

# St. Clement's News



# library@stclement's

**St Clements have a fresh and improved Learning Resource Centre.** Over the summer holidays the LRC had a complete makeover. The re-configured space has enhanced and expanded this working area. Not only do we have new carpets and newly painted walls, we have more computers and more book shelves filled with new stock. Students and staff are all impressed with the transformation.

“When I saw the library for the first time I was so pleased with all the improvements, in fact it was even better than I had anticipated. I couldn’t wait for the students to see it and watch their reactions” said Mrs. Roper.



**Learning Resource Centre**

**Opening Times**

**Monday—Friday:**

**Break time**

**Lunch time**

**After school—3.00 to 4.00 pm**



# SEN@stclement's

New for 2021—The Hive is a new resource to support children at St Clements with their social and personal development. The building was once used as The Children's Centre but after standing empty for many years it has undergone a complete makeover.



The SEN Classroom before and after the refurbishment.

The new space has added to the SEN Provision at St Clements by creating an environment where pupils can learn a range of skills to support them into adulthood, including cooking and gardening skills in our key stage 4 ASDAN programme.



The number of children taking ASDAN at St Clements this year has seen an increase in popularity, so having a dedicated space was an important development for the school.

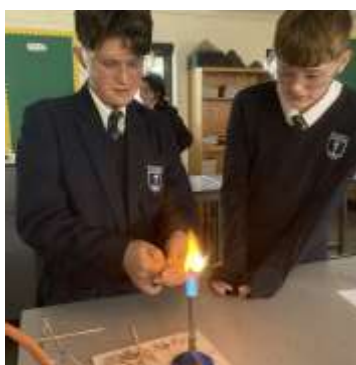
# science@stclement's

This year we have reinitiated Science Club. It is open to all KS3 students and takes place on a Wednesday after school. It's a chance for students to try out experiments they have seen online and want to know if they actually work.



This term we have looked at how different substance dissolve the colours on skittles, built the tallest towers to hold a weight with limited materials, discovered how fire-works are made, made our own obelisc from potatoes, discovered how to make the perfect snowball and made our own sugar christmas decorations to name a few of the topics we have looked into.

Science Club aims to make science come to life and allow students to explore how things work outside of the classroom.





# aspiration@stclement's

Our current Year 8 Insight Discover Cohort have been working hard in the Insight Discover Program resulting in the production of some fantastic shoebox displays.

As a reminder this project looks to raise aspiration and provide the skills needed to consider university as an option, down the educational line. It is done by student exclusively in their own time, so they put a lot into the program.

In previous years we have been able to celebrate their work with a display of the shoeboxes at King's Lynn museum, however unfortunately like so many things this was not possible last term. So as an alternative the program has put together an online display. Please do take a moment to have a look at the work produced by clicking link below.

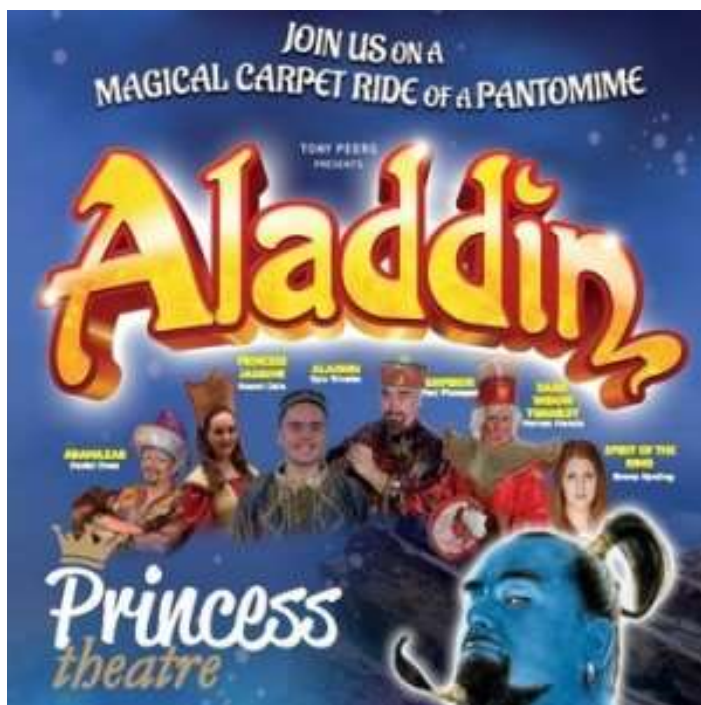
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The programme has continued this term with a project led by a PhD student from the University of East Anglia working with the group to look into the link between university and career choice, and a visit to Cambridge University to talk to students to gain a greater understanding of what life is like as a student.



# year7@stclement's

We asked our year 7's to dust off their flying carpets and take a trip to The Princess Theatre, Hunstanton to watch their dazzling performance of Aladdin this December.



