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**Spring Term News 2022**

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Dear valued Parents, Carers and members of the Community,

Welcome to this edition of The Clere Newsletter. This is our termly newsletter, dedicated to sharing the activities of the students and staff in our wonderful school and wider community.

It gives me great pleasure to write this introduction after missing the Christmas edition due to serious illness. I am thankful that I am returning to normal health and being able to take on more of my usual responsibilities.

Returning to school has been a genuine pleasure. Our students have been wonderful and very conversational, and it is so lovely to simply be able to be back in the building.



Once again, the school has faced significant challenges over the past term and, in fact, throughout this year. As you know, covid has caused serious disruption to staffing availability and has left some staff poorly for prolonged periods. The shining light, however, is the way in which the school community has come together to provide education for our students with as little disruption as possible during this term. I have now had the pleasure of doing some break and lunch duties and going into some lessons so that I have been able to have conversations with our amazing students. I am incredibly proud of the fact that all appears so much like business as usual even in some very trying circumstances for those who have been ill, those who are trying to cover for those who have been ill and those who have faced unavoidable disruption.

The school has once again been superbly resilient throughout this term and the contents of The Clere Newsletter are testament to the commitment of our staff and students to maintaining as much normality as possible.

This coming term is very exciting for the school. We have record numbers of applications from families wanting their children to join us in September and increased numbers have meant that we have been able to advertise for a Head of School position. I will retain strategic input, establishing our values, ethos and expectations, but the Head of School will provide more capacity and provide staff, students and parents with a senior figure on site every day. This will be fantastic for the school and its community. Until the successful candidate starts their role in September, we have a wonderful Deputy Headteacher from Cranbourne on secondment for the summer term. Sarah Conlon will perform a similar function to the Head of School throughout the summer term. I am sure the whole community will warmly welcome her as always.

There will certainly be challenges ahead as we go into the summer term, but I am always reassured by the incredible work of our staff, our amazing students and you, our supportive families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the Easter break. In the meantime, I wish your families a safe and enjoyable Easter free from disruption.

Best wishes  
Mr Jon Beck

Headteacher

## Basingstoke Rugby U12s

Well done to Year 7 students Oliver and Charlie who were part of the U12s Basingstoke RFC team that took part in the Hampshire Festival in Winchester. The team placed 7th out of 30 Hampshire Rugby teams!

We are very lucky to have both students attend our school rugby club too!



## Swimming Competition

Year 8 student, Brooke, has been swimming from the age of three for Basingstoke swim club Bluefins. Over the last year she has excelled and now swim trains 6 times a week. 3 times is early mornings at 5.30am before school. She has shown amazing determination and resilience to overcome this training schedule as you can imagine it is very unsocial hours!

Brooke spent all day on poolside on both Saturday and Sunday, competing in 12 races achieving new target times and beating 8 personal bests and walking away with a bronze medal!

Huge well done Brooke!



## Basingstoke Team Gym at the British Championships

Congratulations to Year 7 student Nicole McKenzie who competed as part of the Basingstoke Team Gym at the British Championships Level 3 Youth Women in Sheffield and won a Silver medal. Fantastic Achievement



## Year 7 & 8 Netball

The end of season is here and we finished off with a Year 7 and 8 Netball Match against Testbourne school.

The Year 7s fought their way to the finish line with a win and Freya Howley nominated as best player. Unfortunately the Year 8s lost but played with resilience until the end. Congratulations to Flo for receiving the best player nomination for the Year 8 team.

Well done to all students involved and for your support and efforts during this netball season



## Hampshire Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the students in Year 7 and 8 who represented The Clere School and Andover and Test Valley District at the Hampshire Cross Country Championships yesterday.

We are still waiting for positions but what a fantastic achievement to make it this far!



## Basketball Shoot Out Competition Results

Well done to all students who competed in the Basketball Shoot Out this week. A big thank you to the Sports Captains who did a fantastic job helping to set up and score.

The results are -

1st Place- Beacon with 97 baskets scored

2nd Place- Cottington with 89 baskets scored

3rd Place- Joint Ladle and Sidown both scoring 88 baskets

Congratulations Beacon !



