



Junior Claremont News

Claremont Fan Court School

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Dear Parents

I would like to thank everyone for being so supportive and encouraging during the UJ Creative Enrichment Week. The children had such a glorious time working on so many different imaginative and artistic activities. Parents, I would particularly like to thank you for raising the funds last year to enable us to bring in two professional artists to provide our children with such an enriching programme. The PTA was marvellous helping with the parent rotas and publicising events. Finally, the teachers demonstrated just how wonderful they are by embracing the concept wholeheartedly and giving the children a rich, artistic experience. If you have not seen the mosaic yet, it will soon be gracing the upper junior hall. As you read through our news, I hope you can sense the enthusiasm for learning generated this week among staff, parents and children. Not only have the children worked on the mosaic, but also the Newspaper Fashion Parade, the buttoned felt pouches, the Take One Picture projects inspired by the National Portrait Gallery's still life by Willem Kalf and your very own Christmas Cards.

"I want to praise all the children for putting their individual stamp on each bag, it's fun to watch individual creativity in practice." This is indeed great praise for our children from Nicola Murphy-Page (Sew Times).

Best Wishes, David Ford



Year 3

Year 3 made the items in Kalf's still life painting a focus for their learning. During the week, we created our own still lives by bringing in and photographing five personal items. We learnt about lines of symmetry in maths and then created our own symmetrical rug designs, which led to a weaving lesson. Inspired by the lemon in the painting, we also made pomanders with lemons and cloves.

As you can see in the picture above we really enjoyed making newspaper fashion items at home. Please look in the image gallery on the website for more photographs.

Year 4

Year 4 was a hive of activity during Creative Week. We went on a journey of discovery with the National Gallery painting. We investigated crustaceans and molluscs, created our own still life and imagined the journey the objects made to reach it. We then created a sea creature puppet to take centre stage. Last, but by no means least, we were able to use our cameras to take pictures of scenes in our story to add to our very own stop frame animation.

Phew!! What a week! We had an absolute ball working collaboratively and learning many new skills along the way.





Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic Creative Week. They were busy adding tiles to the huge mosaic, designed from many ideas sent to the artist from pupils, throughout the Upper Juniors. The children also used their imaginations when they looked at the National Gallery painting. They analysed small parts of the still life and came up with some very good ideas about what they could do connected to the painting. The children were drawn to the lobster in the painting, and created an underwater scene using tissue paper. They finished the week designing and sewing bags in the hall.

Year 6

Year 6 started Creative Week in style—a full day’s rehearsal followed by an evening performance at the Royal Albert Hall! Here are some of their thoughts:

“There was magic in the air when Year 6, and the other schools, got seated and settled before the show started.” Scarlett Whitford Webb

“The time had come, the moment we had all been waiting for. All the learning had come down to this.” Penelope Prockter

“Everyone in the hall was singing their hearts out.” Adam McCormack

“We were so lucky to be chosen to sing one of the solo parts.”



Reminders

Wed 23rd Nov Year 6 visit the Senior School

Thursday 24th/Tuesday 29th Nov 5-8pm UJ Parent / Teachers Evening

Friday 25th Nov year 6 Victorian School Day

Magnify the Good

- Congratulation to the U11 A girls netball team who won 17-11 against Ripley Court. They learned that hard work and perseverance will have their reward!
- U10 A boys football won 5-2 Ripley Court.
- Well done Radnor for winning House Football last half term.
- Well done all those who competed in the Kingston Festival. Particular congratulations to : Honor Smith Gold medal (set poem) and Havanah Blackledge Bronze medal (prepared prose reading).