



Clarity Independent School

25th May 2022

Parents update spring term [1]

Dear Parents / Care-givers,

I hope you have been enjoying some of the recent warmer weather, in between the spring showers!

Summary of this half term

This half term, the children have been enjoying their cookery classes, with today's creations being lovely chocolate chip muffins. They are already achieving some fantastic success in their guitar lessons (for those who have opted in) and they have been enjoying the start of their careers advice sessions and the continuation of their swimming lessons, with some of the children winning certificates this week for their number of lengths.

As we had hoped, the new Bushcraft lessons (which replaced Forest / Bush School on site) has gone down a treat and the children have really enjoyed their trips off site each week. Please see our website for photos of some of the creations they have been proudly making and some of their activities.

<https://www.clarity.essex.sch.uk/gallery>

Tomorrow, Thursday 26th May, we have 'The Crazy Comic Club Man' conducting two **Manga Art** sessions for the children, teaching them how to perform this popular type of artwork. I know several of the children are really looking forward to this. These sessions will take place online in between the guitar lessons in the afternoon.

Please take a look at his website if you would like more information about his work and the types of techniques the children will be taught <https://crazycomicclub.co.uk>

Jubilee

On Friday, we will be having a street party special lunch with the children, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The children will still need their own packed lunch containing the lunch items they are familiar with, but there will be a selection of Jubilee themed cakes and snacks for them to try in addition. They have been designing their own baseball caps with a jubilee theme to wear at the party, in addition to each class designing and making bunting to decorate the tables.

Inspections

We have had another routine **Ofsted Progress Monitoring Inspection** on Wednesday 4th May, which went well, although I am not permitted to share anything further until the official report comes out. I will share this with you as soon as I receive it.



Approved Assessor for
Disabled Students'
Allowance



Guild Member
Assessment Practising
Certificate holder



INPP
Practitioner



AMBDA Status

We have also had a routine inspection from **Essex County Council**, which also went well. I will share the report when we receive it. This has been slightly delayed due to Essex having their own Ofsted inspection recently, but I will share our report with you as soon as I receive it.

Staff Members' News

Sadly, after a long period of absence, Mrs Flint has parted ways with us at Clarity. She plans to move back to Ireland imminently, as she wishes to change her field of work and return to fostering. We enjoyed the short time she was here with us and wish her all the best of success with her future ambitions.



I am excited to announce that after half term, Mr Richard Clow will be joining us as our newly appointed SENCo. Mr Clow has achieved a first class Honours Degree in ITT with QTS at Anglia Ruskin University, and has followed this with the National SENDCo qualification, which he has achieved at the University of London. Mr Clow will be the newest member of our Senior Leadership Team and brings a total of 15 years' experience working in a range of primary, secondary and special schools. We are looking forward to welcoming him part time on Mondays and Tuesdays, starting Tuesday 7th June for the rest of the summer term and then full time in September.

Parents' Open Afternoon and Evening

We are looking forward to hosting our first parents' open afternoon and evening on Wednesday 6th July 2022, from 1.30pm – 7pm, (last appointment 6.30pm). Here, there will be the opportunity to book a 15 minute appointment with your child's class teacher, to discuss their progress. You will also have the opportunity to see their work, meet some of the specialists who work with them and the rest of the team in school. Louise Brazier, our Directions careers specialist advisor, will also be attending and available for appointment to discuss specific ideas and advice. Importantly, the children will be serving the refreshments (tea, coffee and cakes) to us during the afternoon before they leave in their taxis at 3pm. We are very excited for this occasion and look forward to seeing many of you here. Please do look out for the letter regarding this event after the half term holiday and let us know your intention to attend.

Policy updates

I would like to signpost you to some updated policies on our website. We are no longer actioning the previous COVID risk assessment and have replaced this with a 'COVID Response Statement' to go with our 'Critical Incident Policy - Business Continuity Plan'. Our 'Attendance Policy' and 'Home Learning' policy have also been updated (<https://www.clarity.essex.sch.uk/policies-documents>), in addition to our 'Before visiting Clarity School' procedures to prepare people wishing to visit the school (under 'Latest News' at the bottom of the Home Page on our website).

I will leave you with some other news I have been asked to share with you on the attached page and wish you a very pleasant half term break as we celebrate our Queen's Jubilee over the long bank holiday weekend next weekend. We will look forward to the children returning on Monday 6th June 2022 at 9am.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Hanson'.

Debbie Hanson, Head Teacher and Proprietor
BSc (Hons), QTS, PG Dip (Dyslexia and Literacy), AMBDA, APC
Member of the Dyslexia Guild
Associate Member of SASC (SpLD Assessment Standards Committee)
NPQH in progress

Other news:

Christian Mann from InterAct, a local SEND charity based in Essex that offers short breaks, clubs and activities to young people (10-18 years old) with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities, has asked me to pass the following information on to you:

Hello - we put on weekly after-school and evening activities during term-time in Braintree, Chelmsford, Colchester and the Tendring district. As well as this we devise a holiday programme consisting of day trips and activities during school holidays and half-term breaks.

We would be keen to connect with those young people and their families in the Essex area that would benefit from our services. I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards,
Christian
Christian Mann
Community Engagement Coordinator

The logo for InterAct, featuring the word "InterAct" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The "I" and "A" are significantly larger than the other letters, and the "t" is lowercase. The "e" and "r" are also lowercase.

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