

# Clockhouse Buzz



SUMMER 2 EDITION



## Clockhouse Turns 90!

Clockhouse is turning 90 so last week was jam packed with lots of fun things to celebrate this occasion. In order to mark the momentous occasion, we had a drone come and take a picture of us forming a 90 on the school field, and the picture turned out amazing!

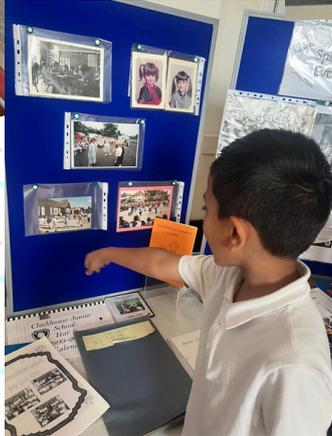
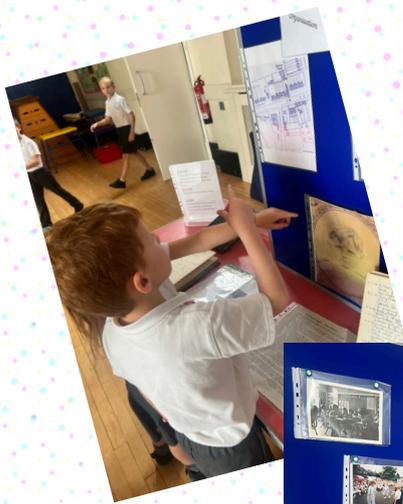
On Monday, we had a scavenger hunt, where we had to find 90 things that would be in the school, it was a bit tricky so only a few completed it. Lots of hard work had gone in to creating a museum about the history of the school, we were able to visit this in the school hall, and learn lots of interesting things. Some of us, who were looking carefully, were able to see Gracie Hickman in an old year book, and a photo of Mr Ron's dad, who was once a pupil at the school! To finish the day off, we had some delicious ice cream! Yum!

Tuesday came and famous footballer Tony Cottee visited our school, and ate with some lucky pupils in the canteen! He told us some crazy facts about himself in a whole school assembly, his favourite quote is, "If someone says you can't do it, you have to prove them wrong", which he certainly did himself! During the two days, each year learnt a skill from a decade between 1930 all the way to the 1990s and shared these with the rest of the school. Some of these skills were amazing dance numbers, skipping and yo yoing. We definitely had lots of fun celebrating this special time.

By Mariyah



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## Soggy Summer Fete

The first weekend in July saw our annual Summer Fete. Unfortunately, this year it was rather wet but in true Clockhouse style, people turned up in their droves to support our amazing school!

Mr Koten and the OCA team worked really hard to create an amazing Summer Fete for our school. After the event, I interviewed him to find out how they go about creating such a fantastic event!

For those who didn't attend, what activities were there?

There was: food, splash the teacher, beat the goalie, hook the duck, a bouncy castle just to name a few things!

How long does it take to plan such a huge event?

We started planning in April so 3 months!

What was your favourite part?

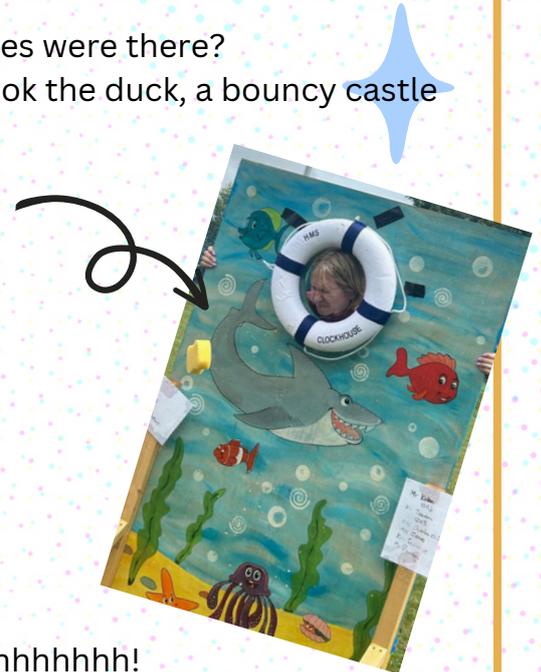
That although it rained a lot, lots of people still came.

Most importantly, how much money did you raise?

Over £2000

What are your plans for next years summer fete?

We have some exciting plans but they are top secret, shhhhhhhh!



By Jacob

## Isle of Wight

The Isle Of Wight is an island that is a part of the UK, it is also where Year 6 went for their residential this year! We went for one week and had a great time. On Monday, we left the school at half ten and didn't get there until five o'clock! That's a long time travelling but we didn't just ride a coach, we also went on a boat to get there, called the WightLink. When we finally arrived at our hotel, we went to our rooms to unpack! After dinner, we went to the beach. It was lots of fun even though we weren't allowed to go in the water! On Tuesday, we went to the Needles, where we watched some glass blowing and sweets being made. We could buy some glass shapes and other kinds of glass things. After that we went on a small boat to see an old lighthouse! It was an amazing week.





## Y3 Greek Day

On the 20th of June, Greek day happened for Y3 and there was lots of fun activities for them to join in with. In the hall, they watched a Greek show, which some of them were able to participate in and after they even got to try some Greek clothes on. Other activities included, Greek plate decorating and creating their own myth.

By Oliver



## Year 2 Storm the Castle

Colchester castle was an amazing experience for the Year 2 team to help them with their learning. They said the prison was the best part as it was both fun and scary! The day was very interactive, even their tour guide, who took them around the castle was dressed up as a knight. During the trip, they went up a spiral staircase, which led to the roof - they were a little worried they. They said they had loads of fun and wished they could go there again.



