

Clore Columns

Attendance: 96% Our Target Attendance: 97%

Punctuality: 98% Our Target Punctuality: 99%

Class punctuality prize: Year 2

Dear Parents

We have loved celebrating Tu B'shvat this week with a range of tree and growth related activities. Thank you so much for sending in fruit and allowing the children to enjoy fruit kebabs. Although Tu B'shvat is often known as the birthday of the trees, I have focused with the children on its deeper implications and messages which strongly reflect our school values. We have talked about gratitude for all that the natural world gives us, our interdependence with nature, and the amazing way that trees communicate which can teach us so much about living in community. Appropriately for this week, our Outdoor Classroom is nearing completion, and should be ready for summer use. I really look forward to you sharing this special space with you.

Have a lovely weekend and Shabbat Shalom.

Mrs Blaker

Children who have come to see me with great work this week:

Talia J, Ruby, Flora, Spencer, Ella R, Arabelle B, Sienna L, Sophia S, Ayden, Sophie G & Leo H

Recommendation from the Clore Shalom Children's Book Club:

Wolfboy is Scared by Andy Harkness (1000 out of 10!)

To read more about what we've talked about in assembly this week, please see my padlet [here](#).

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Storytelling Week

Next week is Storytelling week, and we will be focusing in class on creating stories using our oral skills of storytelling. We are very lucky to have Natalie Newman, a published author, coming in to talk to each class about her own storytelling, and she will be selling her book alongside our book fair on Thursday. Here are some details from Natalie:

Hello I'm Natalie Newman and together with my son Henry we have wrote our book series Lark The Shark. It is aimed at children 2-8 years old. Literature has been my passion as a child and adult too and my son also shares this love. I have always been a shark admirer and was discussing with my son about how sharks get such a bad reputation. All they are doing is being at home in their ocean.

We were also discussing pollution in the environment which was Henrys homework topic for that week. I was shocked to learn that Henry was not being taught about water pollution, we googled it and Henry was shocked. He said "Mummy what can we do to help?" And that's when we thought of a friendly shark that would help clean up the Sea. From these discussion Lark was born and his journey began. Working with Henry was fun and exciting. We bounced ideas off each other and was a lovely bonding experience. We have already been discussing and writing more stories about Lark The Shark. Our sequel book Lark the shark and Wonda the whale was published on 16th December 2022. I will be selling signed copies of our book to you after my reading.

Cash and card accepted.

Lark the shark £10

Lark the shark and Wonda the whale £8

Our book has now been featured in:

- Marine Conservation Society Education Hub.
- Daily mail newspaper recommended most fun summer reads for kids feature.
- Featured on Vanessa Feltz BBC breakfast radio show.
- Featured on London Live News.
- Featured in The Shark Trust Magazine as recommended children's book.
- Featured in Sharks4Kids magazine in Florida as recommended book about sharks.
- Featured on Times radio for Earth day.
- Featured on Suffolk radio.
- Featured on BBC London News.
- Featured on CBBC Newsround.

Relaxed Assembly

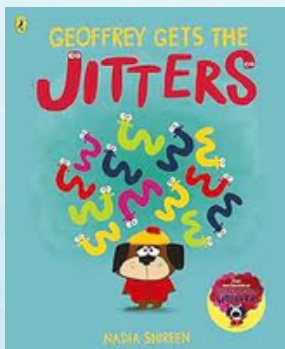
We are very excited about the start of our relaxed assembly on a Thursday morning. This is a new project where on a Thursday we are offering some children the chance to have a smaller, more relaxed assembly than the main hall assembly. Relaxed assembly will be taken by Mrs Blaker and Mrs Lax and there is no obligation to go - the invited children have a choice. The content of the two assemblies is identical, and we had a fantastic discussion this week about the benefits of e-readers vs real books!

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The Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be open everyday after school next week in the school hall. Please come along and join us. Proceeds raised from the fair will be used to add to our class libraries. We look forward to seeing you.

MRS BLAKER'S BOOK CLUB



Reception and Year 1:
Find out what happens when Geoffrey gets nervous - what can he do about the jitters in his tummy that happens when he starts to worry?



