

# CG NEWS

## Clara Grant's Newsletter



### Message from the Head of School

Welcome back to a new academic year at Clara Grant! I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. As we begin a new academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the return of our students and share some important information with you in this newsletter. Our school day now starts at 8:30. The gates will open at 8:20 in the morning and learning will begin from 8:30. School will close at the same time of 3pm. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring the children are in school on time.

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school and settle so well into their new classes and we are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery pupils next week.


























On Monday 16th September at 9am, Tom Canning (the CEO of the Boleyn Trust) has invited all parents and carers to attend a meeting in which you will get an opportunity to meet with myself, Ms O'Connor and other members of staff, where we will be sharing our vision with you for the future ongoing success of The Clara Grant Primary School. It would be great to see as many parents there as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday for another exciting week at Clara Grant!





Best wishes  
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# School Menu

Spring Summer 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 27/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	Option One	<b>NEW</b> Vegetable Stack with Rice 	Penne Lamb Bolognese 	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>YAMASI!</b>	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 	Vegan Mince Penne Bolognese 	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Greek Chicken Pitta with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad or Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad 	BBQ Quorn with Chips
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad 	Apple Crumble with Custard 	<b>NEW</b> Berry Mousse 	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Fruit with Ice Cream
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024	Option One	<b>Pasta Kitchen</b> Tomato Pasta or Carbonara Pasta with Toppings 	<b>BUILD A BURGER</b> A choice of Peri Peri, Chicken Burger or Vegan Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges 	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two			Vegetable Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 	<b>NEW</b> Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce 
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	<b>NEW</b> Chocolate Brownie	<b>NEW</b> Iced Biscuit	Fruit Medley 	Jelly with Mandarins 	Peaches and Ice Cream
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024 16/09/2024 07/10/2024	Option One	<b>NEW</b> All-Day Vegetarian Breakfast	<b>FIESTA ESPANOL</b>	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Fajitas with Rice 	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Vegan Chilli with Rice 	Chicken Paella with Patatas Bravas or Veggie Meatballs with Patatas Bravas 	Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	Peach Crumble with Custard	Fruit Platter 	Chocolate Shortbread 	Fruit with Ice Cream

## MENU KEY

 Added Plant Power  Wholemeal  Vegan  Chef's Special

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection

## ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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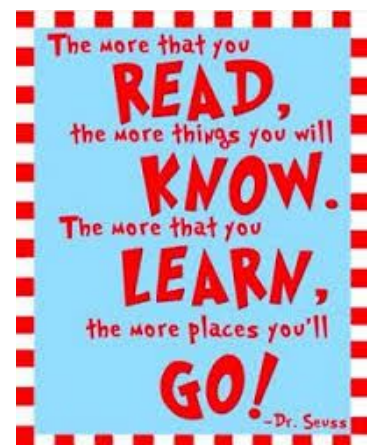
# Oxford Reading Buddy

All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be given an Oxford Reading Buddy login. This will provide your child with a virtual reading service that will help develop their comprehension skills and make reading fun!

Please ensure that your child is reading daily and you are checking their reading record.

Login for Oxford Reading Buddy:

<https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>



Website:

<https://claragrantschooltrust.org/>



Contact:

020 7987 4564



Email:

[admin@claragrantschooltrust.org](mailto:admin@claragrantschooltrust.org)



# Class Dojo

If you haven't already, please do download the ClassDojo app as we will be using this online platform to communicate important information with you on a regular basis. Class teachers will be using ClassDojo as a communication tool to provide you with information about any upcoming class events as well as rewarding your wonderful children with points for their effort and dedication to school life!

Please do contact our school office who will provide you with logging information and support.



## Times Tables Awards

**TIMES TABLES AWARDS**

Learn your times tables to get your badges

**Gold badge:**  
Learn all your times table up to **12 x 12**

**Silver badge:**  
Learn your **3, 4, 6** and **11** times tables

**Bronze badge:**  
**2, 5** and **10** times tables



Please practise Times Tables with your children. Encourage your child to go on TTRockstars on a daily basis for 10-15 minutes to develop their times table recall. Your child will be coming home with their TTRockstars login information very soon.

Who will be the fastest TTRockstar in our school?

Website:

<https://claragrantschool.org/>

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020 7987 4564

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# Term Dates 2024-25

SCHOOL TERMS	PUPIL HOLIDAYS
<b>Autumn 1</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	<b>INSET Days</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September <b>Half Term</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
<b>Autumn 2</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	<b>Christmas Break</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025
<b>Spring 1</b> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	<b>Half Term</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
<b>Spring 2</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Spring Break</b> Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer 1</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	<b>May Day</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May  <b>Half Term</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Summer 2</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>Summer Break</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 to TBC

Please book all non-emergency medical appointments after school and term time holidays will not be authorised. Information about school absence penalty notices which the Local Authority may issue for unauthorised absences can be found on:

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/education\\_and\\_learning/schools/School-Absence-Penalty-Notice-fine.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/education_and_learning/schools/School-Absence-Penalty-Notice-fine.aspx)



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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