



# Clavis International Primary School

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## The Clavis Chronicle

### SPORTS DAY AND CELEBRATIONS

Dear Clavis Community,

We are excited that our whole-school sports day is almost upon us. It is even more exciting to finally have parents invited and join in the celebration. On pages 5 and 6 you will find the schedule of events and times. The PTA has been very active in their support so our students are sure to have an amazing experience. Please take careful note of when your child has his/her events because that is when you should be at school. It is a regular school day with regular hours; however, only parents from Pre-Reception, Reception and Year 1 are welcome to take their child(ren) home early after they have finished their events and medal ceremony once they have confirmed with the school and their homeroom teacher.

There has been a lot of activity throughout the school, particularly this week. Mr Khan, who we introduced in the last issue, comes weekly to explore music creation with our lower years, and this continues to be a lot of noisy fun. Another wonderful event saw some of our student peers from R Seeneevassen Government School join our Year 2 students as part of their unit on celebrations (see page 3).

Speaking of celebrations, on 21 September this week we recognised two observances. It was World Gratitude Day as well as the UN's International Day of Peace, and this year's theme is "End racism. Build peace." We explored some wonderful stories and students reflected on what it means to them and what we value. Even in these times that have challenged many of us, we still have much to be thankful for. As we reflect on what we have, we are also mindful that many others have less. We will continue to support each other and remember that we all have an important role in helping to foster a better, more peaceful world.

All the best,  
Jeff

R. Jeffery Hart  
Head of School



Primary Years  
Programme

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### WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **4 October (Tues):** Sports Day (normal school hours)
- **5 October (Wed):** National school holiday for World Teacher Day
- **6-7 October (Thu-Fri):** School holiday for mid-term break
- **24 October (Mon):** National holiday for Diwali
- **26 October (Wed):** Student-Led Conference with parents
- **2 November (Wed):** National holiday for Arrival of Indentured Labourers
- **18 November (Fri):** End of Term 3, last day of the school year

## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT IS HAPPENING AT CLAVIS?

What's Happening 

### School F E E S

**Unpaid Fees:** We still have a long time until the school year ends, but we are nearing the mid-term point and we need to ask that you please check that the children's fees are up to date. The accounts department is sending out emails to request families to clear unpaid fees. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any queries. [gail.rault@cips.me](mailto:gail.rault@cips.me)



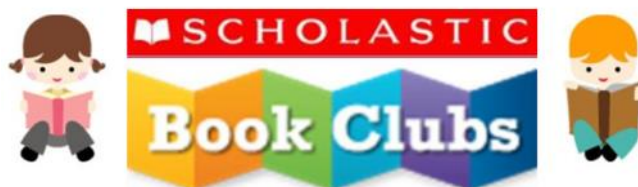
**Lost Property:** We have an ever-growing collection of personal items that students have left, lost, or misplaced at school. Unfortunately, they are not clearly labelled with names so we do not know who to return them to! If your child is missing personal items, bottles, food containers, and clothing, please come to the school shop to have a look. We will see if there is an opportunity to have these out on display at Sports Day as well for you and your child to have a look.



**Students' Photos:** It's that time of the year when Beyond Photography will be taking the children's photos. The order forms are being sent out today with the students. Parents will have until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September to return the forms duly filled in and with the correct amount of money sealed in the envelope provided with their child's name and class clearly written on it.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB CLOSES ON 30 SEPT

In the last Chronicle, we sent home information about the Scholastic Book Club and opportunities to add to your home library with some exciting book choices. Please be aware that ordering will close on Friday, 30 September. Your child also brought home a flyer showing the available books this month. All of these choices can also be found online using the link below.



Scholastic Books can be good value and shipping is included in the price. Additionally, the school gets more books for our library with more books that are purchased.

If interested, go to <https://world-schools.scholastic.co.uk/clavis/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. At the end of your order, you will pay using your credit card. When paying for your order, you will have to confirm your child's name, class and school to ensure you are on the correct platform.

