



News and Events

Friday 10th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Poppy (Voyagers) for the value of wisdom, Tiana (Explorers) for the value of friendship, Iris (Shooting Stars) for the value of wisdom and the whole of Discoverers Class for living our values on their trip yesterday.

Congratulations to them all.



Congratulations and thank you to Lola in Year 5 who received her maths thank you today as she wasn't here last week to receive it. She was part of the West Ashton team at Clarendon for the gifted and talented maths event.



Congratulations to Thalia for receiving Performer of the Week award at her performing arts school.



Reminder

The library is open after school on Tuesday and Friday.



Important dates for your diary

16 Mar at 2:15pm—Muffins for Mums in the hall

17 Mar—Artist in school visit

17 Mar—Red Nose Day—wear something red for £1 donation

20 Mar—Rags to Riches drop off 8:30am

22 Mar—Collaborative Schools music concert—selected Y5/6 pupil

24 Mar—Easter family bingo

27 Mar—Acorn KS1 multi-skills festival

28 Mar - Head Girls/Head of House Cake Sale

31 Mar—Easter service in Church 9:30am

Attendance

Highest attendance:

Explorers 98.96%

Lost learning: 77.5 hours



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On Monday Explorers class had a visit from Iris, a local Jewish lady, who came to tell us about life as a Jewish person. She brought in lots of things to show us and talked about how some of the items are used. Iris shared how she celebrates different Jewish festivals and asked us about the festivals that we celebrate at home and in school. She also read some of the story of Moses to us from the Torah, she read this in Hebrew first and then translated it into English. We had all prepared questions to ask her and she answered lots of them, we found out lots about Jewish people's lives. Before she left we got to try some Challah bread that Iris had baked for us, most of us thought this was delicious.

"Iris read some of the scroll to us." - Ethan

"She gave us some Challah bread." - Harper

"She was Jewish and she told us what they put the Torah in and how they read from it." - Stanley

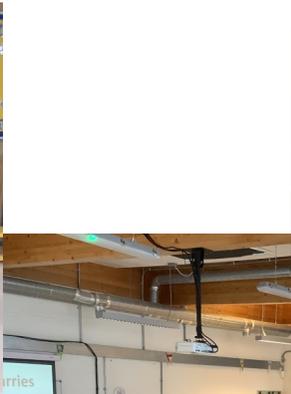
"She talked about Shabbat." - Ella

"Iris talked about how Jewish people celebrate Chanukah." - Tiana

"She shared some challah bread." - Evan

Iris has shared her Challah bread recipe with us and is on the Explorers Class Dojo page. If anyone else would like it, please let us know.





Discoverers Quarry Trip



News from the classes:

Shooting Stars: In Shooting Stars we have got some tadpoles and caterpillars. We have been learning about how the tadpoles turn into frogs and we have planted sunflowers. In maths, we have been learning the names of 3D shapes and in phonics we have practised writing sentences. Marcey

Explorers: This week we had a visit from Iris, she came to talk to us about Shabbat and Chanukah. She talked about what her life is like as a Jewish person. In science we talked about animals life cycles, we also got to hold a tortoise and found out about his life cycle. We have got some tadpoles in the class and they have got bigger and some of the tadpoles have hatched from their eggs. Fynn and Luca

Discoverers: In maths Year 3 have been finding out about equivalent fractions whilst Year 4 have been looking deeper into them. In English, we have been reading a book called Iliona, a diary of a young slave. We have been researching about gladiators for our own writing. Yesterday, we went to the quarry in Somerset. We learned all about fossils and rocks. We were able to watch how big pieces of stone are broken and sold. Discoverers said they all had the best day. Brie and Lawson

Voyagers: This week in maths Year 5 did their assessment in fractions, decimals and percentages and Year 6 were assessed on percentages. In reading, we were using our The War of the Worlds books to test our inference skills—could we be detectives and use the clues? In science we were learning about lots of different forces that are all around us. We thought more about Lent in RE. Thalia and Abigail. PS Max was being a teacher for 5 minutes—and Mr G said he did a good job!

It was lovely to see so many last week at our first Stay and Play for 2 and 3 years olds. We will be running it again on Monday— please pass on details to friends.

Also, if you know of people looking for a nursery place in September, we are filling places already so please suggest they come up and visit.

Finally, Muffins for Mums is on Thursday. As always, grandma, auntie or godmother welcome if Mum is unable to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Alex Blake-Thwaite

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device – and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process), you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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National Online Safety Update

You are invited to join us for a muffin and a good book with your child/ children on Thursday at 2:15pm.



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Easter Family



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FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2023

6PM - 8PM

6 ROUNDS OF FAMILY FUN BINGO

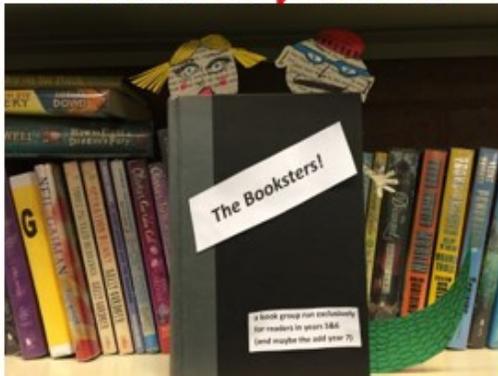
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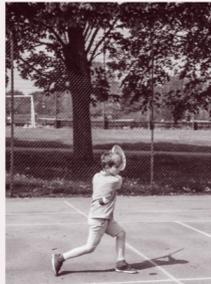
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