



# Clayton Gazette

Here is the second edition of the Clayton Gazette - our very own CVPS newspaper. This term in our after school club, we have worked very hard on this newspaper. It has been a race against time since we have had only 5 weeks. We had lots of different ideas for articles and have spent lots of time researching, taking pictures, typing furiously and editing our own and our peers' work. This half term our editing team are: Jasminder, Lily-May, Mimi, Ella and Alesha. We hope you enjoy reading!

## Happy New Year By Jasminder and Mimi

Happy New Year! We're writing this in the first week back after the Christmas holidays even though we know you'll be reading this just before February half term. As we will be 8 weeks into the new year, we want to know about your resolutions and if you have stuck to them.

Here are a few examples. Lily's was to stop swinging on her chair. We'll ask Miss Radcliffe if she has been successful. Alesha's is to stop eating some junk food. So far, Alesha is being very successful! She said, "I'm trying to get stronger!". For Christmas, Santa brought Jasminder a FitBit so her resolution is to do more steps each day. Jasminer said, "My legs are definitely tired so I must be doing more steps."

Here are some of the teachers' resolutions.

### Miss Barracough:

Drink more water every day and yes, I've been drinking 2 litres!

### Mrs Alderman:

I don't make resolutions but I would like to read more this year.

### Mrs Rider:

To walk more but I am waiting until the weather gets warmer.

### Miss Binder:

To go to the gym more often and yes I have been doing that.

### Mrs Warden:

To try and keep my desk tidier and I have been working hard to achieve this.

### Mrs Whitaker:

To be kinder to people. So far, so good!

### Mrs Rahim:

To spend more time with my family and friends. I am enjoying sticking to this resolution!

### Miss Walker:

To floss my teeth every day and I am mostly doing this.

### Mr Waterman:

To be as good this year as I was last year.

Answer the questions below and tell them to Miss Walker to get some house points!

What's your resolution?

Have you kept your resolution?

Is there more than one thing you want to try or change?

What was your favourite part of 2018?

## Christmas Time!

by Lily-May

We know it seems a million years ago now but we wanted to write about the Christmas festivities that happened during December at CVPS.

They kicked off with our Christmas productions. The first was from EYFS and KS1. It was called 'It's a Baby!' and was a traditional retelling of the nativity story which is the story of how Jesus was born.

Years 3,4 and 5 worked together to put on the show of 'Santa's on Strike'. The story began by Santa refusing to deliver presents because some children were selfish and not appreciating their families. There was a happy ending though as it shows that kindness and caring is important. The children show a great amount of love therefore Santa does deliver

the presents.

Miss Barraclough and Miss Radcliffe said "Everyone collaborated in a short space of time. There was fantastic acting from all the classes plus superb singing. The plays were well organised. They were festive and got everyone in the Christmassy mood." Another staff member said

"They said it was AMAZING!"

Everyone has worked very hard to put these amazing performances together.

After the performances we have a very Christmassy week that included a pantomime, Christmas parties, a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by our amazing kitchen staff and very exciting assembly where Santa came to visit! Don't forget about the very exciting 'Tea with Santa' that happened after school too!

## Recommended Reads!

We love to read. We love it that much that each week we have a Reader of the Week in assembly. We have asked these staff what their favourite children's book is. This half term we've asked Miss Radcliffe, Miss Binder and Mrs Alderman choose a book that they think the children in their phase would LOVE to read. Here's what they came back with.

### Miss Radcliffe

#### UKS2

The Faraway Tree  
By Enid Blyton



### Miss Binder

#### LKS2

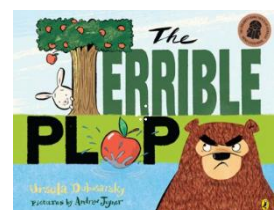
The Creakers  
By Tom Fletcher



### Mrs Alderman

#### EYFS and KS1

The Terrible Plop  
By Ursula Dubosarsky



## **Wise Words from the Office Manager**

**by Lily-My and Jasminder**

One of the wisest staff at CVPS is Mrs Drake. She knows the answer to almost anything and can usually sort any problem out. We spoke her to find out about her role at school, how she knows so much and learn a little bit more about her. Read on to find out about life in the office at Clayton.

### **What is your job title?**

Office manager – this is a new title for me and I am really enjoying it.

### **How long have you worked here?**

For 5 and a half years. You wouldn't believe how much has changed in that time!

### **What sort of things do you need to do for your job?**

There's a lot to know! Mainly:

- Know how to work on a computer
- Be organised
- Be friendly

### **Recently Mrs P left. Do you miss her?**

Yes. I miss her a lot. She used to make me laugh and make the day pass by faster! She also used to bring delicious food in for us! I enjoy working with Mrs Styles though.