We usually expect a delivery approximately 4 weeks after the closing date of the book club. The orders should arrive in early November, plenty of time for summer reading. The books will be delivered and sorted at school before being delivered to your child's classroom. If it is a surprise gift, please let us know so we deliver them to you directly.

Please be aware that while delivery is free, your total will include a small fee for duty purposes in Mauritius. This fee represents 5% of your order.

If you have any questions, please speak to Ms Virginie Autrey ([virginie.autrey@cips.me](mailto:virginie.autrey@cips.me)) or Ms Varuna Deel ([varuna.deel@cips.me](mailto:varuna.deel@cips.me)).



## THE CLAVIS STUDENT CORNER



With so many amazing accomplishments by our students every week, it's hard to choose one or two in particular to share! Today we want to recognise the special activities that our Year 2s were involved in this week.

### **Celebrating Learning with Students from R. Seeneevassen G.S.**

Our Year Two students are currently exploring a Unit of Inquiry where the Central Idea is "We express ourselves through different celebrations". During these weeks, students are inquiring into how and why people celebrate. It is an interesting unit that gets into the purpose for special celebrations and the importance of these to individuals, groups of people, cultures, and nations. Through celebrations, people can be brought together and it creates opportunities to have shared experiences to express ourselves.

Our Year Two wanted to extend their celebrations to others and designed a wonderful opportunity to invite our Year Two peers from R. Seeneevassen Government School in Port Louis. We have done work with this ZEP school in the past as we have looked for opportunities to improve their school and learning programme. On Tuesday, our visiting students participated in a day of shared activities to celebrate learning and each other. It was a lot of fun and a memorable experience for all the students from both schools.



# CIPS DRAFT CALENDAR FOR 2023

Below is our draft for the academic calendar for next year. It is very similar to this year and most previous years. School holiday dates are expected to remain as they are shown (green days); however, term dates and some in-service days or parent-teacher conferences may be moved. We will make a downloadable version of the final calendar available soon but we want to send something now as we know some families may need to start planning for holidays.

Clavis International Primary School – 2023											
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
1 New Year's Day	1 Abolition of Slavery	1	1	1 Labour Day	1 Year 6 Rodrigues' Trip (TBC)	1	1	1 Student Early Dismissal	1	1 All Saints Day	
2 New Year's Holiday	2	2	2	2 Student Early Dismissal	2 Year 6 Rodrigues' Trip (TBC)	2	2	2 Student Early Dismissal	2	2 Arrival of Indentured Labourers	
3	3 Student Early Dismissal	3 Student Early Dismissal	3	3	3 Year 6 Rodrigues' Trip (TBC)	3	3	3	3	3 Student Early Dismissal	
4	4 Thaipusam Cavadee	4	4	4	4 Year 6 Rodrigues' Trip (TBC)	4	4	4	4 Sports Day (TBC)	4	
5	5	5	5	5 Student Early Dismissal	5 Mid-Term Break	5	5	5	5 World Teachers Day	5	
6	6	6	6	6	6 Mid-Term Break	6	6	6	6 Mid-Term Break	6	
7	7	7	7	7	7 Mid-Term Break	7 Student Early Dismissal	7	7	7	7	
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8 Student Early Dismissal	8	8	
9 Staff In-Service (no school)	9	9	9	9	9 Student Early Dismissal	9	9	9	9 Mid-Term Break	9	
10 Staff In-Service (no school)	10 Student Early Dismissal	10 Flag Raising Ceremony (Early Dismissal All)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10 Student Early Dismissal	
11 In-Service/Parent Sessions/New Students	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	
12 Start of Term 1 Pre Half Day / New parent presentation	12	12 Independence and Republic Day	12	12 Student Early Dismissal	12	12	12	12	12	12 Diwali	
13 Student Early Dismissal	13	13	13	13	13	13 End of Term 2	13	13	13 Student Early Dismissal	13	
14	14	14	14	14	14	14 Parent-Teacher Conferences	14 Staff In-Service (no school)	14	14	14	
15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15 Start of Term 3	15 Student Early Dismissal	15	15	
16	16	16	16	16	16 Student Early Dismissal	16	16	16	16	16	
17	17 Student Early Dismissal	17 Student Early Dismissal	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17 End of Term 3 Half Day / Whole School	
18	18 Maha Shivaratri	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
19	19	19	19	19 Student Early Dismissal	19	19	19	19	19	19	
20 Student Early Dismissal	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20 Ganesh Chaturthi	20 Student Early Dismissal	20	
21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21 Staff In-Service (no school)	
22 Chinese New Year	22	22 Ugadi	22 Eid al-Fitr (TBC)	22	22	22	22	22 Student Early Dismissal	22	22 Staff In-Service (no school)	
23	23	23	23	23	23 Student Early Dismissal	23	23	23	23	23	
24	24 Student Early Dismissal	24	24 Staff In-Service (no school)	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
25	25	25	25 Start of Term 2	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
26	26	26	26	26 Student Early Dismissal	26	26	26	26	26	26	
27 Student Early Dismissal	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27 Student Early Dismissal	27	
28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	
29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29 Student Early Dismissal	29	29	
30	30	30	30	30	30 Student Early Dismissal	30	30	30	30	30	
31 Parent-Teacher Conferences	31	31 End of Term 1	31 School Holiday (school closed)	31 Year 6 Rodrigues' Trip (TBC)	31 School Holiday (staff work day)	31	31 Weekend	31	31 TBC = To Be Confirmed	31	

