

**Juniors -**



**CLAIRES COURT  
JUNIORS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**7 February 2025 (Spring Term Week 5) - completed/sent 3.45pm**

## **Principal's Blog**

Please read Mr Wilding's new blog for this week: [Proprietorial governance in times of change](#).

## **CLASS BULLETINS**

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## **Juniors Menu Change:**

Wednesday 12 February - Roast Pork

Thursday 13 February - Chicken in Sweet and Sour Sauce

## **Design a Story Spoon Competition**

Children are invited to decorate a spoon to look like a character from a book. This is a fun and creative way to bring stories to life through art. To enter, children must submit their decorated spoons to the library by **Wednesday 26 February**, ensuring their name and class are included. Winners will be announced on **Book Day, Wednesday 5 March**, with one winner selected from each year group and an overall winner chosen. This fun and creative challenge encourages students to bring their favorite book characters to life in a unique and artistic way.

# DESIGN A STORY SPOON COMPETITION




Open to  
all  
students

## HOW TO ENTER

Decorate a spoon to look like a character from a book. Drop your entries off at the Library by **Wednesday 26th February**. Please include child's name and class on your entry

## PRIZES

Winners will be announced on our Book Day – Wednesday 5th March  
A winner will be chosen from each year, plus there will be an overall winner





## Claires Court Juniors Chess

*"Chess is addictive because it makes the mind move. It is a silent geometric ballet, war without blood, silent music."* (Grandmaster Siegbert Tarrasch)

**Well done to Satyan, Murray, Owen, Myron and Arlen for representing Claives Court this week over at St Bernard's Prep in Slough.** Playing as a team they overcame several other schools and won through to the next round of the EPSCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association) tournament.

For some of these boys, it was their first taste of competitive chess outside school, and I think they have developed a taste for it. I can't say I am surprised. Staying on top of your trembling nerves as you close in on victory is an experience you never forget. Neither is that slap on the back from your teammates when you finally convert!

I have issued invitations to the other schools to come and visit Claires Court and play in our Saturday tournaments, but it was good to see that Claires Court was recognised by some of the boys who already play at these events.

Our tournaments are monthly (our next is tomorrow), and can be accessed through the [Maidenhead Junior Chess Club Website](#).



### **Reminder - School Drop off Times**

Please note that pupils should not be left in the playground before 8.15am. Any pupils present before this time will be taken to the Breakfast Club, which is a chargeable service. We kindly ask that you remain on site with your child until 8.15am.

### **Boom Gate**

Please note our boom gate, the gate leading to the parent car park, will now be closed between 9.15am and 3.15pm. When there is a fixture the gate will open at 1.45pm. If you are visiting the school during these hours, please report to the school office so we can monitor all visitors on site.

## Healthy Snacks

Please can parents support us with healthy eating by providing snacks for break times.

## Uniform

A reminder that the correct uniform must be worn for school. School coats including the green or burgundy cosy coat or the CC 'Sub's' coat' should be worn. Also, hair accessories should be school (Green, Burgundy, Navy or black) or hair-colour colours. Stud earrings should only be worn by pupils in Years 5 & 6. This must be taken out for sport.

## Sports Fixtures

To view your child's fixtures, please visit our sports website [here](#). To view the team sheet, enter the password that was emailed at the beginning of the academic year. If you need assistance or have misplaced the password, please contact the school office on 01628 327400.

## Rabbit Award

Awarded for kindness, helpfulness and compassion doing the right thing without being asked, it is what makes our school a wonderful environment. This week's rabbit award winners are Cora (6H) and Wren (6H) for always looking out for LJ, especially at Before School Care. Also, rabbit awards have been awarded to Jessica B (6H), Izzy M (4G) and Alana W (2W) who all helped another child when she fell at break and took her to the nurse.

## Join the Band with iRock This Term!

There's still time for your child to join their very own band with iRock this term! These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to boost confidence and develop valuable new skills. **How to Enrol:** You can find more information in the attached letter or simply enroll online by visiting [www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol) and searching for our school! If you have any questions, please contact iRock directly by calling 0330 174 2655 or emailing [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com).

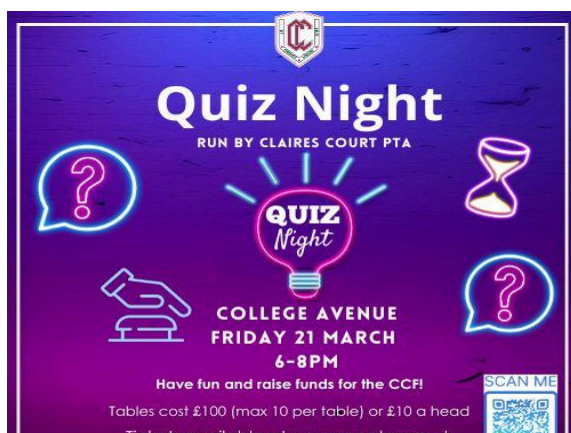


## Dates for the diary

### The Croft Clinic - ADHD and Autism Support Group - Coffee Morning Friday 14 March

Please see further details [here](#). RSVP by Friday 7 March [admin@thecroftclinic.com](mailto:admin@thecroftclinic.com)

### PTA Quiz Night - Friday 21 March



Mr Richards and Mrs O'Clee are hosting another popular Quiz Night on Friday 21 March 6-8pm in the Hall at College Avenue SL6 6AW. This event sold out in November, so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £10 per

person or £100 for a table of ten and can be booked [here](#). There will be a bar, card payment only, with thanks to the PTA and bring your own food or order food in. Any questions please contact Helen Phipps via [hep@clairescourt.net](mailto:hep@clairescourt.net).

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