

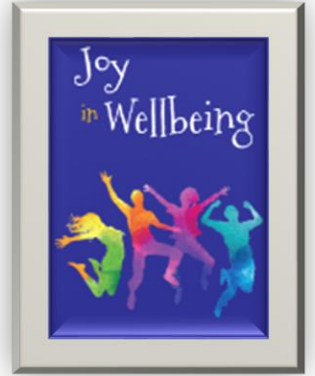


Claremont Primary School

Be confident, be curious, be creative



Newsletter 8th March 2024



Hello

Rowan class were fantastic this morning! I know everyone who attended will be so proud of their class assembly. Thank you for bringing sunshine to start our day.

Yesterday we had such a fabulous day World Book Day - a huge thank you to Miss Oliver and the library monitors who organised the assembly, parade and ensured everyone was able to visit the library. Dressing up is not for everyone and so it was so super to see all of the children involved whatever they had chosen to wear. I hope you enjoy looking at the photos on the website. [Claremont Primary School - World Book Day - March 2024](#)



Show Racism the Red Card – March calendar

If you would like to join us as a Teaching Partner, please do use the link here to see what the role entails. Closing Date- Monday 11th March 2024

[Teaching Partner \(TA\) Teaching/Child Support at Claremont Primary School, Tunbridge Wells \(kent-teach.com\)](#)

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Roberts and the Claremont Team

Daffodils at Claremont



Eridge Green, Photo taken by: Mrs Seddon

Our Vision is to provide: a hub of educational excellence and innovation, supporting and valuing everyone

Monitoring and Reviewing of Behaviours and Attitudes

As you will be very aware, the school is relentless in its work towards improving our practices so that the children of Claremont have a happy and safe place where they can learn and flourish.

Alongside our reflections, we constantly consider the national picture to help us be balanced, aspirational and realistic. It is a fact that pupil behaviour in schools is changing; anxiety levels have seen an increase in younger and younger children. www.youngminds.org.uk share that one in six children aged five to 16 were identified as having a probable mental health problem in July 2021 which is a huge increase from one in nine in 2017. It equates to five children in every classroom and according to [Action for Children](#), there has been a 50% rise over the last three years. Claremont is no different and we are working daily with individual children and their families to help reduce any anxiety levels. It is challenging as children will feel anxious for many different reasons and what might make one child anxious may not impact another one at all. It is not a one size fits all.

A couple of weeks ago, we shared how we are working together to ensure everyone works on recognising how their own behaviours can affect others, not only for safety, but for children's happiness. Worrying about someone else's approach to us can impact on everyone. What we also recognise is that all children develop emotional intelligence at differing rates. All teachers and adults in the school take time to model expected behaviours and emotional responses; they allow for discussion to ensure the positive culture we have continues.

This is really working well within school times. Our Better Lunchtime approach is becoming more embedded and I am really pleased to share that following recent monitoring and reviewing of our lunchtime playground times, we have seen a 30% reduction in the number of reported incidents over the past month.

We are really keen for this to work at times outside of the school day as well. Unfortunately, we have had an increasing number of complaints from after school club leaders that pupils are not listening or showing respect to them. We believe that the children do not intentionally set out to disrupt the club- they get excited about what they are doing. However, this has resulted in less enjoyment for others and one club has unfortunately decided that they are not able to continue.

We love being able to offer a range of activities and after school clubs to our children and are very keen for this to continue. We would like to ask for your help in supporting the school with this. We ask that you chat with the children about listening and showing respect to the adult running the club, including not shouting, screaming or running inside the school building. Talk with them about the expectations to continue to show kindness to others in the club just as they are expected to do during school time. They may not be aware that it is spoiling the enjoyment and progression of others in the club. Share with them that it may mean they are no longer able to attend that particular club. We would also be grateful if you could support our message to respect school property by asking the children to not climb on the walls and railings at any of our exit points. This is also for their safety.

Thank you for your continued support in this.

Senior Leadership Team

Claremont Book Recommendations

From Mrs Bird and Mrs Gammage:

For our youngest children, we recommend:

Small's Big Dream by Manjeet Mann

It is all about no matter how small you feel, anyone can have big dreams and anything can happen.....with lots to look at in the beautiful illustrations.

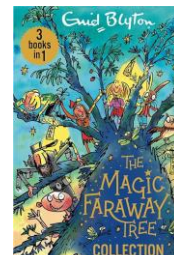


From Miss Edmonds:

For children in Year 1 and 2, I recommend:

The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

I would definitely recommend a small chapter book. I know it was written a long time ago, but The Magic Faraway tree is always a hit!

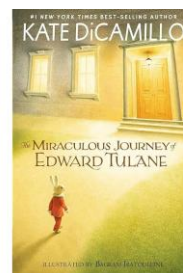


From Miss Newby:

For children in Year 3 and 4, I recommend:

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

This is a wonderful story about adventure and friendship. Edward is an egocentric character at the beginning of the book but, on his amazing journey, he becomes more self-aware and truly understands the meaning of love.

