



Our Clockhouse Association *in*

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Another school year has passed and 2024/25 was again a year to be proud of! The wonderful team at Our Clockhouse Association and with the help and support of The Clockhouse Family, once again strived to help enrich the lives of both the children and the entire Clockhouse/Collier Row community. Seven separate events were held this year, all greeted with the usual support and appreciation we have been accustomed to. A grand total of £6376 was raised this school year, with lots of funds being regenerated into our school.

We at Our Clockhouse Association continue to thank Mr Scott Jay and all the staff at Keystones Property for their continued support.

Can you help?

OCA continue to be supportive with the OPAL initiative, and again ask for your help! As mentioned in the autumn term last year, we would like to launch an exciting new project to make our play times even better, in conjunction with OPAL. (<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>)

At Clockhouse, we strongly believe that: "Play is freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. Play can be fun or serious. Through play, children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them. By playing, children learn and develop as individuals, and as a member of the community" (Play Council 2001).

Our hopes are that this project will change the way we think and improve how we play at Clockhouse (in line with the government guidelines regarding Covid). To facilitate this project, we will need to buy in some new resources, move some things around on the playground and we will require some loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated safely into children's free play. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Suitcases, buggies, prams or pushchairs of any size and type.
- Briefcases, especially hard-cased ones.
- Anything on wheels/casters.
- Plastic milk crates.
- Road signs and cones.
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards (for our mud kitchen)
- Tools like spades, trowels and brooms.
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials.
- Buckets.
- Nets and ropes.
- Keyboards
- Fabric (large sheets/ brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets/Body boards
- Guttering
- Pegs (to help set up dens)

Please **do not** bring items directly onto school site; we will send out information on drop off days shortly.

A quick word from our chair

I would just like to say a huge thank you and well done to the entire Clockhouse community for all your support this year. OCA will remain as committed as ever in the coming school year 25/26 to help provide you all with as many fun filled and exciting events as possible.

Looking back, a personal highlight this year was holding OCA'S first 'Evening of Inflatables' event.

On a beautiful sunny afternoon/early evening it was so lovely to see so many Clockhouse children and their families having such a super fun time.

Mr Koten.

REVIEW of 2024/25

Termly sweet stalls, Festive Disco

Star prize raffles, Festive Hamper raffles

Keystones Easter Hunt

Mother/Fathers day stalls

An evening of inflatables.

Contributions were also made to Year 6 leavers festival and Clockhouse workforces Laser tag day.

WE NEED YOU!

Our team are always happy to welcome new recruits, so with that in mind if anyone would like to become a member of OCA please feel free to contact the school on 01708 745972 or email us at pta@clockhouse.havering.sch.uk. Look out on Dojo for upcoming meetings and feel free to pop along.

