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A message from the CEO/Executive Headteacher

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you who are reading the Spring 2023 edition of our CLIC newsletter. I really hope that you enjoy hearing the news and updates from all the Trust's collaborative activities and news from each school.

We have had another amazing term, with so many exciting updates and news stories to share and

celebrate with you. We have continued to be able to engage in pupil collaborative events, putting into place opportunities based on the suggestions of our pupils. In the second half of the Autumn term, all Year 5 pupils took part in a Science Day relating to their topic of Earth and Space, with an amazing joint trip to Jodrell Bank. It has also been wonderful to continue to provide opportunities for our staff and governors to meet face-to-face, engaging in training and research together and sharing good practice. We have had two governor training sessions (one on Curriculum and another on the Link Governor role) as well as an induction session for new governors. Our staff have worked together in a series of Learning Circles (English Leads, EYFS Leads, Maths Leads) as well as our Teaching Steering Group.

We have some VERY exciting news to share with you – Lily Lane Primary School in Moston joined the CLIC Trust on 1st March 2023. We are delighted to welcome them into our family of schools and look forward to getting to know all of the pupils, staff and families well.

We are also delighted to welcome a few new members of staff to the CLIC Team. Hannah Heron is joining us later this year as the Trust's Education Director. Dave Duxbury has joined us as our interim Accountant. We have recruited three new Lead Practitioners this term: Pam McBride (from Chorlton Park) who has a specialism in behaviour and culture; Kerry Megson (from Dane Bank) who is an EYFS specialist; and Victoria Collier (from Old Moat) who is an English specialist.

We are always very keen to hear from our stakeholders; if you have any suggestions as to how else we could enhance the offer at the CLIC schools for our staff, pupils or families, I would really love to hear from you. Similarly, if you would like any additional information about the CLIC Trust, or any of our schools, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us; we will always be happy to talk to you.

Jo Ashcroft



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Welcome to Lily Lane Primary School!

As our newest member of the CLIC Trust family of schools, we wanted to introduce you to Lily Lane Primary School. Lily Lane is located on Kenyon Lane in Moston, North Manchester, and is a three-form entry school with approximately 630 pupils. The school currently has an Interim Executive Headteacher, Sarah Murray, who has been supporting the school since September 2022. The new permanent, full-time Headteacher, Helena (Lenny) Lewis, will begin working at the school on 1st May 2023.



School Vision

Our vision is to provide an **inspiring** curriculum that will engage all learners to be successful and proud within their learning at school and beyond. We recognise that our community is diverse and **unique** and we will nurture and celebrate this so that children, staff and families feel proud. With our words and actions we will be **determined** to strive for excellence for our children and their community. By ensuring **support and kindness** for all we will flourish and grow.

Dodgeball Champions

Lily Lane took part in the regional knockout rounds of dodgeball at the MEA. It was great to see teamwork and encouragement as the fast paced games played out. After successfully winning, we ensured ourselves a place in the finals held in the same week. The finals were held at CoOp North Academy and the best of the best were there to compete for the Excel Trophy. We had to play the other four teams and the matches were very intense-lots of ducking, diving, dodging, catching and throwing. At the end of the four matches, we won three and drew one. We are proud to announce that we are the 2023 Manchester Dodgeball Champions! Well done everyone, another amazing sporting achievement!



TTRockstars Day



It was absolutely amazing to see children and staff come in dressed as ROCKSTARS for TTRockstars Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed doing multiplication games and quizzes in their classrooms. Children took part in a TTRockstars tournament set up in their year groups throughout the week and the winners went forward to the live TTRS extravaganza game, where they played against a teacher to win the ultimate prize - a guitar and free guitar lessons - with our music teacher Mr Boardman.



Sports hall Athletics



We are delighted to have won the city-wide sports hall finals (eastlands indoor track) by over 80 points. This was a huge amount to win by! We have now qualified for the North West regional championships where 20 of the best schools in the North West will compete. We had a group of 21 athletes from years 4-6 who worked as a team to gain points in different track and field activities. We have been training hard and will continue to do so.

Learning about WW1

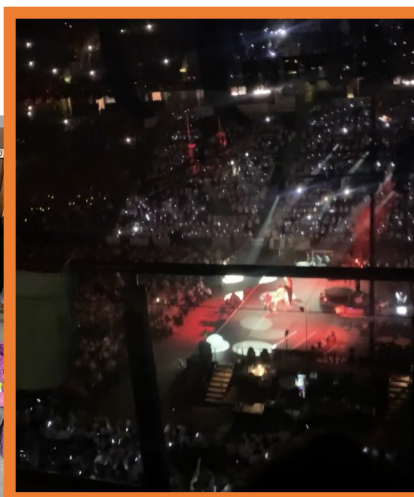
Year 4 had a wonderful start to their history topic with a visit from William, a soldier from WW1 and Danielle, a nurse from the same time period.

We found out so much information and bridged back to help us create our very own trenches. We have looked at influential figures such as Walter Tull and Edith Cavell. As well as this, we explored tones, texture and brush techniques in art and focused on the Nash brothers and Jacqueline Hurley. Throughout the topic we have used Tom Palmer's 'Over The Line' to help us with our poetry, newspaper reports and emotive writing in English.



