



20th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ahead of the summer holidays and further to my Post-Ofsted Update last month I would like to take this opportunity to share some more of our progress to date.

Our curriculum development journey is on-going and, week by week, we can see the progress being made as we continue to develop and enhance our curriculum offer across all the subject areas.

Music

I am particularly pleased with the progress made in music over the past twelve months and have been empowered that our vision and our approach to music is very much aligned with the National Music Action Plan initiative.

Our music education aims to engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. We want to enable all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, and have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talents, including professionally.

We continue to work hard to enable every child to experience a broad musical culture at Cloverlea, accessing high quality curricular and co-curricular music, accessing the expertise, instruments, technology and facilities they need to learn, create and share their music. We have done this by implementing a vibrant music curriculum, including use of music technology in every year group.

- We have visiting music teachers; whether they be from Music Squaddies, Key Strings or Trafford Local Authority that have shared their musical expertise with our children and staff.
- We have continually developed links with external music organisations such as Music Mark, Trafford Music Services, Music Squad and attended bespoke music curriculum training.
- We try to find as many opportunities as possible to perform through singing assemblies, choir, yearly/seasonal events and community outreach.
- And we were delighted that we had such a magnificent end of year music concert celebrating our pupils' many achievements.

New School Library

The new library is nearly with us!

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It has been a monumental task and staff are working so hard towards a September launch date. This project is so important for our school as it will provide a living resource completely focused on engaging our readers and stretching their horizons.

New books are arriving daily - exciting, current children's literature which will be so greatly welcomed and enjoyed by our children. Our new library is designed to be accessible for every child, across all ranges and interests. A child friendly system will enable the children to become independent and enthusiastic readers.

I promise I will arrange an open event in the new term so parents and carers can come and have a look around at what promises to be a fantastic learning environment in the heart of our school.

Early Years

Over the next twelve months, in our Early Years setting, we are excited to be working alongside Kelly Butler, an Early Years Consultant. Kelly is a former HMI inspector and Trafford headteacher.

We are very fortunate to have secured her services in a consultancy capacity and look forward to her involvement over the coming year. Kelly works with practitioners ensuring that they are highly skilled and knowledgeable through excellent CPD. Practice will be further enhanced by putting theory in to practice; enabling children to unleash their full potential.

It is an exciting time where we are hoping to further develop our pedagogical approach, continuing to provide high quality learning environments which spark children's natural curiosity.

Our Amazing Year 6!

We are so proud of our Year 6 leavers and wish to congratulate them for all their hard work this year. They have been terrific ambassadors for our school and we wish them well in their next schools, they will be greatly missed.

The achievements of our children can be measured in so many ways: the challenges they overcame at Robinwood; the kindness and compassion they demonstrate to others, their achievements at sports day and in other competitive sports; their artwork ...

Whilst their performance in the recent SATs tests are only a snapshot, I wanted to share with you the high standards attained by our Year 6 children this year.

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Year 6 attainment 2023

	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar)
Cloverlea	97%	88%	81%	100%
National Average	73%	71%	73%	72%
Trafford Average	81%	75%	82%	82%

New Start and Finish Times for September 2023

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
NURSERY	8.40	3.10
RECEPTION	8.40	3.10
YEAR 1	8.45	3.15
YEAR 2	8.45	3.15
YEAR 3	8.50	3.20
YEAR 4	8.50	3.20
YEAR 5	8.50	3.20
YEAR 6	8.50	3.20

Once again, please can I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year, your active involvement and commitment to our wonderful school is so evident and your messages of support and feedback throughout the academic year have been truly appreciated.

We have made significant progress over the past twelve months and I am very grateful, particularly to the staff, who have worked so hard to achieve this. We recognise there is much work still to do and are looking forward to the challenge and the journey over the next twelve months and beyond.

However, before then, it's time for the summer break, so I wish you all a restful holiday and hope you manage to enjoy special times with family and friends.

Take care and see you in September.

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