## Year 1 See the Sea Life Centre

The year ones really loved the experience and their favourite bit was a dinosaur show. One of the children said, "It was really scary and it looked like the dinosaurs were going to eat me!" Their favourite animal that they looked at was the zebra shark. The children said it was the best experience ever.

By Jacob

# Sports News



PARIS 2024



## Olympic Summer

On the 26th July, the Paris Olympics begins.

For over two weeks, 206 countries will compete in 45 different sports. These include regular ones such as soccer, badminton, 3VS3 basketball, boxing, track cycling, archery, beach volleyball, climbing, cycling mountain bike and a new one for this year.... skateboarding.

The first Olympic Games took place in 776BC. The original Olympics began as part of an Ancient Greek festival, which celebrated Zeus, the Greek God of sky and weather. The whole competition lasted for up to six months, and included games like wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.

The Olympic torch is a reminder of the Games' Greek origins. The torch flame is always lit by the sun in Olympia, Greece, as this is where the first Greek Games was held. Then, it's passed from torch to torch in a massive international relay that ends in the host city – wow!

Did you know that a lit Olympic torch has travelled on a plane, stayed afloat under water and even scaled Mount Everest! Some unlit torches have even gone up to space!

Which event will you be watching?



## Sports Presentation

Last week so our annual Sports Presentation evening. Children from Nursery to Year 6 were chosen to come to the ks2 hall at 7:00 where they were presented with certificates and trophies. During the evening, the next pe leaders were announced! As usual, it was an incredible evening for children, teachers and parents. It was a blast, everybody had tons of fun cheering and celebrating friends and families for their amazing sporting achievements. All the children had grins on their faces from ear to ear.



# Puzzles

## Guess The Logo!


















## Jokes

Why did the student eat his homework?

What did the pig say on a hot day?

What pet does a magician have?

Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Ice cream

Ice cream who?  
Ice cream so you can hear me!

## Riddle

A man turned off the light and went to bed.

The next morning he turned on the radio and heard of a dreadful tragedy in which more than 100 people had been killed.

He realised it had all been his fault.

WHY??! He did not wake up in the night and he didn't sleepwalk.

## D'DAY FACTS

D'Day was the largest seaborne invasion in history. 44,141 allies died that day. The landing craft boats were originally designed for the Louisiana swamps. Eisenhower (American President) and Churchill (The Prime Minister) feared that they would be defeated but they weren't! Sadly, many men lost their lives.

1. because the teacher  
said it was a peace of  
cake.  
2. I'm bacon  
3. a labracacabrador

# Reading Reviews

This section takes us to all the Year groups in the school! We have found out what the children think of the English books they have focused on in their English lessons. We spoke to children in each group and asked them to rate the books on a scale of one to ten.



Year 1 - The Bog Baby - 10/10  
I like Bog Baby, he's slimy!

Year 2 - Zog - 7/10  
It's good, and I like it, but it gets a bit boring though.



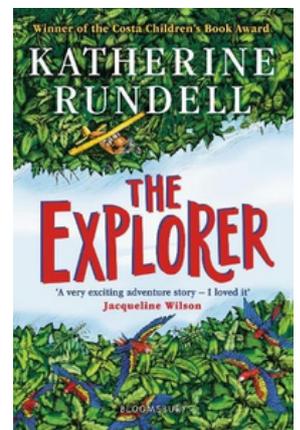
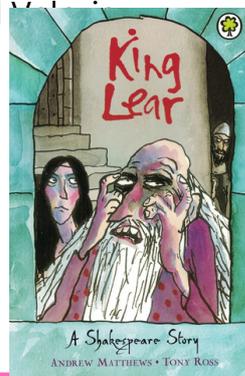
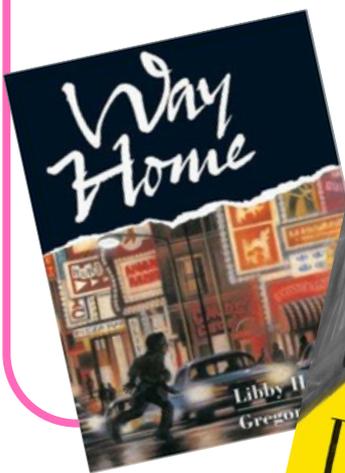
Year 3 - The King and the dark - 9/10  
It's super fun to read and it's very interesting as well!

Year 4 - The Explorers - 8/10  
It's very compelling and cool as it links to our rainforest topic

Year 5 - Way home - 6/10  
It's alright, but the other books we have done in Year 5 have been better

Year 6 - King Lear - 5/10  
It's okay, but I've read much better books in my lifetime, probably because it's more for Year 4s.

Thank you to everyone who gave in their answers!  
Mariyah and M



## Caught Reading Clockhouse Buzz!



# OUTSTANDING OPAL

OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and learning! During OPAL (break and lunch), many children have fun and enjoy themselves.

Why do we have OPAL?

It is used to make lunch time outstanding and “beyond the possible”. It is also used so there is more enjoyment for not only kids, but for teachers too; less teaching time is lost to disputes between children, less accidents and greatly improved behaviour!

Why is OPAL fun?

Many children adore OPAL as it makes their lunch time experience more fun and they have more freedom, rapid development, improved creativity, imagination, and it builds their confidence.

We have asked children and adults in Clockhouse Primary school about OPAL. Here are just some of things they said:

“ You can push carts and have fun wherever. “ Sienna - class India

“ I think OPAL is exceptional as it gives more freedom with what you play. “ Mr Zack - midday staff

“ We learn new things while playing. “ Ruby - class China

“ OPAL is fun as you get to learn without even knowing you are. “ Sophie - class China

“ Not every school has OPAL, it's one of a kind. “ Valeria - class China

Our school has recently got a revamp of OPAL and we have some pictures to show!