Years 2-4:
Marv may look like an ordinary boy but he has a super-powered suit that helps him not only save the day but help others be better people. But what happens when Marv starts to feel jealous of another person's success?



Years 5-6:
Step back to the lives of the earliest humans as we follow Tuli and her tribe as they move to their summer camp. But a stranger is threatening to change the way that Tuli and her family have always lived - is change always a bad thing?



Photo Gallery



Celebration TEA

Congratulations to:

Reception: Dexter

Year 1: Albie

Year 2: Jesse

Year 3: Ava

Year 4: Johny

Year 5: Scarlett

Year 6: Aiden

Happy BIRTHDAY

Ella - Age 5



Class Reminders

Tu Bishvat - Thank You

Thank you so much for all bringing in fruit for our Tu Bishvat Seder. The children had a great time and enjoyed making fruit kebab sticks. We took the left over fruit to Wilton House home who were really appreciative. Thank you also to our parent helpers for coming in to help cut up the fruit.

Reception

Please ensure you are reading/blending with your children 3 times a week and writing it in the reading diary. Please ensure their folders are in their bag everyday- thank you.

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing soft toys or any toys from home. If these get lost/asked to put away children get upset at school.

Year 2

We are having so much fun in our D&T lessons. Please can all children bring in an empty cereal box or cardboard box for our lesson on Wednesday. Thank you

Year 3

Please continue to read with your children at home and sign their reading records. Purple Mash spelling quizzes are available for your child to complete each week. Please encourage your child to practice their times table rock star activity on garage.

For our upcoming Art and design project, can the children please bring in packaging paper/brown paper bags. Thank you!

Year 6

On Tuesday, Year 6 will be taking part in an online safety workshop. These sessions contain reference to nude & semi-nude images in an age appropriate manner. We wanted to pre-warn you of this in case they had questions, or you wanted to have the opportunity to talk to them about this in advance of Tuesday.

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1st Group: This week our focus on resilience turned to positive self-talk. We explored this idea and when it might be useful, as well as things we can say to ourselves to help us if we are unsure of, or feeling negative about something. We also practised a mind game as part of our emotional regulation work – the A-Z category game, quite simply name a category and go through the alphabet using each letter to name something associated that starts with that letter. A lovely way of practising mindfulness, without having to sit quietly!

2nd Group: Within our focus on self-esteem, we explored the idea of compliments, and when/what makes these appropriate. We built on last week's learning of positive qualities and focused on these, rather than appearance based compliments. This was such an uplifting session, as all the children joined in so well and were so positive about each other. Seeing the look on their faces as they received a compliment slip was delightful. The children have brought home their compliments chains, with some extra slips so that they can ask their families to add to their chains.

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What we are learning this week

Reception

This week we have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs.' We rehearsed the story and enjoyed story mapping it where the children were able to retell the main events of the story. We labelled our story maps with key vocabulary such as 'sticks' and bricks.' We really enjoyed our nature art lesson where we created pictures with mud using large sticks linked to our Fairy tale of the week. In maths we continue to learn about the composition of 6, 7, and 8 and adding two numbers together. We also learnt about 'pairs.' We enjoyed our drama session of Acting out The Three Little Pigs.

Year 1

Maths – this week we continued with numbers to 20. We focused on one more/less and numbers to 20 in a number line. English- We planned and wrote our first ever non chronological report!

Science- We sorted animals into categories including fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. We had two special visitors, Billy the tortoise and Marv the bearded dragon. We had a chance to ask questions about them, hold them and describe the way they look/feel.

We had such a great week with lots of fabulous learning. Well done Year 1.

Year 2

This week in maths the children have started a topic on money and coins. They all enjoyed the practical lessons with our resources where they got to see the coins and count money.

In English the children all wrote their own versions of the Pandora's Box myth. Their imaginations were fantastic and they produced some great work.

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Year 3

In Maths this week, Year 3 have started their new topic of multiplication and division and we explored arrays and multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

In English this week, Year 3 have been learning about characters from fables and innovating well known fables to make them their own.