## The River Lodden Poetry Competition

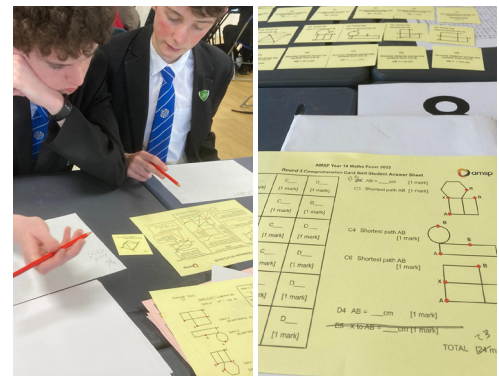
Many thanks to those schools who participated in the Poetry Competition celebrating the River Lodden. The quality of poems submitted was excellent. Many congratulations go to Cranbourne School who submitted the highest number of entries. The First Prize in the 8-11 Category went to The Hurst School and in the 12-16 Category, First Prize went to a pupil at Cranbourne School, Second Prize to The Clere School, and the Highly Commended Award went to Cranbourne School.

<b>Winner</b>	Arya Lee, age 7 Kingsclere CE Primary School	Freya Wirth, age 11 The Hurst School	Brin Bowers, age 12 Cranbourne School	iPad Air + Certificate
<b>Runner Up</b>	Percy Judge, age 7 Whitchurch CE Primary School	Felix Bush, age 8 Kingsclere CE Primary School	Lucy Blatchford, age 12 The Clere School	£100 Book Token + Certificate
<b>Highly Commended</b>	Sienna Pollard, age 6 St Bede's Catholic Primary School	Beatrix Tyrer, age 8 St Mary's Church of England Junior School	Yvonne, age 12 Cranbourne School	Certificate

## Maths Feast

Eight students in Year 10 took part in 'Maths Feast' at Downs School in Newbury.

Two teams took part in the challenge and the boys team came 1st in the 4th challenge and other team came 3rd in the 1st challenge. About 15 teams took part. Well done to all.



## Oxford Computing Competition

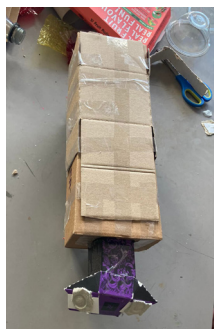
Well done to all the Bebras Gold awards students who have been busy coding this week as part of the Oxford University Computing Competition. Great effort and perseverance from all.



## Year 8 Art Project

Students are completing a 3-dimensional project, designing, creating, and making a 3D insect in the style of art deco. Students have researched the Art movement Art Deco and then in their sketch books have designed their insects in the Art Deco style.

At the moment they are making their 3D insects, using shapes and colours which links to the art movement they been researching.



## Charity Haircut



Congratulations to Year 9 student Ross Lennard for raising money for a fantastic charity. Please read the article (extracted below) to find out more information.

*Charity hair is a family affair. Grandparents sport pink and violet in support of 12-year-old Ross' fundraising cut for air ambulance. Do not adjust your screens... granddad really does have violet hair. When 13-year-old Ross Lennard vowed to have his head shaved to raise money in honour of a family friend who lost both legs in an accident, his grandparents made a pledge too.*

*Grandma Serena Coventry said: "We told him that, if he managed to raise more than £2,000, I'd dye my hair red and granddad Bryan would die his pink!"*

*Local gamekeeper Andy Soper suffered life-changing injuries in the accident in New Year's Eve 2020. He became trapped between a silver Nissan Qashqai and another vehicle, sustaining injuries Hampshire police described at the time as potentially life-threatening. Mr Soper, aged 46, subsequently had to have both legs amputated below the knee. Ross' chosen charity is the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, which airlifted Mr Soper to Southampton General Hospital, where his legs were amputated to save his life.*

*Friends rallied round and one fundraising page, created by George Brown from Leckhamstead, said "He has had great hospital care. Sadly, due to the injuries sustained, Andy woke up to find his left leg amputated below the knee. Unfortunately since he has lost his right leg too due to the injuries. Andy is a fantastic character and taking it all exceptionally well. He is an ambassador for the countryside and very much an outdoors man... he was seen daily on local farms in his land Rover. It would be a wonderful thing if you might donate towards an adapted 4x4 for him to keep his independence and allow Andy to keep part of his old life going. He is a value to the countryside and local community."*

