



Clarendon School  
Primary Centre

## Primary News



w/e 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Fun Learning and Settling into the New School Year

It has been wonderful welcoming pupils back, having fun learning and settling so well into the new school year and classes.



Niall enjoyed meeting many of you during the coffee morning last Friday, and with all the wonderful cake donations, a huge thank you for raising £163.10. There is another opportunity to 'Meet the Headteacher' next Friday 6.10.23 between 2.30 and 3.30pm.



If you are unable to make these, we hope that you have had a chance to visit

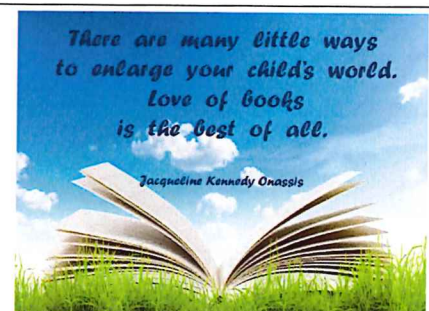
our website and Niall's welcome, on the home page <https://www.clarendon.richmond.sch.uk/>.

Your children are all enjoying getting to know Niall during Thursday assemblies, and proudly showing him their learning, and wonderful life skills and manners when he joins us for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Clarendon A Place of Learning for Everyone... developing skills and love of reading

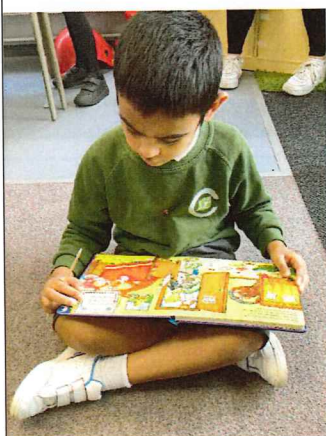
It is fundamental that every child reaches their full potential, developing their skills and love of reading. We teach children both how to learn to read and to read to learn. Learning to read focuses primarily on phonics skills, being able to decode and blend sounds to read. After successfully launching Little Wandle Letters and Sounds systematic, synthetic phonics programme last September, reading results from the standardised tests in July highlighted that 50% of the pupils tested progressed by an average of 14.7 months. If you'd like to



know more about Little Wandle and how we teach phonics and reading at Clarendon please visit: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Within our Early Years classes and targeted interventions across the school, there are a range of multisensory teaching activities to develop



pupil's phonological skills. Upon developing these foundation blocks, pupils are ready to progress their reading skills and will have a reading practice book with a reading diary for home. At school, we read with your child every day, and you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading books that your child may bring home: a reading practice

book and a library book. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about these.



## Junior Citizen Scheme

This week a group of year 6 pupils learnt how to stay safe, as well as being responsible citizens when they participated in the Borough Junior Citizens scheme at Heatham House Youth Centre in Twickenham. Pupils from schools within the Borough enjoyed many different activities with the Fire



Brigade, Police, RNLI Lifeboat volunteers and Transport for London. When the results were read out at the end of the morning, Clarendon and Collis pupils were the last two schools waiting in anticipation.

Everyone was thrilled when Clarendon were

announced the winners for their valued contribution and answers for dealing with the wide range of emergency situations.



Please remember that tomorrow is an INSET day, and we look forward to seeing all pupils back on Monday 2.10.23.