### **Do you enjoy your work?**

Yes! It can get busy and there's a lot to do but it's different every day and always entertaining.

### **What is your favourite part of your job?**

Seeing the children who come to the office because their smiling faces make me happy 😊

### **What is your least favourite part of your job and why?**

We see a lot of poorly children waiting for their adults to collect them so my least favourite part is seeing poorly children because this makes me sad.

### **What will you do when you retire? (Hopefully not soon)**

I am a long time off retirement!!! I will go on a long holiday in the sun.

### **If you didn't work here, then where would you work?**

Probably another school as I cannot imagine not being part of school life now.

### **What is your favourite book and why?**

Stickman by Julia Donaldson. I enjoy reading this to my children.

## How to stay safe on the internet

By Alesha and Ella

Staying safe on the internet is really important. Here is some advice about how to stay safe when you're online. Staying safe on the internet is vital because you don't want anyone to hack you, to put yourself in danger or see something you don't want to but if something bad does happen, call a known adult to help

Here are some tips:

- Do not share your password with anyone
- Do not type random things
- Do not share anything about yourself
- Don't send any photos of yourself
- Don't talk to strangers
- Age restrictions are there for a reason so don't break them
- Don't fib about your age
- Call an adult if something is wrong



Here are some websites you could go on to find out more about safety online

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

At school teachers encourage children to stay safe on the internet.

Always remember:

- Never share any personal information (your name, phone number, any photos, email address, address, passwords to anything)
- Don't lie about your age or who you are
  - Always ask an adult before you go on something you are not sure about



### Learning at Home

By Ella

Don't forget to be using your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars accounts at home! These are both great apps and websites to be practising and learning your spellings and timetables. We asked some children what they thought.

"I love TTRockstars! I'm playing a game but I know I'm learning too!"

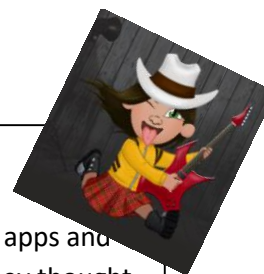
"I like playing against (and beating) my friends! I then go and spend my coins at the rock shop!"

Spelling shed is proving to be just as popular!

"I enjoy learning my spellings more now I use the iPad."

"I love trying to beat my score!"

Ask your class teacher if you need help logging in.



## Clubs at Clayton

by Mimi

We are very lucky at Clayton as we have a lot of different clubs on offer. There are clubs like sports club, chess club, newspaper club, Lego club and tournament preparation club! Lots of different adults with different skills help to run these clubs.

At chess club, years 5 and 6 can have a go at beating Mr Singh at chess. Although Mr Singh is great at chess, there are definitely some children who can beat him!

Sports club involves lots of different sports for you to have a go at, join in with, increase your skills and have lots of fun. Check out the club timetable at the office to see when your year group's club is.

Mrs Tomkinson runs Lego club which proves to be very popular. The children said, "We love to build models with the Lego. Sometimes we are set challenges to work with our friends and sometimes we have to work against them!"

Over the half term you have to work hard to help write different articles about school during newspaper club. Sometimes you have to use the computers to research, create questions and interview people, take photos at different events and finally write all your information up in an article. If you're a future writer, you'll love this club!

Tournament preparation club is the most popular at school! Run by Mr Waterman, it is for those children who want to represent CVPS at upcoming tournaments. The sport changes all the time so children can practise for whatever tournament is next. If you look at the 'Terrific Tournaments' section, you'll see all of our hard work is paying off!

Next half term there are some new and different clubs happening. Excitingly, there is a film club starting and a cooking club. If you want to join any, ask your adult to look on parent pay.





## The 500 Words Challenge

By Jasminder



Do you love writing? Have you ever wanted your work to be read by royalty? If you've answered yes to these questions, you need to enter the 500-words short story competition. It is run by BBC Radio 2 and it was originally set up by Chris Evans

It's a competition for children aged 5- 13. Your job is to write a story that is (a maximum of) 500 words long. It has to be original but can be about anything you want! Think out of the box and be imaginative! The best bit is you don't have to worry, they don't judge you on spelling, punctuation or grammar!

After you have written your story, you have to submit it online and then wait to see if you made it onto the shortlist. There are some amazing prizes on offer.