The trip designed to celebrate the end of the first term for the new year group, was a huge success with much singing, and "it's behind you" being yelled at the top of students voices! Even the teachers got into the spirit singing a festive rendition of Jingle bells at the top of their voices!





# remember@stclement's

**On an overcast Thursday morning, students took part in a ceremony to mark Armistice Day.**

Students representing Scouts, Air, Sea and Army cadets, proudly wore their uniforms. Years seven, eight and nine listened to an address from Mr. Willingham and observed the national two minutes silence.

Mr. Reynolds played the 'The Last Post' which was very moving..

Many thanks go to Mr. Modica who organized the event.



*Above: poppies placed in memory to all those that lost their lives in all the wars.*



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## Remembrance Day Poem

### The Soldiers That Didn't Come Home

This world of ours we take for granted.  
Technology and mobile phones.  
But, we must remember the wars that gave us our freedom  
*And the soldiers that didn't come home.*

Their wives get letters to report the death,  
The children cry and fall to their knees.  
The bodies of the fallen carried to the crosses  
And the lads are finally at ease.

More men on the frontline  
Brave soldiers that defend this nation  
They gave their lives and energy  
To give freedom to the next generation.

*It's now 103 years later since armistice was signed*  
In the Flanders fields their spirits still roam  
Now on the 11th of November 2021  
We still remember the soldiers that lived  
And didn't come home.

By Alice Wenn (year 7)



# publicspeaking@stclement's

The Cranmer Award for Worship is named after Thomas Cranmer (Archbishop of Canterbury from 1533 to 1555). It is **awarded for "outstanding contributions to all aspects of worship in the Church, including both words and music"**.

Three St Clement's students took part in this Public Speaking competition. Under the gaze of Anne Robinson, it was 'nerve racking' but an enjoyable experience.



*Above; Anne Robinson*



"Today, Jen Wood and Benjamin Francis and I went to St Lawrence Church for a public speaking competition. It was hosted by Lord Howard and Anne Robinson. I think everyone did very well and even if we did not win, everyone tried their hardest. I felt very nervous but was happy when I was finished."

"Today we went to St Lawrence Church in Castle Rising for a public speaking competition called the Cranmer Awards. We had to read out passages from the 1662 common book of prayer, and I think we all read them very well. I was quite nervous, but once we started reading it I felt fine, and fairly confident! Unfortunately, we didn't end up winning, but we will definitely try again next year. "

*Left: the three contestants*

# debate@stclement's

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 three of our students took part in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition.

They had to choose a topic to debate, and then deliver their debate to a panel of Rotary club members.

Our team, which consisted of Jamie Bell, Amelia Willingham and Jennifer Wood, had chosen the topic 'Standardised testing should be abolished.'

They spent many hours researching their arguments for and against the topic, then many more hours practicing their speeches.

The other schools in the competition were; Springwood High School, Smithdon High School and Marshland High School.

I am delighted to say that our team won, and so will advance to the next round of the competition which will take place after Christmas.

The pupils worked extremely hard to prepare for this competition, and they thoroughly deserved their victory.

Report by Mrs. Wood





# PE@stclement's

This term has seen a return to the planned school PE curriculum, school clubs and competitive sport fixtures.

**NETBALL;** we have completed a number of fixtures across the age range and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both the U14 & U16 West Norfolk netball tournaments. U14s Netball team shown below.



**FOOTBALL;** again there have been a large number of matches played against W.N. schools and in the county cups. At present, the last two remaining teams in the county cup are the U14 boys and U13 girls. Both teams are in action in the final week of this term.

**CROSS COUNTRY;** the annual event returned to the schedule and saw the school achieve a record number of qualifiers for the county finals to be held next term.

- Inter age group – G Munson, E Lira, L Hayes, S Doig, F Franklin, H Howes & S Wheatley
- Junior age group – J Codrington, A Bransgrove, S Garrett & C Wheatley
- U13 age group – E Ward & A Greenwood. Both won their race and are the W.N.

**Individual Champion 2021-22!!**

**BASKETBALL;** it has been great to see so many students attending basketball club and for the first time in several years, we have attended the W.N. basketball events. Outstanding performance came from U15 boys who finished runners up!!

# PE@stclement's

**HOCKEY;** hockey continues to gain interest and we have competed in the W.N. events staged this term. U16s team shown below



**BADMINTON;** the KS4 Badminton tournaments went ahead this week. Both the girls and boys teams performed well and regained the W.N. Title, they last won in 2019 (the last time it was played) . Congratulations to Girls; C Staff, M Bowyer, S Marsh, A Mallett & O D'Andrea and boys; J Chalke, A Mitchell, A Lawrence & A Bargewell. Unfortunately there will be no county finals this year.