# SPORTS DAY - TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER

As you are aware, we are excited to finally have a full-school event that will also include all parents. Our PE department has spent many weeks planning, preparing, and helping the students practice for our upcoming Sports Day on Tuesday the 4th of October. Our PTA has also been hugely busy making sure everything is in place to make this a wonderful experience for students, staff, and parents. This includes providing things like food and drink, banners, trophies, and even some bouncy castles (for the students). Everyone is getting involved and everyone is invited. There are, however, some important requirements to be aware of that parents must consider to help us make this a successful and enjoyable day for all. Our biggest challenge for events like this is and has always been parking. To help parents manage the congestion and the challenges of finding parking spaces, and for parents and students to have a wonderful day please note the following:



- This is a normal school day, with regular arrival and dismissal times (with a couple of exceptions below).
- Students should be dressed to celebrate their house and colour: Red, Blue, or Yellow. If you are not sure which colour your child is (which is the same for siblings), please check with homeroom teachers.
- Sporting events will take place on the level 3 pitch, while the other activities (bouncing castles, Zumba sessions, medal ceremony, and jungle gym) will take place on the other fields or levels.
- The PTA has arranged additional recognitions to be able to give individual trophies to the highest performing athletes (boys and girls) in Year 4, 5, and 6.
- Guests of honor will be Miss Jerusha Ramasawmy and Julie Gopal. They are ex-Clavis students, winners of the FIFA Grassroots tournament when they were with Clavis, and members of the women's Mauritius national football team (ie, Club M or *Les Dodos*).
- All parents are invited to come and encourage the young athletes for their sports events and medal ceremony. See the timetable below for which time to come (Events & Medals). After these events, parents are expected to leave to allow for the next parent groups arriving.
- Available parking is very limited and there will never be enough space for everyone. Spaces consist of the main lot, spaces beside the road before the first gate, and along the road moving towards LBIS. Whenever possible, families should consider car-pooling or arranging to get dropped off.
- Pre-Reception, Reception and Year 1 parents are free to take their child home instead of returning later at dismissal time. Parents must inform their homeroom teacher and should sign a form prior to the early dismissal of their child.
- Coffee and snacks will be available for parents in the morning, while dhall puri and alooda will be available later in the day. Compliments of the PTA!
- To lessen waste, we will not have plastic water bottles available. Both students and parents should bring their reusable water bottles.

