

# Clifton All Saints Academy Newsletter

## 09/02/2024

### **'Be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16 v 13-14**

This week we have been blown away by the amazing Clifton's Got Talent auditions across all the classes in the school! We have some incredibly talented musicians, comedians, magicians, dancers, gymnasts and singers! Our top acts from each audition will come to the next round of auditions on Monday before the final performance in front of the whole school on Thursday.

On Thursday 1st February a team of 18 Year 5 & 6 children, went to Henlow Academy to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics Competition. We were delighted that our team came third against all of the other middle and primary schools in our cluster. This was a fantastic result and is testament to our PE curriculum. I would like to thank Mrs Lines and Mrs Gibson for supporting the children with this visit.

Olive Class have been enjoying their space themed topic this half term. In Science they have been learning about the Earth's rotation and night and day. The children learnt about different time zones and how time can be recorded using a 'solar clock.' Each child made their own sundial and tested their predictions.

Palm Class have also been enjoying the space topic this half term especially the computing lessons. Their lessons have focused around the Mars Rover, Curiosity. The children watched a video looking at Curiosity's brother - Scarecrow. Scarecrow is great at navigating rocky terrain but cannot cope with steep sand dunes. Palm Class used TinkerCAD to design a new wheel that could manage the sand. The children learnt how to move, shrink and enlarge objects. They have continued their learning by also designing their own Mars Rover which they will then use as the inspiration for their explanation texts in English.

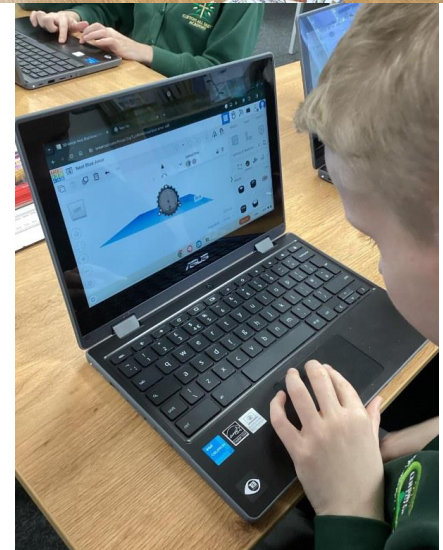
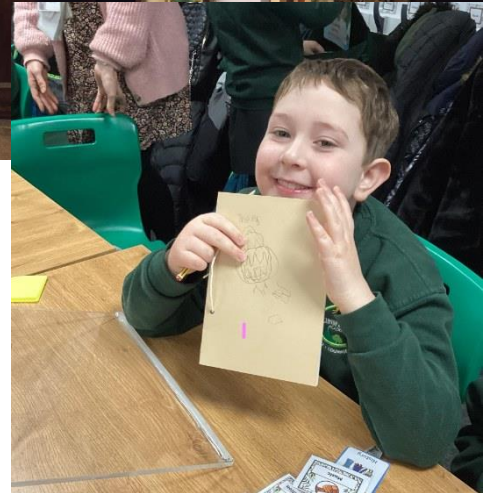
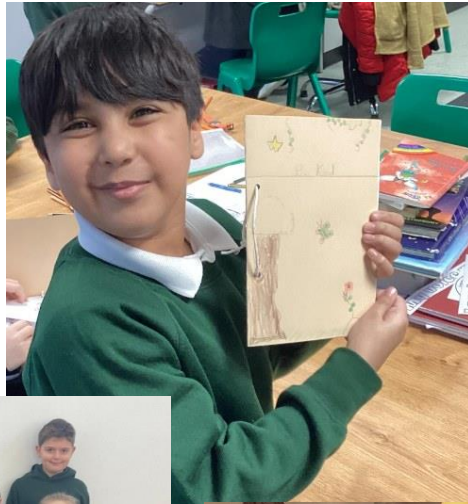
Juniper class have been thinking about their well-being and mental health this week. They spent a morning discussing how their voice matters, how they can be kind to their selves and others with words of affirmation and also decorated their new wellbeing journals. Each class has spent some time this week celebrating Children's Mental Health Week.

We are excited to announce that our library will be undergoing an extensive refurbishment during the Easter Holidays. We are also in the process of applying for grants to replenish the existing book offer for the children. We want every child to love and enjoy reading so the library refurbishment will be a huge asset to the school. I would like to thank Mrs Swain for her hard work in organising this and the PTA for agreeing to fund the works. Ash Class will also benefit from new ceilings, lighting and electrical sockets in the Easter holidays.

We would also like to send our congratulations to two of our Trustees (Nic Farrington Sharp and Sofia Georghiou) who were Confirmed at St Peter and St Paul's church by Bishop Richard on Sunday.

We would love to see as many of our families as possible at our church service next week on Tuesday. You can find details on your child's Class Dojo page.

Don't forget that we also have a 'love yourself' non-uniform day on Wednesday for the PTA. This money goes directly to funding projects that make a real difference to the children. This money will contribute towards the library refurbishment and the purchase of a significant number of books to replace our existing offer.



