



Little Claremont News

Claremont Fan Court School

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Year 2 Explore the History of Claremont



Year 2 delve into the past with a visit to the Mansion to discover many of the period rooms dating back to the Regency times. Mrs Bradley, the senior school librarian, shared her extensive knowledge of the history of the Mansion by describing interesting facts relating to the owners, the architects and artefacts. The children valued the experience of sitting on the Great Staircase, just like Princess Victoria who apparently sat there listening to music instead of going to bed.

Mrs Passant and Mrs Walker-Arnott

Year 1 Visit the Theatre

Last week Year 1 visited the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to see a production of The Ugly Duckling. This was the children's first school trip to the theatre to demonstrate how story writing can be brought to life through drama.

The production was a performance of mime and dance to encourage the use of imagination.



The children were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed watching the transformation of the ugly duckling from a sad and awkward creature into a beautiful, majestic swan.

Mrs Vickers and Mrs Clark

Nursery Class catch the Gingerbread Man

The Nursery children have been listening to the story of The Gingerbread Man. They searched their book shelves at home and made a large collection of different versions of the story. Inspired by the story the children made their own books, sequencing pictures of the story and dictating the tale in their own words. Everyone was pleased with the results.

Mrs Moon then helped the children apply their fine motor skills to sew Gingerbread cards, using a steady hand and taking great care with the needle when threading the coloured wool through the holes.

We will be displaying our Gingerbread Man topic work in the classroom.

Mrs McChesney



Reception have Botany Lessons at Wisley

On a frosty Friday, Reception enjoyed Jungle Exploring at Wisley Gardens. The children experienced a talk on plant collecting and took cuttings of tradescantia plants. In the glass house we discovered some very unusual plants, including a dragon tree and banana palms, as well as amazing butterflies. After lunch, there was just enough time to explore the outside play area with its wigwams and climbing frames.

Mrs Forsyth and Mrs Chown



Dates for your diary...

Monday 23rd January: Nursery Nighttime Walk
Tuesday 24th January: Parent and Toddler Group (9 am to 11am in Clear View)
Thursday 26th January: Parent and Toddler Group (9 am to 11am in Clear View)

A word from Mrs Fox...

If your child has a birthday on a school day, please feel free to celebrate this with the class by bringing in a cake or individual cakes, but not sweets.

The retailer of the School uniform has now changed. Any parents wishing to purchase new uniform should now contact Julia Worthington at AlleyCatz Limited of 16 Thorhill Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0UE. Mrs Worthington 's telephone number is 0845 601 6535 and her email address is julia@alleycatz.co.uk. The uniform can be viewed on the Alleycatz website, www.alleycatz.co.uk.

Mrs Fox