**1st Prize - Chris Evans' height in books and an invite to visit the set of a CBBC production!**

**2nd Prize - Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books!**

**3rd Prize - Your own height in books!**

If you want to find out more, visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Good luck if you decide to enter! MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR ENTRIES IN BY 7PM on FRIDAY 8TH MARCH



### Picture News

By Jasminder



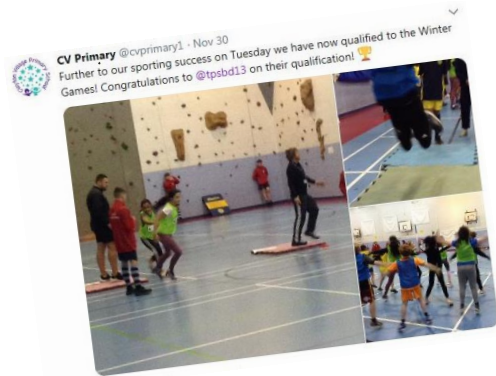
Picture News is a weekly news resource around a current news story and engaging image. Each week Mrs Tingle or Mrs Warden puts up the new image with a question on the Picture News display board. The question is to do the news and things that are happening in the world. During Monday's Assembly the school discusses the question. In class, teachers then discuss this with their class at their level. One pupil said, "I like Picture News because I learn about the world and I can go home and share it with my family."

Some examples of things we have discussed are:

- Should drones be banned?
- Should we spend more time with people who are older than us?
- Should we help the homeless?
- Should leaders make key decisions or should we all have a say?
- What does it take to perform in front of others?
- Should technology be banned at dinner times?
- Does your gender affect your job?
- Have we become a throw-away society?
- Should we be able to control when it's day and night?



This week's question is "Is it everybody's responsibility to help us learn?" Tell us what you think!



## Terrific Tournaments by Lily-May

In our school we attend lots of different tournaments. So far this year we have attended; tennis, football, athletics, multi skills and dodge ball. We are very lucky because Mr Waterman is the tournament superstar. He attends every tournament he possibly can.

On the tournament day, we get a taxi down to Beckfoot Thornton which is really exciting. Before setting off, we have to get changed. We wear our own special kit that has the CVPS logo on. It is purple and white. When we arrive there are lots of schools there registering and finding where to sit.

On your first tournament, it is a little bit scary but you get used to it when you go on more tournaments. At the end of your tournament if you come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> you will receive a medal. Your parents/carers will pick you up at the end but they can also come and watch you as well.

My top tips for going to a tournament are:

1. Always try your hardest
2. Remember what Mr Waterman has taught you in your clubs
3. Take a snack and a drink
4. Have fun!



Here are the tournaments we have attended this year:

- U11 girls football = 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- U11 boys football = 4<sup>th</sup> place
- U9 girls football = 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- U9 boys football = 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- U11 Sports Hall Athletics = Winners of heat 1 which means we qualified to the Winter Games which will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February at Hanson Academy!
- Table tennis = Undefeatable
- Just last week, we attended a golf tournament and won! This means we have qualified for the Summer Games which will be held later on this year.

As you can see, we are pretty good at sports and tournaments. Keep your eyes on our school twitter account (@cvprimary1) to see what other tournaments we attend and what position we finish!



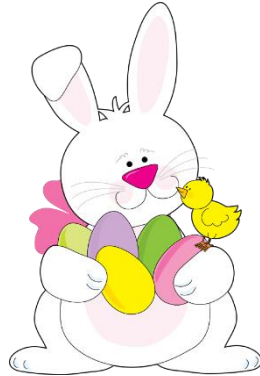
## What's your Easter bunny name?

By Jasminder and Lily-May

Easter is fast approaching so we decided to help you create your very own cute Easter bunny name. Look below to find out what yours is.

First use the first letter of your first name:

- A- adventurous
- B- bouncy
- C- carrot
- D- daring
- E- energetic
- F- floppy
- G- great
- H- heroic
- I- innocent
- J- jumpy
- K- kind
- L- loving
- M- marvellous
- N- nimble
- O- outgoing
- P- persistent
- Q- quick
- R- rosy
- S- sweet
- T- terrific
- U- unbreakable
- V- venerable
- W- wonderful
- X- xtra special
- Y- youthful
- Z- zesty



Next, look at the month you were born:

- January – fluffy tail
- February – jumpity hop
- March – thumper feet
- April- wiggle nose
- May- cotton tail
- June- happy tail
- July- carrot top
- August- hippity hop
- September- carrot muncher
- October- grass nibbler
- November- floppy ear
- December- fluffy bunny

Now you will have your Easter bunny name! Here are some of our bunny names.

- Heroic Carrot Top
- Persistent Grass Nibbler
- Bouncy Floppy Ear

Tell us what yours is by tweeting @cvprimary1 on Twitter.

Thank you for reading the Spring One edition of the Clayton Gazette. Have a lovely half term.