**CLIFTON ALL SAINTS PTA**  
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WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY  
*Love Yourself Day*

We think you're fantastic just the way you are!  
 Come to school as 'you'  
 No uniform just whatever makes you feel happy and comfortable

Suggested £1 donation, payable via ParentPay.  
 All funds raised go towards the new library refurbishment fund!

Please ensure clothes are suitable for the weather & PE if required

## Diary Dates

February 2024	
13th	Lent Church Service (whole school 9.30am - 10.30am)
12th - 16th	PTA Cake Sale
15th	Clifton's Got Talent
<b>19th - 23rd</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Children back in school</b>

March 2024	
7th	World Book Day
26th	Whole School Road Safety Assembly
27th	Juniper, Maple, Olive and Palm morning church service
	Ash, Birch & Cedar afternoon church service
	Parents Evening

April 2024	
<b>1st - 15th</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
15th	Training Day (Staff only in school)
<b>16th</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>

## Student Update Forms

Thank you to everyone for ensuring your update forms have been checked, updated where necessary and returned. This is really helpful in ensuring the information we hold is up to date.



## Thank You Preen Biggleswade

The staff and pupils would like to say a bit Thank You to Preen for their recent donation of school library books.

Preen are starting a new scheme where they will be donating books to local schools. Thanks to Mr Elliott, we were very lucky to be chosen as their trial school. We received 7 large boxes of books which Mrs Cartmell, Mrs Hook and Mrs Bassett have looked through to check they are age and content appropriate.

With the forthcoming refurbishment of the library these will be a welcomed edition and very much appreciated by the children.



## PTA News

Information on upcoming PTA events and activities!

Valentines Themed Bake Sale (12th / 13th Feb): Get ready to get your bake on! To celebrate Valentine's Day this year we will be having a Valentine's themed bake sale in the playground after school. Please bring any donations into reception by 10am on 12th February ready to be sold after school, any left over cakes will be sold the following day. We look forward to seeing your creations.

Mothers Day Shop (commencing 4th March): Our Mothers Day plant shop will be running from 4th March. Please place your order on parent pay for your child to take part. Gifts will be sent home on the Thursday/Friday ready for celebrating Mother's Day on 10th March.

Quiz Night (15th March): Enjoy a fun filled night with friends! Ticket includes entry and a sharing snack board. Mr Coverdale will be our quiz master so be sure to book your team in on parentpay now!

All funds raised from these events will be going towards the schools next big project and being directly used to refurb the school library! As always, we'd love to hear from anyone that would like to get involved in the PTA - please email [pta@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk) if you have any queries.

Many thanks PTA team.

**MOTHER'S DAY (OR SOMEONE SPECIAL) PLANT GIFT SHOP**

Our gift shop will be opening in March for your children to choose gifts for their loved ones.

THESE GIFTS WILL NEED TO BE PRE-ORDERED THROUGH PARENTPAY WHICH IS OPEN NOW

Parent Pay Closing Date: Monday 26th February

We are currently raising funds for the new library refurbishment and hope you can support us with this super cause.

Price: £3 per gift

**Quiz NIGHT**

Friday 15th March £10pp

Enjoy a fun filled night with friends at our PTA Quiz Night. Get your team together, and use your knowledge to try to beat the rest! We also have a cash sweepstake too! £10pp including entry and a sharing snack board.

Teams of up to 6 people.

Door open at 7pm, Quiz starts at 7:30pm  
School Hall, Clifton All Saints Academy, Clifton, SG17 5ES

16+ only

QUIZ PRIZE BAR MINI CASH GAME

Register Your Team Today!  
Payment via parent pay or direct wth PTA  
Email: pta@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk

Please join us for a Valentine's Theme Bake Sale

Cakes Cookies  
Chocolates Pies  
Cupcakes Donuts

Monday 12th/13th February  
3.15-3.45 p.m.  
Playground  
Clifton All Saints Academy

All donations to be brought into reception by 10am.  
Homemade and bought donations all welcomed.

See you there!

Please remember we are a nut free setting

## After School Clubs - February - March

On return to school on Monday 26 February 2024, we have the following clubs available:

### Before and After School Clubs Spring 2 Term 2024

	Drama Club (only open to those attending from January to February)	Multi Sports		Dance (continuation of the January to February club)		Football Club	
	Tuesday Ends 26/02/24	Tuesday 27/02/24 - 26/03/24	Wednesday 28/02/24 - 27/03/24	Thursday AM	Friday PM	Thursday 29/02/24 - 28/03/24	Friday 01/03/24 - 22/03/24
Ash			✓				
Birch	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Cedar	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Juniper	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Maple	✓	✓		✓			✓
Olive	✓	✓		✓			✓
Palm	✓	✓		✓			✓

Please see the information below for booking. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Football Fun Factory continue their After School Football Clubs next half term.

The clubs will start week commencing Monday 26 February 2024 and finish on week commencing Monday 25 March 2024. Football clubs available are as follows:

Year 1 -3 Football Club	Thursday	3.20pm – 4.20pm	Cost £17.50 for the half term
Year 4 - 6 Football Club	Friday	3.20pm – 4.20pm	Cost £14.00 for the half term

The clubs will be mixed boys and girls.

