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**CLOVER HILL
 PRIMARY
 SCHOOL**

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One more week until half term. I cannot believe how quickly this has come around (and I'm sure you can't either!!). There has been so much happening in school this week – action-packed and full of fun as always. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Holden

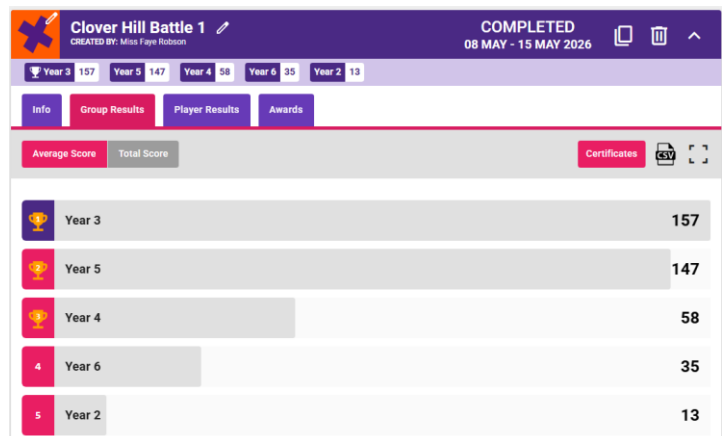
Class Dojo Superstars

TTRS Summer Showdown!

Well done to Year 3!

Pupils

- 1 **Zara Williams** 13
- 2 **Oscar Garrington** 13
- 3 **Thomas Turnbull** 12
- 4 **Jack Lister** 12
- 5 **Noku Kapumha** 11



Gold Medal Winners!

Our Y4/5 Girls' football team, were crowned winners at Gateshead Power League this week when they participated in a tournament. Superb attitudes all round. They are so proud of themselves – as are we.



Well done Year 6!

Year 6 completed their formal end of key stage SATs this week, and we could not be prouder of them. Throughout the year, they have worked incredibly hard, demonstrating the skills from our *Secrets of Success*. They have shown real resilience when things felt challenging, approached their learning with responsibility and determination, and consistently built respectful relationships across the whole school community. They truly have given their very best.

Each morning, they were welcomed with breakfast at 8.15am and treated like our very own VIPs all week – and quite rightly so! The celebrations ended on a high with our traditional class water fight (where staff seem to come off far worse than the children), followed by a visit from the ice cream van at playtime – complete with ice-cream cones with flakes all round.

We are incredibly lucky at Clover Hill to have such a fantastic group of Year 6 pupils. Their positive attitudes to learning are something to be very proud of, and they should take time to recognise all they have achieved so far.

We hope they enjoy a lovely, restful weekend to recharge their batteries – with full permission to be thoroughly pampered. They have certainly earned it!

Parkrun Primary Event!

We have registered Clover Hill to take part in our very own park run event on Sunday 28th June. Parkrun primary aims to get school children more active and better connected with their local communities with junior parkrun events. Our Parkrun will take place at Saltwell Park and we hope we will be joined by as many of our families as possible to take part. Further information regarding times will follow.



Class Highlights – what have we been doing this week?

Sports Week

Our whole school focus next week is on Sport – our timetable is filled with many different activities: golf, table tennis, climbing wall, hip-hop dance and the Saltwell Park fun run. Our creative writing theme is poetry linked to sport and our art also has a ‘sporting theme’ with three pieces from each class being chosen to represent the school at Chase Park Summer Fair. Sports Day has been organised by Gateshead SSP who have worked alongside Mrs Feeney and Year 6 to organise and lead the whole event.

Reception

Exciting news this week... our first caterpillar emerged from its **chrysalis** and became a **butterfly**, and the children loved caring for it by feeding it sugar water and fresh orange slices. They also enjoyed a fantastic visit to **Whitehouse Farm**, where they spent time outdoors, met a range of animals, and had lots of fun in the fresh air. Reception’s magic number is **15 this week** – children have been identifying place value using tens and ones. Our book of the week was **Superworm!!!**

Year 1

The children have been exploring fractions in Maths this week, focusing on finding **quarters of shapes, objects and quantities**. They have enjoyed using practical resources to help them understand how a whole can be divided into equal parts.

Our English lessons have centred on the inspiring astronaut **Mae Jemison**. The children have been writing about her achievements, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity as they learned about her life and accomplishments.

In Geography, the class has been developing their mapping skills by **planning routes**. They practised following and creating simple maps, which sparked lots of discussion and teamwork.