Young Voices

On the 31st of January we took part in Young Voices at Manchester Arena, alongside 8,500 other children. We sang songs that we had all been learning together, were backing singers for Heather Small, watching dancers and beat boxers and had so much fun together!



In the SPOTLIGHT!

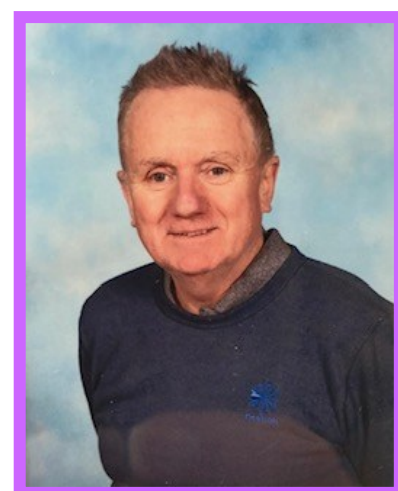
Our Spotlight shines on Mr Andy Hughes, our deputy site manager, who helps to keep Chorlton Park looking clean and tidy. Mr Hughes is a dab hand building, marking, creating and gardening. He has been busy helping Gardening Club develop areas of the school grounds

and his current project is helping to locate some bird boxes around the school site as part of a national campaign to encourage swift conservation.

Andy has used his passion and drive to change hearts and minds which has resulted in massive energy savings for the school at such critical time.

This kind of care and attention is seen in everything that Andy does and nothing is ever too difficult!

Thank you so much Andy for all your hard work!



Andy Hughes

Early Maths in Nursery

We have been working really hard to develop Maths across school. In our Early Years, the Nursery children have been doing lots of investigating – all based around the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.



First the children used cubes to measure their own, and the Giant's feet – then compared to see who had the biggest feet! They then went on to plant their own 'magic beans' which they will measure as they grow to see how tall they get!

Dodgeball finalists!

On the 23rd January our wonderful Dodgeball team competed in the Tameside School Sports Partnership Dodgeball Competition. Our team played so well together – showing amazing team spirit and positive attitudes! The preparation they had done in school clearly paid off as we made it through to the finals.

As we type, we haven't played the final yet so are keeping all our fingers crossed! Regardless of whether we win or lose, we are so proud of our team and the most important thing is that the children seemed to love every minute!



An Alien invasion!

Our Year 1 and 2 children had to become super-skilled investigators recently as they came in to school one morning to find out that there had been an alien invasion on the school field. As they explored, they found that a spaceship had crash landed and there were lots of clues scattered all around.

The children worked so hard to try to piece their clues together and had some great theories about why the aliens may have visited here. They then went on to produce some fab writing!



In the SPOTLIGHT!



This term our 'spotlight' shines on Andrea Higginbottom who has worked at Dane Bank for over 20 years.

Andrea started working here as a Midday Assistant, later taking on a cleaning role as well. Andrea is an incredibly upbeat, positive person who never fails to make people smile.

She has a great sense of humour and you can always rely on her to make us all laugh – particularly when the staff go out together! Andrea has a lovely manner with the children and they all enjoy her company.

We want Andrea to know that we appreciate all she does and the commitment she has shown to the school over the years.



Andrea Higginbottom



Representing Old Moat

Our local MP, and ex-pupil of Old Moat, Jeff Smith, came to Old Moat for a special Reading Assembly. He read to the children from *Everdark*, by Abi Elphinstone.

The extract was all about the importance of believing in yourself – more often than not, the real heroes in life cling on to hope against all the odds and believe in their ability to change things for the better. Jeff also presented book prizes to children who have done some outstanding reading this term.

Hive heroes' Panathlon Prowess

Eight children from the Hive (Years 4-6) took part in a Panathlon. They completed 7 activities which involved team work, throwing, catching, balancing etc. Some activities were familiar, like basketball, and others were new, like bowling and curling. They scored points for each activity and then the highest score, from the 8 schools involved, won the competition. There was bronze, silver and gold to win and we won gold! We got a trophy for school and a framed certificate.

The children are awaiting an invitation to join a further event, which will be all of the winners from the Panathlon across different boroughs, competing against each other to be the champion of champions!

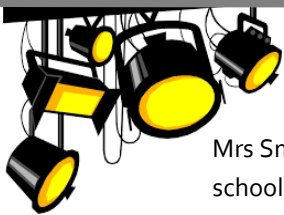


Central Library Trip for Year 1

Year 1 took a trip to the Central Library at St Peters Square for a drama workshop. We travelled by Metrolink and the children were extremely well-behaved. The workshop itself was an hour-long session about an alien crash landing to Earth.



They engaged in some group games and role play, before constructing a spaceship to get the alien safely home. They were encouraged to communicate their ideas clearly and present their thoughts to the group. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and the library staff commented on what a fantastic group they were!



In the SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Smirk has been a Teaching Assistant at Old Moat for 12 years, is a school governor, an essential part of our Breakfast Club and an unflappable First Aider.

