

**8 November 2024 (Autumn Term Week 8)**

### **Principal's Blog**

**[Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog:](#)** "We've been cursed with the ability to imagine the future without being able to see it" – Ian Leslie

### **DECK THE HALLS with our Christmas Trees!**



Get your Christmas tree and support the Claire's Court Boat Club this festive season!

- **How to Order:** Visit our [PTA website](#) and order by Tuesday 26 November
  - **Pick-up:** Saturday 7 December 10am-12pm from Senior Boys school
- More details to follow

It is lovely to be back at Nursery and see you all again. It is good to see the children are rested and ready for our busy term ahead. Just like adults, it is important for children to have some down time, as their days are equally long and packed with activities.

Last week, the Nursery Holiday Club welcomed in our visitor, who had them enthralled from the moment he arrived. He dressed up and acted out familiar stories. He even took them on an adventure outside.



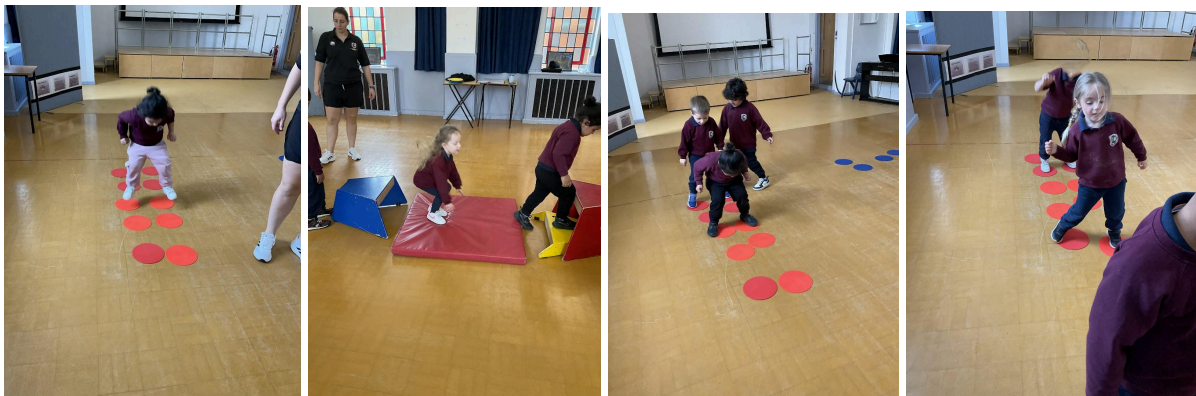
This week, Busy Bees and Beehive have been reading the book Pumpkin Soup. On Monday, there were wonderful smells of spices as the children created their own pumpkin soup. They have made pumpkins from different media too.



Busy Bees went for an Autumn walk to collect leaves. They then all created collages using what they had found.



In PE this week, the children showed their 'can do' attitude by jumping from spot to spot and jumping from a height.



At Forest School, the children simply enjoyed exploring the leaves in The Thicket. It prompted learning in the form of mathematical, language and creative development.





Bumble Bees have been reading the traditional story of The Elves and the Shoemaker. They have engaged in activities such as drawing feet and creating a shoe shop.





Next week....

Busy Bees/Beehive - The Highway Rat

Bumble Bees - The Gruffalo/The Gruffalo's Child

### **Reminders**

The form is now open for Christmas holiday club bookings. Please see information and link to booking [here](#). Please note that booking closes on Monday 18th November.

### **Donations**

If you have any old children's trousers, socks, or underwear that you're no longer using, we would greatly appreciate them to help replenish our spares box.

### **Castle Meats Discount for Claires Court Family and Friends**

One of our meat suppliers, Castle Meats, has kindly extended a 10% discount on Christmas meat orders to all staff and parents at Claires Court. Castle Meats has been a Claires Court supplier for eight years. Just identify yourself as a Claires Court parent or staff member to get the discount.

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## Dates for the diary



CLAIRES COURT JUNIORS PTA

**CHRISTMAS**  
*Market*

21 NOVEMBER 2024 | 18.30 - 20.30

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**PTA Christmas Market - Thursday 21 November**



Join us at our annual Christmas Market for festive shopping, complete with choir performances! All ages are welcome.



**SOLD OUT**

## **PTA Quiz Night - Friday 29 November - 6pm to 8pm**

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

#### **Sickness Absence**

Please report all absences to the school office daily before 9.30am by calling 01628 327400, emailing [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto:juniors@clairescourt.net), or via the Report Portal on the Parents page of our website.

#### **Medical/Dental Appointments**

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours in advance (when possible) via email to [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto:juniors@clairescourt.net).

#### **Changes to Drop-Off/Pick-Up Arrangements**

For changes to your child's drop-off or pick-up schedule, please email the office at [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto:juniors@clairescourt.net). For last-minute changes after 12pm, contact the office directly at 01628 327400, as emails to class teachers or the office after this time may be missed.

#### **Term Time Absence**

Refer to our Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy. Holidays during term time are discouraged and will not normally be authorised during the first or last week of term. If you would like the headteacher to review a request, please complete the [Online Holiday Request Form](#).

**Juniors -**