## Sports Day 2022 MASTER TIMETABLE

Time slot	CLASSES							
	Pre-Rec	Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
8.25 - 9.00	TEAMS AND ATHLETES PRESENTATION							
	OPENING CEREMONY							
	Allocated Area							
9.00 - 9.40	GET READY	J Castle	J Gym	EVENTS	CHEER	FOOD	Dance Fitness	CHEER
9.40 - 10.20	EVENTS	GET READY	J Castle	Medals	FOOD	J Gym	CHEER	Dance Fitness
10.20 - 11.00	Medals	EVENTS	GET READY	FOOD	Dance Fitness	J Castle	J Gym	FOOD
11.00 - 11.40	FOOD	Medals	EVENTS	Dance Fitness	GET READY	CHEER	J Castle	FREE
11.40 - 12.20	Dance Fitness	J Gym	Medals	CHEER	EVENTS	GET READY	FOOD	J Castle
12.20 - 13.00	J Castle	Dance Fitness	FOOD	FREE	Medals	EVENTS	GET READY	J Gym
13.00 - 13.40	CHEER	FOOD	Dance Fitness	J Castle	J Gym	Medals	EVENTS	GET READY
13.40 - 14.20	Sand Pit	CHEER	CHEER	J Gym	J Castle	Dance Fitness	Medals	LEVEL 3

*\*Year 6 - medal ceremony on the pitch*



# SPORTS DAY (CONTINUED...)

KEY:	<b>EVENTS</b>	Sports Day games on the pitch
	<b>GET READY</b>	The year group should get ready under the waiting tent (Tent/ marquee next to the container)
	<b>Food</b>	Take food from the PTA Stall on level 1
	<b>CHEER</b>	Cheering on the wooden deck
	<b>J Castle</b>	Jumping castle on the upper new ground
	<b>Dance Fitness</b>	Dance fitness session on the assembly area (20 MINUTES/SESSION)
	<b>J Gym/ Sand Pit</b>	Jungle Gym or sand pit for Pre-Reception children
	<b>FREE</b>	Free activity or cheering

## SD 2022 MASTER TIMETABLE

Time slot	CLASSES						
	Pre-Rec	Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
8.25 - 9.00	TEAMS AND ATHLETES PRESENTATION						
	OPENING CEREMONY						
	Allocated Area						
9.00 - 9.40				<b>EVENTS</b>			
9.40 - 10.20	<b>EVENTS</b>						
10.20 - 11.00		<b>EVENTS</b>					
11.00 - 11.40			<b>EVENTS</b>				
11.40 - 12.20				<b>EVENTS</b>			
12.20 - 13.00					<b>EVENTS</b>		
13.00 - 13.40						<b>EVENTS</b>	
13.40 - 14.20							<b>EVENTS</b>

KEY: **EVENTS** Sports Day games on the pitch



## CHARITY BOOK DRIVE

This is not a Clavis event; however, members of our community are involved in supporting this worthwhile endeavor. In line with the month of literacy and education, the Rotary Club of Moka is organizing a public book collection around the island. Books collected shall be donated to our partner NGOs. They would be honored if you could please assist them in dropping your new or gently used reading books for children up to 11 years old. You may reach the team as per details below or drop books in a labelled container in the pavilion next week.

Ebene: Mr. Atish (230) 5254 0127 Moka: Mr. Ken (230) 5257 4904 Reduit: Mr. Gael (230) 5939 2583

Flacq: Mr. Akshay (230) 5799 2568 Curepipe: Mr. Rishi (5254 9889)

The deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please do not hesitate to reach us for any additional information you may require.

Kind regards,

Curpanen Joanna, Club Secretary 2022-2023, Rotary Club of Moka (230) 52 54 53 94

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# CIPS

## BOOK DONATION

DONATE A BOOK, CHANGE A LIFE!

DROP **NEW OR YOUR GENTLY USED** READING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AGED UPTO 11 YEARS.

THESE BOOKS WILL BE REDIRECTED TO CHILDREN ORGANISATIONS.

**DATES : 20 SEPTEMBER TO 28TH SEPTEMBER**  
(WEEKDAYS ONLY)

**DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:**

Ebene: Atish (5254 0127)  
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