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The Clavis Chronicle

FAREWELL TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!

Dear Clavis Community,

Despite a few restrictions, I feel very fortunate that we were able to have a relatively uninterrupted year of learning. The overall progress and attainment of our students has been wonderful to witness and we are very proud of their achievements. For any student, this is not possible without the support and involvement of their parents. Thank you to all of our parents for your partnership in our students' education. Your partners in your child's education are also the people who have the profoundest impact on our students' learning: their teachers. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the care and dedication of our amazing teachers and teaching assistants. For what they do in our classrooms with our learners and the even more they do behind the scenes that most of us are not aware of, I extend my deepest appreciation and respect for them. However, our school would not be what it is without the combined efforts of many, many people and I am also grateful to work with fantastic administration, leadership, and operations teams. Thank you to our entire community for the shared support and commitment to each other and our young learners!

As we reflect on this year and look forward to 2023, you will find some information in this issue about a few changes taking place in the coming academic year.

This is our 19th Clavis Chronicle this year and our last one for 2022. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday, and we wish our graduating Year 6 students all the best in their new adventures in Secondary school in 2023. Good luck!

Finally, we are sadly saying farewell to two of our staff members. Melanie Hart, who stepped in to teach Term 3 in Reception, will be leaving. She has had a very positive impact on our students and staff over her short time with us, but we are pleased that she may be able to support staff from time-to-time next year. We are also saying farewell to Melissa Brambodary, our Teaching Assistant currently working in Reception. Mrs Brambodary has been a wonderful educator for our students over the past few years and has been an important part of many students' lives during their critical early years. Our thanks and appreciation go out to both of our colleagues and we wish them all the best. You will be missed!

With gratitude,
Jeff

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Thank you!



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **18 November (Fri):** End of Term 3, last day of the school year
- **18 November (Fri):** non-Uniform / Civvies Day
- **11 January (Wed):** Parent information sessions and visiting your child's classroom
- **11 January (Wed):** New Pupil's Day
- **12 January (Thur):** First day of Term 1 for all students

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



Report cards will be available on Friday 18 November. Unless there are any technical issues, reports will be ready to download from ManageBac later that afternoon. Reports measure where the students' understanding and skill levels are in concepts and standards at this time of the year. That measure is a result of a combination of data points from formative observations, day-to-day work, conversations and discussions, and summative or benchmark assessments. If you have any questions about your child's report or discover any errors, please inform us immediately so they can be resolved.



Friday, 18 November is a civvies / non-uniform day for students if they choose. There will not be any donations or a cost required for students not in uniform; however, clothing must be respectful, safe, and appropriate for school. It should not create any distractions for the wearer or others around them.



In preparation for January 2023, please take note of the parent orientation and welcome sessions that will take place on Wednesday 11 January in your child's classroom (instead of the staffroom as in previous years). More information will be coming out about the start of next year as well as the teachers. The session will be about 40 minutes long. If you cannot attend, rest assured that the presentation and information will be sent to you. We will not be able to live stream them. This session is only for parents

(no returning students should be there); however, new students to Clavis are invited to attend, as they will also have their school orientation at this time.

Wednesday 11 January 2023 In your child's classroom	08:40 - 09:20	Reception Parents & New Students
	10:00 - 10:40	Years 1 and 2 Parents & New Students
	11:00 - 11:40	Years 3 and 4 Parents & New Students
	12:00 - 12:40	Years 5 and 6 Parents & New Students



Swimming in 2023 - We can confirm swimming for next year at Côte d'Or for Years 1 to Years 6 children. We are still waiting for a place for next year's Reception classes swimming venue. More info will be sent in due time. Kindly book/buy your swimming suit for years 1 to 6 from the school shop for swimming in Term 1 next year.



Library Books Returned: Students will no longer be able to sign out or remove any books from the library. All outstanding books are to be returned in the coming week so that we can catalogue and work on the long process of preparing the library for January. Please contact the school if your child has lost any books so we can inform you of the next steps.



Christmas Shoeboxes and Hampers - Please see our last issues for information about how you can support the Mauritius Christmas Shoebox programme. There is a huge need for it this year. The gifts (shoeboxes) are given to underprivileged children in shelters and communities across Mauritius and the food hampers will provide huge help to those families in desperate need.



Do not forget about the open swim day on 12 Nov. and the LBIS Trail Run on 19 Nov. Information on both can be found in our previous Clavis Chronicle that went home on 28 October.