She has had more than one job for as long as we can remember, but also finds time to help in the community: she has run a scouting group for a number of years, and embodies the CLIC value of Kindness.

Mrs Smirk has endless patience and is super-organised – she can always be relied on to keep things in order! Thank you for everything you do for children, teachers and parents at Old Moat, Mrs Smirk!



Sharon Smirk

Litter pick in the community

In February, members of our school community took part in our second annual litter pick, using equipment from the Moss Side Eco squad. We are very passionate about taking action on improving our local environment.

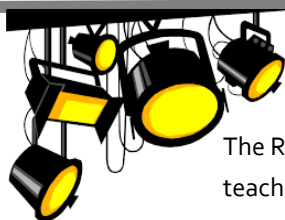
Children of the Rights Team put up posters, inviting people to our litter pick. Our local Councillor, Ekua Bayunu, attended the event. We have set up an Eco group for Hulme itself, that will improve our local community and bring pride to those living in Hulme.



Urban Debate Competition

Some of our Year six children attended the Urban Debate League at Parochial CofE Primary School for the first round of a debate competition within Greater Manchester.

The children were split into two teams and each team took part in two debates, where they contested against others on the topics of: *should homework be banned* and *children should look after their elderly relatives when they are old or ill*. The children represented the school brilliantly and won three out of their four debates. There will be a further round for the children to attend in a month's time and the top ten-point scoring schools will travel to London to compete in the National Finals. Year 6 should be incredibly proud of themselves!



In the SPOTLIGHT

The Rolls Crescent 'spotlight' this term is special needs teaching assistant – Natalie Addison.

Natalie has worked at Rolls Crescent for 6 years now. Natalie became a lunch time organiser whilst her daughter Skye attended Rolls Crescent.

Working in the EYFS and at our After-School Club confirmed to her that working with children was a rewarding job.

Natalie achieved a training assistant qualification and hit the ground running supporting our vulnerable children at school. She told us she wants to make a difference to our pupils' lives whether its counting, holding a pencil, saying hello or learning to go the toilet.



Natalie Addison.

She told us she loves working at Rolls- Crescent because she feels it is a happy, vibrant and safe place to work. She feels secure at work and feels she is being given opportunities to progress and complete further training and be challenged.

To relax, Natalie likes spending time with her family. They have a system of choosing a place each to go, writing it down, putting it in a hat and then one person choosing where they will go. Taking a picnic, walking the dog and having the chance to reflect on life with her family are the things she loves the most.

Teachers read too! Meet our Teacher Readers...

Oliver Kerr, Headteacher —Old Moat

This is an extremely popular book and also a successful film. It's even generated books that you can write in too: Mr Kerr is pictured here with the "Choose Kind" journal, a spin-off from the book that gives you ideas about how to be kind every day and the space to write about it.

Mr Kerr says of Wonder: Wonder is a hard-hitting story about a young boy named August Pullman. August, or Auggie, as he is known to his friends and family, was born with Treacher Collins syndrome, a genetic condition which affects the development of facial bones and tissue. The story charts Auggie's enrolment in a new school (he'd never been to school before) and follows his journey throughout his first year as a pupil. There are some really sad low points for Auggie but he also enjoys some thrilling moments and makes some great new friends along the way.



Oliver Kerr

Georgina Caldwell, Teaching Assistant—Roll Crescent

Book: The Land of Roar Series
Author: Jenny McLachlan

My 3 children were captivated by the first book in the series (The Land of Roar) when it was their class novel. So much so that they insisted we read the 2nd in the series at home.

In the first book, 11 year olds, Arthur and Rose travel to an imaginary land to rescue their grandad, who has been kidnapped by an evil scarecrow. The book is full of magic, dragons, ninja wizards and spooky villains!

We are currently enjoying reading the 2nd book in the series, which is proving to be just as magical and exciting. I'm begged for '1 more chapter!' almost every night we read it.

If your children love fantasy books and are aged between 7 and 12, these books are for you. Enjoy!



Georgina Caldwell

Meet the CLIC Team...

Bruno Cunha, Purchase Ledger Clerk

My name is Bruno Cunha and I am the Purchase Ledger for the CLIC Trust.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be part of this team; to develop my skills and experience and have my work impact on the financial work of the organisation.

I joined the Trust in October 2022 and I am enjoying my job, having experience working in a School for a few hours a day as well as the Trust, and I am really looking forward to seeing how the Trust and schools grow and develop.

I am from Portugal but I have lived in Manchester now for 6 years. In my spare time I like to do sports, watch movies and go on nice walks when the sun is out (I am not going to lie, I don't like the rain!).

Also, my biggest passion is travelling; returning to Portugal a few times a year to see family and friends but also getting to know new places and cultures— I am a big fan of city breaks and the beach.



Bruno Cunha



to the newest members of CLIC!

We would like to welcome our new starters. We hope you've enjoyed your first term with us!

CP

Kirsty Gallagher—LO
Maryam Iqbal Khan—TA
Sharon Dawes—Cleaner

OM

Lisa Almond—TA
Gursharan Kaur Sathi—TA

DB

Wayne Buckley—Caretaker

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Hannah Heron—Education Director
David Duxbury—Interim Accountant