Year 4

This week year 4 have been enjoying innovating their play scripts. We had lovely ideas that involved sending Paddington Bear with Mrs Khan to the football stadium, where Mrs Sklar was opening up her sweet shop. Mrs Sklar was so shocked to see a talking bear that it was, "raining sweets"!

In maths we have had a lot of fun representing division calculations using arrays. In Science we have begun planning our tooth decay experiment.

Year 5

This week in English we finished our discussion text about if we should colonise the Moon! Also, this week in Maths we learnt about fractions, we converted improper fractions into mixed numbers. Furthermore, in Science we met our next Science pioneer: Stephen Hawking and discovered how he changed the way people think about space.

Year 6

In Maths, we have started learning about algebra. During our English lessons, we have been focusing and unpicking the characters in the book, Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. In Art, we have been finishing our self-portraits trying to make them look as life-like as possible. We have been learning about circuits and investigating how the voltage effects a light bulb or buzzer.

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This week in Ivrit

This week in Ivrit we celebrated the festival 'Tu'Bishvat' with different activities.

Reception: We learnt about the festival of Tu'Bishvat which celebrates the birthday of the trees and learnt how to say tree (Etz) in Ivrit. We discussed two things (1) Why trees are important to us (2) how trees are similar to our bodies. We learnt different parts of the body – hand (yad), leg (regel). The children mentioned that trees give us fruits, and we cut fruits into different shapes.

Year 1: Ivrit- we learnt the letter Nun and Final Nun.

Year 2: We continued with the new vowel 'Eh' and read two syllable words with this vowel. We also practiced to write our names on mini whiteboards, and then on a leaf template and decorated it.

Year 3: We created words with all learnt vowels and hung them on the tree, using leaves with letters and vowels. We also wrote our names in Ivrit on leaf templates and how old we are, then decorated them.

Year 4: We read different words written on leaves. We tried to see how many words we are able to read in one minute correctly in pairs.

Year 5 and 6: We read words with all learnt Hebrew vowels in pairs. After we played a competitive smartboard game where all the children turned to face the board together and tried to be the first to correctly read out the words written on the smartboard.

This week in JS

Reception: We learnt about 'Tu' Bishvat' festival. We sang and danced to the tree song 'If I were a tree' and we also learnt the blessing of the trees. We decorated a tree template using cauliflower dipped in different colours.

Y1 talked about trees and their life cycle. We recorded the results of a tasting survey for three different kinds of apples to see which kind is the most popular in Y1.

Y2 learned about the Seven Species of fruits and grain grown in Israel. We read information about each one and sorted them according to where they grow. We tasted dates which most of the children were not familiar with.

Y3 read the story of Joseph interpreting dreams in Jail. The children had fun practicing acting out the story.

Y4 discussed the lesson in the story the Carob Tree which is to plant trees for the future. The children created cartoons based on the story.

Y5 planted a tree in the field and watched a short video about the rise and fall of King Saul.

Y6 listened to the story of Anne Frank's Chestnut tree and finished the day planting a tree.

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PTA DATES

1ST FEBRUARY - 7PM
PTA DRINKS SOCIAL @ WHITE
HORSE

12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY WONKA BAR
CHALLENGE

6TH MARCH
DRAG QUEEN QUIZ NIGHT

24TH MARCH
PURIM DISCO

24TH MAY
DRESS DOWN DAY

23RD JUNE
SUMMER FESTIVAL

MORE EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

CLORE SHALOM
IS PROUD TO PRESENT



PROFESSOR IRVINE GERSCH

EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL
AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Does your child struggle to fall asleep or stay asleep? Do you find bedtime routines drag on forever? Do you want to find a child friendly way of explaining the benefits of sleep? Not sure about the best approach to sleep for your child?

Please join Professor Gersch for a sleep workshop for parents. Professor Gersch will talk us through the basics of sleep, read from his book 'The Amazing World of the Little Sleep Doctors' which he co-authored with his grandchildren, and answer your questions.

We look forward to seeing you.

Time: 9.00am

Place: Clore Shalom School Hall

Date: Thursday 8th February 2024

For security purposes, please send your name to admin@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk so that we can keep a register of parents attending.