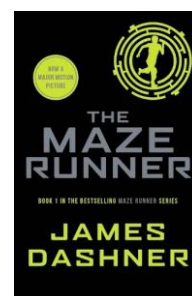


From Mr Hume:

For children in Year 5 and 6, I recommend:

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Readers are kept on the edge of their seat throughout the entire novel with lots of hidden twists and turns at the end of every chapter. The story is action-packed and similar to watching a film as it is quite fast-paced.



From Miss Roux:

For our parents, carers and staff, I recommend:

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

This is a powerful modern-day retelling of David Copperfield by Charles Dickens and was the co-recipient of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and won the 2023 Women's Prize for Fiction. It's a challenging read and certainly won't suit everyone but it is also a gripping tale of the trials and tribulations of the protagonist, Demon Copperhead, born into poverty and a life without choices in the mountains of southern Appalachia.



Parenting workshop with Una Archer GMBPsS

A Peaceful School Run

that sets everyone up for a good day

Getting children to school on time can be the most stressful part of the day. This workshop can help you to:

- Support your children with managing their emotions
- Empower your children to take more responsibility for getting ready in the mornings.

The tools we will cover during the workshop can:

- Save you time and energy because you don't have to repeat the same things over and over again
- Help children develop life skills that will serve them well at school and in other areas of life

By the end of the workshop, you will have a clear list of simple steps you can take to make your school runs more peaceful.

Where: Claremont Primary School

When: Tuesday, April 16, 2-3.15 pm

Sign up via our online booking system:

[SchoolCloud - Claremont Primary School](#)



Una Archer GMBPsS is a founder of the family support service Help Your Child Thrive. She helps parents feel more confident in their role and navigate parenting challenges in a more connected way. To find out more, visit www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk

Parent Forum: how we support children in English and maths

Tuesday 12th March The event will be held in the school hall. Please enter the school via the gates at the top of the car park.

Please note that there has been a change to the start time. It will now commence at 2.00pm.

At the forum, Mrs Smith (SENCO), Miss Oliver (English lead) and Mr Gerrard (Maths lead) will share how we support children who are finding learning in these areas more difficult. We will share classroom strategies that all teachers use and specific interventions that take place to help children keep up and catch up with their peers. We will also discuss some of our specialist assessments and interventions where children have more specific barriers to learning.

Please go to [SchoolCloud - Claremont Primary School](#) to reserve a place

How is maths used in the real world?

Claremont would like to create a maths display in the school hall that demonstrates how children use their maths skills outside of school. Examples might include the following:

- reading a timetable at a bus stop or train station
- weighing ingredients when cooking
- paying for an item in a shop (with notes and coins)
- moving a piece on a board game
- reading a map
- constructing something with specific measurements
- recording the weather
- measuring how far apart to sow seeds

If you would like to, please take a close-up photograph of your child using their maths and email it to the school office admin@claremont.kent.sch.uk with the subject heading 'real world maths' by 22nd March 2024 - two weeks from today. Please ask your child to write a sentence about what they are doing in the photograph for a possible caption. Please include this in the email. (Please make sure that nobody else is in the picture apart from family members.)

Thank you.



FUN FREESTYLE DANCE CLUB

Every Wednesday afternoon at Claremont Primary School

Socially distanced fun freestyle dance classes in the safety and convenience of your school hall!

3.30pm – 4.15pm Popstarts Yrs R - 2 - FULL!

The dance teacher will be in the hall to meet the children straight after school

4.30pm – 5.15pm Dudes & Divas Yrs 3 – 6

10 weeks for just £60*

17th April – 22nd May and 5th – 26th June 2024

- *Have fun and keep fit*
- *Chance to win the "Dancer of the Week" Award*
- *Meet new friends*
- *Opportunity to perform in our big summer stage show!*

** There are no refunds for absent children or classes cancelled by the school due to unforeseen circumstances
Children will need to wear leisure wear with trainers/dance shoes and bring along a drink.*

Please email chloe@do4kidz.co.uk for the link to our registration form

Any queries, please call Chloe on 07957 769550

Visit www.do4kidz.co.uk for details on our holiday clubs & parties!





Newton Lang Childcare Limited



Easter 2024 Holiday Club



Action packed multi-activity programs within a safe, supportive and fun environment. Every day is filled with a wide range of inclusive activities suitable for all abilities and interests for children aged 4-12.

Where Claremont Primary School,
Banner Farm Road,
Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5EA
For Satnavs, please use TN2 5EA
If you use the what3words app: line-handle.acorn

When Tuesday 2 April 2024
to Friday 12 April 2024

Time 8am to 6pm
Full day, short day, hourly morning, afternoon and hourly sessions available.

Just some of things we have planned:
**Slime, football, outdoor games,
scooters, arts & crafts, baking, etc.**

Our setting is Ofsted registered,
our staff are Enhanced DBS
checked and we have paediatric
first aiders on site.

Our staff are
qualified, enthusiastic
and passionate.

**Contact us now
for more information:**
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or call Natalie 0778 881 8108