Science learning has taken us outdoors, where the children investigated **wild plants in our local area**.

They loved exploring and identifying different plants, linking their learning to the world around them.

Finally, in RE, the children have been thinking about **why Christians go to church**. They shared thoughtful ideas and began to understand the importance of community and worship in Christian life.

Year 2

This week in **Maths**, the children have been learning all about how to collect and present information.

They have really enjoyed working with **tables, tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms**, and we've even linked this learning to **Computing**, where they explored how data can be shown digitally.

In **English**, we have started planning **witness statements** based on *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children came up with some fantastic ideas! In grammar, we've been focusing on using the **apostrophe for singular possession**, and the children are becoming much more confident with this.

In **Geography**, we've begun our new topic on **North America**. The children have been excited to learn where it is in the world and to start discovering some of its key features.

In **Science**, we have been looking at **plants that we eat**. The children explored different parts of plants and identified which foods come from roots, stems, leaves and fruits.

In **RE**, we have been learning about the Christian story of **David and Goliath**. The children enjoyed discussing the story and thinking about the important message behind it, including courage and facing challenges.

Year 3

This week, the children have been learning how to **tell the time using an analogue clock**. They have worked really hard to read both hours and minutes accurately. Extra practice at home would be very beneficial, so we encourage you to support your child by asking them to read the time as often as possible.

Our English lessons have included writing **kennings**, where the children created some imaginative and descriptive phrases. In spelling, they have been exploring **homophones**, learning how to recognise and use words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.

Within Computing, the children have been introduced to **branching databases**. They enjoyed organising information and using it to answer questions, developing their logical thinking skills.

Creativity has been flowing in Art, with the children painting in the style of **Claude Monet**. They explored colour and brush techniques to create their own beautiful pieces inspired by his work.

Teamwork has been the focus in PE, where the children have taken part in **communication and team-building games**, developing cooperation and working together skills.

Year 4

This week, the children have been developing their understanding of **money**, focusing on adding amounts and **converting between units**. They have enjoyed applying their skills to solve practical problems.

In Science, learning has centred around the **seven life processes (MRS GREN)**. The children have been exploring what makes living things alive and identifying these processes in different organisms.

Our History lessons have involved comparing the **North East of England with Campania in Italy**. The children have been thinking about similarities and differences between the two regions, including their geography and way of life.

During English, the children have been continuing their work on **The Lambton Worm**, ensuring their writing includes a range of **adverbs of time, place and manner** to make it more detailed and engaging.

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy exploring design and healthy lifestyles this week. They designed their own bread products and packaging using **Tinkercad**, created eye-catching posters, and then brought their ideas to life by baking their bread – with plenty of taste-testing along the way! Alongside this, they have been learning about what makes a **healthy diet** and how to make **balanced food choices**.

Year 6



Diary Dates

May

Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May

Whole School Sports Week: Children will need to be in school PE kit ALL WEEK

Tuesday 19th May

Class photos for Year 6 and Reception ONLY (PE kit can be worn)

Wednesday 20th May

Sports Afternoon for Parent Spectators

Families are invited into school from 12.30pm to watch our children take part in an afternoon of sport-related activities that sees the battle of the castles... who will be crowned champions this year: Bamburgh, Alnwick, Lumley or Warkworth?

Friday 22nd May

Year 4 trip to Gibside National Trust

Fun Run at Saltwell Park – Further information will be given to those children participating

HALF TERM 25TH MAY – 29TH MAY

June

Wednesday 3rd June

Gateshead Music Service to deliver a 'Music Workshop' in school

Monday 8th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening all week

Wednesday 10th June

Year 3 Parent Assembly

9.15am

Friday 12th June

Years 3 & 4 visit to Gibside National Trust – Health and Wellbeing Service (further information to follow)

Friday 19th June

Occasional Day - School closed to staff and pupils

Friday 26th June

Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival (Letters to follow for individual children)

Sunday 28th June

Park Run – school takeover.

July

Tuesday 30th June-Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 experience days at Whickham School

Tuesday 30th June

Class swap – school transition morning

Children get the chance to visit their new classroom ready for September and work with their new teacher for the morning.

Thursday 2nd July

Year 3 and Year 6 visit to Newcastle Central Mosque (further information to follow)

Thursday 2nd July

Summer Fair (More information to follow after half term)

3.30pm – 5pm

Friday 3rd July

Clover Hill Dance-a-thon. PE kits to be worn by everyone. Further information to follow.