SOME CHANGES COMING IN 2023

As always, we will continue to look for ways to move Clavis forward and ways that will improve learning for all of our students. There were many new initiatives that started this year which we will further consolidate and use more effectively in the future. We are looking at improving and changing in a number of areas next year. Some include:

1. French will be done with a rotation of six teachers in each year level instead of five, and differentiated learning groups will be extended into Year 1. Our French team has been hard at work over the past years approaching learning in new ways. Two years ago we shifted away from one teacher per year level to have multiple teachers supporting multiple levels of learning. Their new framework should allow for more personalised learning and a greater involvement in Year 1, where we introduced French instruction last year.
2. The use of increased use of technology has always been something that is of interest to many; however, technology without purpose can be simply a waste of time. The use of technology and teaching of technology skills should go hand-in-hand with subject learning and should be used to enhance and support that learning. A few more iPads will be added to the school to provide more options and availabilities for students. Additionally, TV screens will be added in every learning space as a teaching resource and allow alternative ways to explore concepts and information.
3. Performing Arts (Music) will come together with Visual Arts (Art) under the wider umbrella of The Arts. We are exploring new ways to see the arts within classrooms and how we can consider more creative and innovative forms of both. Ultimately, we would also like to see where the Dramatic Arts (Drama) can fit into our programme of learning more in the future.
4. Parents have long asked to make online platforms simpler to engage with and understand. At the moment, the Seesaw Family App is used by parents to see their child's portfolio and message teachers, the Seesaw Class App is used by students for learning activities and to engage with their portfolios, and ManageBac is used by parents to update their information and access report cards. This is also the platform that teachers use for their unit planning. Next year, both Seesaw and ManageBac will be migrated into a single platform called [Toddle](#). We are very excited about the benefits it will have for parents, students, and teachers as it also provides more usability and resources for teaching and learning (like attendance, which will appear on reports next year). We will be sending out more information in January along with how to use all aspects of it (don't worry, we will make it as simple and painless as possible!).
5. There will be a new role for a Language Arts Coordinator beginning next year. Our Year 3 teacher, Ms Sajeela Gowrisunkur, has also been leading our Language Arts Committee work over the past two years helping to guide our curriculum scope and sequence, data collection and analysis, assessment and tracking, and resourcing. We still have much to accomplish and so we have created this position for next year. While continuing with the above, Ms Sajeela will also be working with teachers in their classrooms, supporting and coaching reading and writing learning and planning.

Besides the above, we are continuously finding ways to better meet the learning needs of our students. Throughout next year, we will continue to keep you updated with new resources, learning engagements, and ways of working that contribute to our continued school improvement efforts. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in all we do.



THE CLAVIS STUDENT CORNER



During the recent weeks, students organised themselves into teams to compete during breaks in our Clavis World Cup Football Championships. Our girls and boys demonstrated great athleticism, wonderful teamwork, and a great sporting spirit. In the end, we were down to four teams, with Brazil vs Brazil for third and fourth places, and France vs Spain for first and second places. Congratulations to the Spain team for their closely won victory and to Vinsen Chellen for being the top scorer of the tournament. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thanks to Mr Michael and Mr Aaron for organising and running the tournament and refereeing the games each day.



KEEPING CLAVIS ACTIVE AND FIT IN 2022

The PE Department would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all students, parents and teachers that participated in the different events (10k Steps Challenge, Tabata sessions, Walk to Le Pouce mountain, CrossFit, yoga by Miss Anuradha, Giant Zumba by Miss Sephora, Clavis walk to Malinga, the World Bicycle Day, handball, football and basketball interclasses tournament, the Clavis World Cup Football Tournament and new cross-country trails) organized for the Clavis Keep Fit project.

We will surely continue next year with more exciting and new events to keep the Clavis community FIT.

Thank you,
Michaël L'Escaut (PE Coordinator)



YEAR 6: CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK!



CLAVIS SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAMME

We included this in the last issue but wanted to remind everyone of this wonderful programme starting on 24 November. Please see the information letter with more details, costs, and the permission form that was sent to you along with this issue of the Clavis Chronicle.

COME AND JOIN THE CLAVIS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The holiday activities are open to students from Reception to Year 6

Sleepover on Friday 2nd to 3rd of December for students of Year 1 to Year 6

Price per day: Rs 1600 Time: 9:00-14:30 each day (*except 2 and 3 Dec)

Animators will be at school from 8:00. Please make sure it's an adult-to-adult handing over (not with the security man)