Cost per child: £3.50 per week

Places are limited and bookings are to be made on ParentPay

**MULTI-SPORTS**

**VENUE:** Clifton All Saints Academy  
**DATES:** Tuesday 27th February - 26th March (5 sessions)  
**TIMES:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
**CLASS:** Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 ONLY  
**COST:** £33.00 - for bookings after 27th February sessions will be priced at £6.50 per session

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**MULTI-SPORTS**

**VENUE:** Clifton All Saints Academy  
**DATES:** Wednesday 28th February - 27th March (5 sessions)  
**TIMES:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
**CLASS:** RECEPTION, Year 1 & Year 2  
**COST:** £27.50 - for bookings after 28th February sessions will be priced at £6.50 per session

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## Ivel Valley Weekly Bulletin

Please find below a link to this weeks Ivel Valley Bulletin. This contains various information which you may find useful.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCBCC/bulletins/3896461>

# Information from External Organisations

**Autism BEDFORDSHIRE** CHILDREN'S SERVICES

## LET'S TALK!

PARENT/ CARER TALK

**FREE**

Topic:  
**The First Steps to Supporting an Autistic Individual, and those Pursuing a Diagnosis**

Monday 12th February 2024 | 10:30am - 12:30pm

Kingston Gymnastics Centre,  
15 Winchester Cir, Kingston, Milton Keynes  
MK10 0BA (dance studio)

Face-to-Face

TO REGISTER:  
01234 214871  
enquiries@autismbeds.org

**NEW** CHILDREN'S SERVICES

## SKILLS4SUCCESS WELLBEING

FOR TEENS! AGES: 16-19

February Half Term 2024

Leighton Buzzard Youth Centre, LU7 3FU

Monday 19th February - Wednesday 21st February

10:30am - 2:30pm

£60 (this includes all resources)

We can meet your young person online before the event and send them social stories and venue photos if needed.

To book, contact Ebony at: [ebony.willis@autismbeds.org](mailto:ebony.willis@autismbeds.org)

**Topics Covered:**

- Positive thinking
- Mindfulness
- Journaling
- Motivation
- Confidence
- Sensory
- Stimming
- And more

SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM

Join us online to find out about ...

## The Graduated Approach

online

**Better understand the SEND process in Central Bedfordshire**

Book your place  
Online 14/02/24 9:30 am -10:30am

Central Bedfordshire Council and SNAP PCF have worked together to co-produce new training and a guide for parents/carers to better understand how parents/schools and external agencies should work together, to ensure a programme of early intervention is delivered to support children and young people in Central Bedfordshire.

Join us with a coffee and find out what this means for your child and have your questions answered at our free online event.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: THIS IS NOW ONLINE ONLY:**

Online  
ONLINE 14TH FEBRUARY AT 9.30 AM TO 10.30AM

Please email stating, 'The Graduated Approach' 14/02/24 online, with your name to:  
[admin@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@snappcf.org.uk)

You will need to be a member of SNAP PCF which is free and quick to join.

Please look at our website [www.snappcf.org.uk](http://www.snappcf.org.uk) and our social media [www.facebook.com/snappcf.org.uk](http://www.facebook.com/snappcf.org.uk)

- Understand how schools provide High Quality Teaching?
- Understand the four broad areas of need
- What SEND is, as defined by law
- Understand what SEND Support means
- Find out what a SEND Support Plan looks like
- Understand how SMART Targets can help your child
- When should an Education Health Care Needs Assessment be applied for?

PENDLETON SPORTS CENTRE STOTFOLD

**MBF SPORTS LTD FOOTBALL CAMP**

10% off until 1st February

4 Days - £90  
3 Days - £66  
2 Days - £50  
1 Day - £27.50

Discount Codes:  
NHS, POLICE, FIRE, MOD, MILITARY & BLUE LIGHT CARD  
MBF2024 (10%)

SIBLING  
MBFSIBLING (15%)

3 OR MORE CHILDREN FROM SAME FAMILY  
MBFRP (20%)

19TH-22ND FEBRUARY

- Skills & ball techniques
- Footwork exercises
- Strategy & teamwork exercises
- Fun games & matches

**Childcare Vouchers Accepted**

INFORMATION  
5-16 years old  
10AM - 3PM

EARLY DROP OFF AND LATE PICK UP  
Extra £5 per day per child  
9am Drop Off - 3.30pm Pick Up

**Parent Insight - Children Centres**

Find out what is happening at your local Children's Centre and how they can support families with children up to the age of 12

Monday 12th February 2024- 12pm-1pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Microsoft Forms link below  
<https://forms.office.com/e/1Ud5eiQUK>

For more information, please contact:  
North Early Help [northearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:northearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)  
South Early Help [southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

Central Bedfordshire

The Online Training Network

## Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**  
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- Week 2 - Communication**  
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- Week 3 - Sensory Processing**  
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**  
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place...Email [enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com](mailto:enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com) with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.

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And Finally...



I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Miss Byrne