



Clarendon School  
Primary Centre

## Primary News



w/e 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### First Half Term Learning and Fun

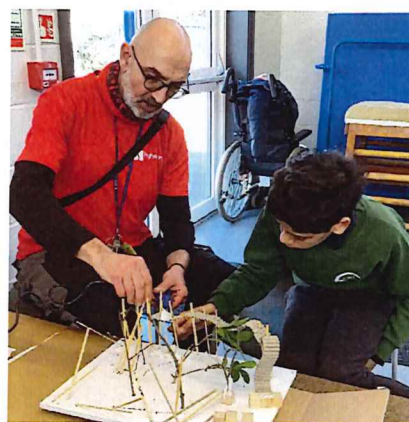
The last seven weeks have flown by and we hope you enjoyed seeing all the learning and fun that your children have done this half term. Pupils have explored and learnt within a wide context of activities, including many enriched outdoor learning opportunities. This week Comet class went to Holly Lodge for an autumn and seasonal change workshop and sensory walk.



We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mark, our Forest School Leader, who retired this week. Mark has worked at Clarendon since 2017, and has been key in developing a range of tailored outdoor learning and enrichment programmes, establishing regular opportunities for pupils to achieve and develop their self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences.



This has included ensuring all pupils have appropriate cycling equipment for developing their cycle skills, and building links within the community such as the Xcel Centre climbing wall. Mark has recently mentored Iveta, who has just gained her Level 3 Forest School Leader Certification. Mark emphasised how he is keen to keep in touch whilst enjoying his retirement, and we all look forward to him coming to join us during some future forest school adventures.





## Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for all the contributions that we received, helping pupils to celebrate and understand Harvest Festival. Pupils enjoyed standing up in assembly throughout the week to share the goodies that they had brought in, explaining that food and toiletries last a long time so that there was plenty of time to get them



taken to the food bank. We are sure that everyone who came along today to our Harvest Assembly was also very proud of how our pupils shared their learning about harvest goodies and where



different crops are grown around the world. All pupils beautifully sang and signed our harvest songs. After the assembly pupils enjoyed packing up the bags. These will be taken to the Food Bank by Comet class, where pupils will gain a first-hand insight into how Food Banks operate.



## Celebrating staff achievements and fund raising

Huge congratulations to Marco Modica and Sarah



Adams who ran the Cabbage Patch 10 mile run on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, and to other



members of staff who gave up their Sunday morning to be marshals and cheer everyone along.

Also, a huge thank you to the race organisers for the money that they donate to Clarendon every year from the funds raised. Last year the donation from the Cabbage Patch paid for the coaches so that Primary pupils could go on



the educational trip to the beach.

**We wish you all a happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing your children back on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**