**CANCELLED EVENTS;** unfortunately the weather has been the biggest issue this term with the following events being cancelled; Norfolk Show Jumping Event, U13s Hockey Tournament & the Intra-school football and netball house matches. It is hope all these will be rescheduled next term.

**W.N. SWIMMING;** students from the school have been back in the pool and performing well; A Bunting, A Greenwood, B Tennant (1<sup>st</sup> in 25m free 50m free 100 m breast 50m breast), Olivia (1<sup>st</sup> in 100m breast 50m breast), C Liddell (1<sup>st</sup> in 100m fly) D Stimpson (1<sup>st</sup> in 200m free 25m free 200 M 50m free 50m fly 100m free 100m fly 100, 400M 50m back 200m fly), Emilia, H Munro (1<sup>st</sup> in 100m back), M Johnson (25m free 200m IM 50m free 50m breast 100m free 100m breast 100m fly 100m back) & T Garnett (1<sup>st</sup> in 25m free 100m free)

Next term provides more opportunities for students to engage in recreational and competitive sports clubs with the chance to represent the school in inter-school competitions, we are also launching a new Karate Club in partnership with Samurai Martial Arts and there are some exciting leadership opportunities. More information on all of these will follow early in the New Year. Merry Christmas!!



# citizenship@stclement's

The School Council have been collecting gifts for the residents in Terrington Lodge care home.

This is the second year of running this collection and once again the generosity of our students and their parents has been overwhelming.

Our School Council students (plus some extra volunteers!) stayed late after school to help wrap all of the gifts and did an amazing job!

Last year the staff at Terrington Lodge were so very grateful for our gifts and expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of the residents so we are very grateful to all staff, students and parents for making this year another success!



**Prom News** A huge well done to the Year 11 Prom Committee on the huge success of their first fundraising event! They raised over £100 by selling a range of lovely baked goods which were kindly donated by Y11 students, staff and parents.

The Prom Committee wants to thank everybody who contributed on the day. Keep your eyes peeled for our next fundraising event, coming in the New Year...

**Appeal** Traffic remains difficult around the school at the start and end of the day. The Parish Council and the Police have expressed concern about poor parking and dangerous driving. In school we frequently find people parking on the double yellow lines which are there to allow a clear and safe access for our buses. We ask everyone to be considerate and consider parking in the spaces provided near the playing field. Thank you for your help with this matter.

# thehead@stclement's

Our term began with the exciting news that our new and re-furbished rooms were ready. The library had been remodelled over the summer. Our maths area had been redeveloped to create more space in classrooms and the new Special Educational Needs Hive was established in the old Children's Centre. In addition a new playground has proved much needed outdoor space. The staff and students love these new areas and a new Student Library Committee is being formed to provide fresh ideas for resources and activities. I am extremely grateful to everyone who worked so hard during the summer to bring all these projects to fruition.

Our new year seven students also had a busy summer as almost the whole year group attended our summer school. They enjoyed a range of lessons and activities which have really helped them settle in quickly. Their term culminated in a trip to Hunstanton to watch the Aladdin pantomime at the Princess Theatre.

Year 11 have been working hard, their behaviour and attitude during the recent mock examinations was excellent and I know they will respond well to the feedback and prepare well for the next set in February. While recent Covid cases nationally have caused concern, officials assure us the country remains on track for a full set of GCSE examinations in the summer.

The end of term brings some staff changes, we welcome back Mrs. Rigby from maternity leave and say goodbye to Mr. Naqvi who has taught Art for us this term. Mr. Osler also returns to school following an operation so we also say goodbye to Mr. Baxter who has stood in this term, Mr. Pack also leaves us having successfully completed his training. It has been great to have these colleagues with us and I know the students have enjoyed working with them.



# thehead@stclement's

Mrs. Brassett our much loved Head of Geography is stepping down but I am delighted she has agreed to continue working with us part time to work with small groups and individuals as they focus on learning missed during the Covid closures. Our new Geography Leader Mr. Knott is extremely experienced and we look forward to him joining our school in January.

It has been fantastic this term to see so many events restart having been affected by the Covid restrictions, taking part in national and local visits and competitions adds considerably to the experience of our students. Many of these events have required extra precautions and ingenuity to enable them to proceed and I very grateful to everyone involved for all their efforts.

This term we have seen more staff and students catch coronavirus than at any point in the past year. Like many schools we suffered considerable staff absence during November and I would like to thank everyone for all their support in working to keep the school open to everyone during this difficult period. We are fortunate that as I write cases are low in school and cases in the local area, once almost double the national average, are currently well below. All students are encouraged to continue to complete the Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly during the Christmas break and again just before they return to school in January, the start of term is staggered to allow testing in school and I am very grateful to all those families who have already renewed their consent for these tests. We do not know if further safety measures will be required in the New Year, but I am confident that our community will respond well to whatever is needed. I remain very grateful for all the support we have received.

Merry Christmas.

