8-15

**Lambeth—Clapham**

Harris Academy, 33 Clarence Ave  
London SW4 8LD  
Mondays 5pm-7pm

**Lambeth—Streatham**

Bishop Thomas Grant School,  
Belltrees Grove, London SW16 2HY  
Tuesdays 5pm-7pm

**The Kia Oval,  
Kennington**

London SE11 5SS  
Thursdays 4-5:30pm

**Lambeth—Brixton**

Brixton Recreation Sports Centre  
27 Brixton Station Road, London SW9 8QQ  
Fridays 4.20pm to 5.45pm



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