
Claydon Primary School

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Staffing

During the last year, we have welcomed new staff to the school and said farewell to some who have moved on to other challenges. It has been the end of an era in our school office as Sandra Simons retired at Christmas and Sue Bright retired at Easter. Between them, they had worked at the school for more than 50 years.

Pupil Matters

We are delighted to report the number of pupils who attend our school is still gradually increasing. Currently we are almost full although we have places available in some year groups. Whilst the majority of our pupils live in Claydon, Barham and Great Blakenham, there continue to be parents who choose to bring their children to our school from other areas – mainly from the edge of Ipswich. We are delighted to be a school of choice in the wider locality but we continue to urge parents of children in our catchment area to apply for places - these applications are given priority over those who live elsewhere. To date, all children in our catchment area applying for places in Nursery and Reception are being successful in being allocated spaces.

Last summer, our pupils were assessed at various statutory points in their learning journey. We were especially proud of our children who were in Year 1 (6 year olds) who worked really hard with their phonics in order to achieve the standard required when they were assessed. The number of children who achieved this was above the national figure. At the end of Key Stage One, our 7 year olds were assessed and despite the increased expectations for these pupils, they rose to the challenge and our results were above the national this year in all subjects - reading, writing and maths. At the end of Key Stage Two, our 11 year olds were also assessed in reading, writing, maths and science and they took the national tests, known as 'SATS'. Again expectations have been changed in recent years and are now much higher. We were proud with how hard the pupils worked to tackle the new tests and especially proud of our results in reading and writing which were both well above the national.

At Christmas our younger children entertained their parents with a production of a Nativity story entitled 'Born in a Barn' which told the story of the Nativity and we are looking forward to a Year 5 production in the summer term. Year 3 again led a Christmas Carol Concert at Barham Church for their friends and family and Year 4 performed on their violins and brass instruments to their parents. A highlight of the summer term is always the Year 6 Leavers Service at Barham Church, where our Year 6 share their reflections before moving to High Schools.

During the last year, we have enjoyed many sporting challenges – netball, football, athletics, basketball, cricket, cross-country, swimming, gymnastics, tag rugby and hockey teams all participated in local school events. To acknowledge our participation in sport, in September we were awarded the 'Sainsburys School Games Gold Award'.

Community Links

The school recorder group, brass and violin players were invited to perform at the Community Carol Service at Great Blakenham Baptist Church. The church was full with people who then stayed to enjoy their community Christmas lunch. Year 2 visited the Old Rectory Nursing Home and sang some of the songs from their Nativity performance.

Future Developments

We are delighted that the planned expansion of the school is continuing. In the summer we are anticipating the start of the building project to build an additional 5 classrooms and a studio, using land currently part of Claydon High School. It is the intention that this will enable the local authority to begin offering 75 places for Reception children from September 2019 and hopefully ensure that we can meet the demand for school places as new housing developments are completed. As part of this project we are pleased that the car park at the Recreation Ground is being improved to encourage more responsible parking by our parents .

We are also pleased that an Academy Order has now been issued by the DFE and that the school will be joining South Suffolk Learning Trust, which includes Claydon High School. This secures the future of our school and should benefit the children of our locality as we further collaborate with the High School.

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