

mas



Clarendon joined together with students from primary to perform with Singing Hands in November.

The choir also had the opportunity to perform in Teddington High Street as part of their 'Lights Up' event.



Our final Christmas performance took place in Christ Church in East Sheen where we sang and signed 3 carols for the Holly Lodge Charity

Sports news

Over the course of this winter term, the pupils have participated in numerous sporting events. The KS3 and KS4 Clarendon football team managed to achieve 4th and 2nd place finish in their respective Surrey special school leagues. We are now a third of the way through this competition. Hopefully, the football teams can push up the leagues in their next fixtures.



Clarendon School also participated in a KS4 and KS3 dodgeball competition. The KS3 and KS4 Clarendon dodgeball team managed to achieve 9th and 2nd place finish in their respective Surrey special school competitions. Special praise must be given to the KS4 team who finished with a 2nd place medal.





And the winner is...



As part of Clarendon's anti-bullying week focusing on tolerance, Harry was voted by all of the students as being the person who regularly shows the most kindness and tolerance to everyone in the school.

Cheyenne made outstanding personal progress on the Outward Bound course at the start of Year 11. She was a natural leader, showing a new caring and supportive side, especially with those who needed help the most.

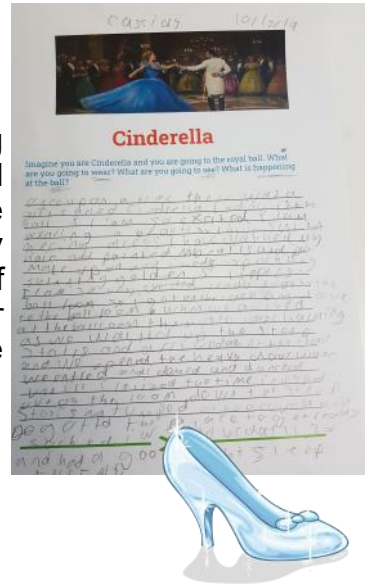


We also had a nomination for the staff award this term. Miss Price was voted as the winner for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the organisation of sports trips for our students. Congratulations to all of this terms winners.

Creative Writing at its best

This half term 7W have been comparing fairy tales from different cultures. As a final piece of work we had to rewrite a scene from the character's point of view. Cassidy has produced this wonderful piece of imaginative writing independently. Our favourite line was right at the end where she writes 'And the Prince was charming'.

Well Done Cassidy!



Another outstanding piece of work came from Tara. 9/10M have recently been has been studying WW1 poetry in Literacy. All the class created WW1 style poetry and here is an example from one of our pupils:

The Crimson Poppy

The crimson poppy stood still witnessing
chaos, death, and lost loved ones

Brave soldiers were knocked down like dominos one by one

Dreams and hopes were lost

The blood was splattered everywhere

Each poppy is like a soldier standing still...waiting for the day they
can come home.

By Tara Zobdeh 9/10M



Super Spelling in 780

780 have had a busy term spelling words using magnetic letters, velcro letters, letter cubes, alphabet carpet tiles as well as practical games such as phonic fishing and word bingo! Well done 780! You have had a brilliant start to the year!



And because of all of their hard work so far this year, Y7/8 O received a fantastic surprise visit by guest star 'Santa' on Wednesday 11th December. They have been practicing writing letters to Santa for the past few weeks and they each had a chance to give Santa their letters and explain to them what they would like. They had a chance to ask Santa questions about where he lived and who helped him with the presents.



Out and About with Yr 10/11C

We travelled on the tube to London to visit The Tower of London where the Crown Jewels are kept.

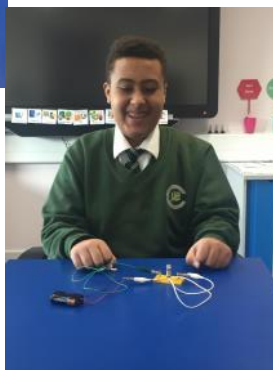


Here is a photo of the Crown Jewels! How they sparkled! Sadly we didn't see The Queen but we still had a fantastic day.



And Science in Yr10/11C.

Learning about electricity and making circuits



It's been a busy and productive autumn term in Art and Design Technology this year. Apart from lesson activities, students have also attended after school clubs and have come in at lunchtimes to do extra work as well.

In KS3 Design Technology, students have excelled in a variety of projects that included jewellery boxes, cultural trays, mechanical toys and name signs. KS4 have continued to work well on their Btec Construction courses with projects ranging from wooden stools to openable picture frames



We are excited to report that Clarendon School has invested in a new vacuum forming machine meaning that apart from resistant materials and textiles, we can now offer plastics as part of our Design Technology Curriculum!!





In KS3 Art, students have completed contextual studies on various artists like Vincent Van Gogh and Henri Matisse; using a variety of media. Our Art GCSE students also have completed two major projects based on expressive self-portraits and a natural forms print project. In both subjects our students are going from strength to strength and we are very proud of their efforts and outcomes





Recently Year 7/8M went to Kew Gardens to explore the Rainforest vegetation to support the Geography Rainforest unit.

We experienced the rainforest humidity and had a chance to meet with the lizard face to face. We have also travelled by train and bus to build up on our life skills.

Meanwhile 8/9AF went to the Natural History Museum. We first concentrated on the rock and volcanoes sections. We were most disappointed to find that the earthquake simulator was closed. However we really enjoyed the volcanoes and the rock transformed into jewellery.

The students then choose which sections they wanted to see which included dinosaurs, creepy crawlies and mammals. We had a wonderful day full of fun and learning.



In late November, Year 10 were lucky enough to go to the Charles Dickens Museum in London. This complemented our work on the Christmas Carol. It was an interesting day. We were split into two groups to visit his house on Doughtery Street. We learnt how to write with a quill and ink, and saw how hard it was to do laundry in Victorian times. The irons were heavy and the carbolic soap smelt strong. There was a lot there for us to touch and smell - including a lemon drink that Charles Dickens used to make. We also found out that Christmas Puddings were cooked in the laundry copper.





A note from the Headteacher

I can't believe that we find ourselves at the end of 2019 - it seems to have flown by!



We've had yet another busy term here in school, and I hope you have enjoyed reading about some of the exciting activities and opportunities that the pupils have had.

In the last couple of weeks we have installed our new sensory room on the secondary site, thanks to a very generous donation from the Cabbage Patch 10 road race organisers. The new equipment is great - and I know the pupils will love it! We will be having an official opening in mid-January to say a proper "thank you" to our benefactors. My thanks too to Claire O'Neill for organising the installation.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing the pupils back, refreshed and raring to go, on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

John Kipps.

Key Dates

6th January 2020—INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

7th January 2020—FIRST DAY OF TERM

17th –21st February 2020—HALF TERM