*Ross, whose family are friends with Mr Soper, set about growing his hair long – just so he could raise money by having it cut off. And at the weekend Mr Soper was there to perform the deed himself. Ross raised more than the £2,000 that his grandparents challenged him to do – and they were as good as their word.*

*Mrs Coventry, of Field Barn Farm, Kingsclere, said: "Ross always had short hair, so to volunteer to grow it so long was a big deal for him. We promised him we'd join him by dyeing our own hair if he passed the £2,00 mark. He did. And we did."*

## Performing Arts - War Horse

In performing arts this term, Year 7 have been getting stuck into puppet design inspired by War Horse! Students were set the challenge to create a 100cm tall rod puppet of 'Joey' from recyclable materials! The success criteria for the puppet included 2 moving parts! All students have shown great commitment and passion for the project, with some going above and beyond to work extra from home! We are so proud of our students and so impressed with the final result!



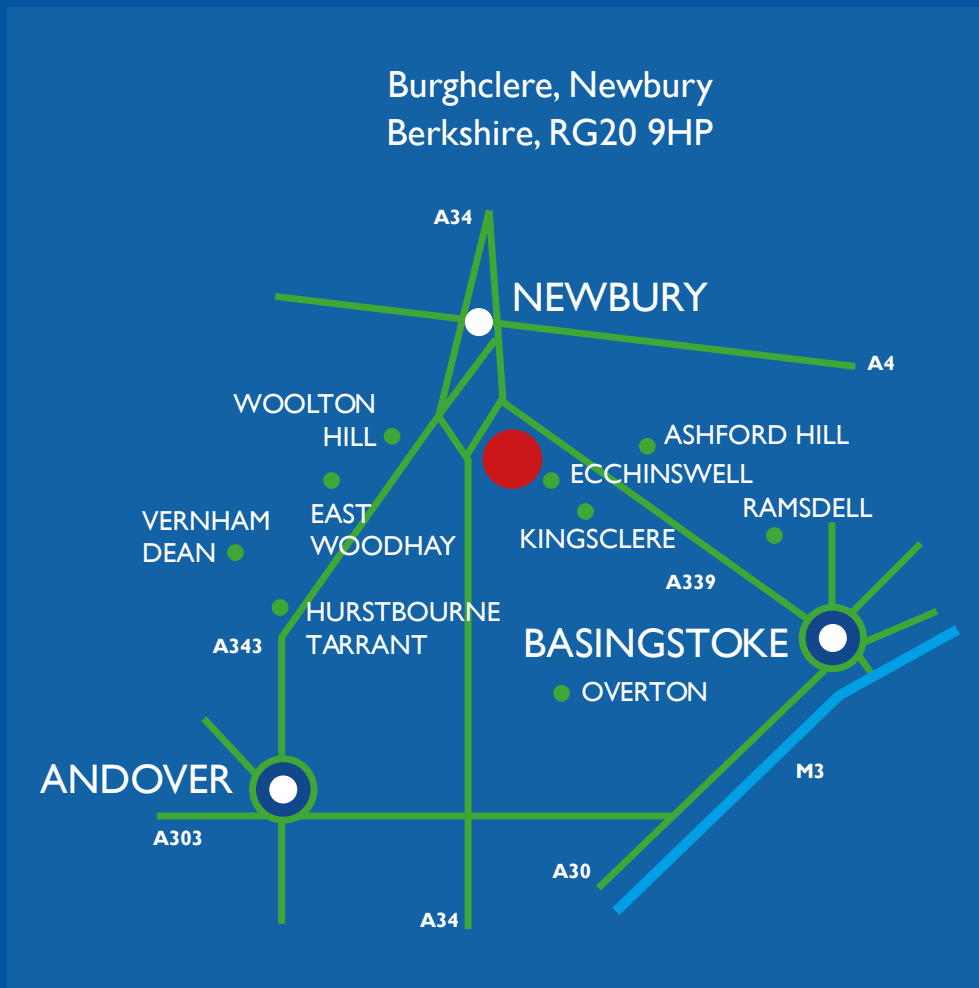


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*“Leaders have established a culture and ethos built upon mutual respect and equality of opportunity. The school is calm and pupils are polite to one another. There are very few incidents of poor behaviour.”*

OFSTED, MARCH 2017