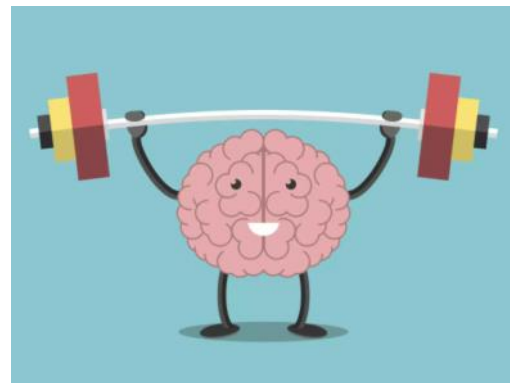
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Time	Thursday 24 Nov	Friday 25 Nov	Monday 28 Nov	Tuesday 29 Nov	Wednesday 30 Nov	Thursday 1 Dec	Friday(day) 2 Dec	Fri to Sat morning 2-3 Dec	
	Water fun day Bring spare clothes	Nature/ recycled craft day	Master chef session	Outing "A nou al picnic"	Christmas craft party	Picnic at the seaside Bring spare clothes	Xmas party time (Dismissal at 14:00)	Sleepover (Limit 50) Years 1-6	
9:00-10:00	Keep-fit Tabatha session Fun morning physical exercises							16:00 • Welcome • Debriefing • Essential agreements • Get to know each other	
10:00-10:30	Snack fruity station (Eat healthy)	Snack fruity station (Eat healthy)	Snack fruity station (Eat healthy)	Departure at 9:00 Rivière des Galets, World of Seashells, and La Prairie beach To bring own lunch. Only finger food such as bread or sandwiches	Snack fruity station (Eat healthy)	Departure at 9:00 Get ready! Mont Choisy beach Fun and exciting games organised by Mr Aaron	Snack fruity station (Eat healthy)	17:00 Games Getting ready for the Wacky Night at Clavis:	
10:30-10:50	Break (Students should bring their own snack for 1 st break)				Break	Break To bring own lunch. Only finger food such as bread or sandwiches	Break	Break	Break
10:50-11:50	• Water gun games • Slip & Slide games • Sponge relay	• Nature memory game • Nature scavenger/ bingo hunt	Bottle craft (bring an empty glass bottle, eg, wine bottle, beer bottle)		• Cinnamon stick Christmas tree		Elf's friends	18:30 Barbecue Film + popcorn Hot chocolate	
11:50-12:30	Lunch provided: Veg/non-veg	Lunch provided: Veg/non-veg	Lunch provided: Veg/non-veg		Lunch provided: Veg/non-veg		Lunch provided: Veg/non-veg	Lunch provided: Veg/non-veg	
12:30-14:15	• Pop the balloon • Water bottle toss	• Worm crafts • Rock painting crafts	• Cheesy bean subs • Crispy Reindeer chocolate cakes		• Chocolate reindeer craft • Snowball ornaments		Visit Santa's hut at Clavis	22.00 Bedtime	
14:30 Dismissal time (*14:00 on Friday 2 nd December)								Saturday Breakfast provided	
								Pick-up: 9:30 am	

SUMMER LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT OPTIONS

We know from the research and our own experience the negative effects of long holidays on children when they are not staying mentally active. Over the summer break, many students will have dropped a few levels in their reading and regressed by a month or more in their maths, as examples. Many academics refer to this as the *summer slide*. The good news is that very little is needed to maintain our students' academic levels throughout the holidays and we would like to suggest some ideas and options to help.



For our students who had access this year, they will continue to have access to IXL and RAZ-Kids over the summer. Reading for a short time every day should be the minimum our students can and should be doing; however, getting into a routine where students work on critical thinking skills and problem-solving as well, is amazing for summer cognitive development. Regular work with IXL in Language Arts and Maths will not only maintain their levels but will likely improve them also. However, there are many other options and opportunities available to you. Please read on!

A quick Internet search will give you thousands of pages of ideas and resources for things your child can do and ways to keep your children mentally active and still learning over the summer, inside and outside the home. Among these suggestions are some important things to keep in mind:

1. **Rest is important.** It is great to have fun-filled days but bedtimes often become later and later as the holidays progress. Getting enough sleep and rest is needed for mental and physical development, while keeping up with routines will make it much easier transitioning back to school in January
2. **Healthy body, healthy mind.** You have heard this many times before but it is very true. Though the heat might encourage people to slow down a bit, we do not want our students to stop moving and keeping fit. Remember, exercise is a celebration of what we can do, not a punishment for something we ate.
3. **Explore someplace new.** Trips to new places promote curiosity and asking questions. Getting out into nature, visiting a museum, or going to a historic site will generate learning connected to language, maths, art, science, history, geography and any number of areas. You never know when teachable moments might occur!
4. **Technology can be used for good.** Aside from the applications we use, you can discover amazing websites and apps that engage thinking and promote learning - most of them free! Here is a great place to start: [10 Great Free Websites for Elementary School | Common Sense Education](#)
5. **Read, read, and read.** Often the most accessible and easiest thing students can do is also the best and most impactful thing for their learning and development. Three things that we want you to keep in mind are: a) find texts that children can be successful in, b) find texts that children are interested in, and c) find uninterrupted time to allow children to dive into a book.
6. **Write all about it.** Keeping a journal or daily diary is a wonderful way of reflecting on their days and work on their organisation, vocabulary, and creativity skills. It's also something students can share with their new teacher next year and be proud of!

There are lots of things that you can do for your children to support them staying mentally and physically active, but do not forget the **importance of allowing children to be bored**. This promotes self-management, creativity, and problem-solving skills. It also allows students an opportunity to be reflective and be mindful, encouraging children to daydream and stimulate their brains in many different ways.

To our Clavis International Primary School community, thank you for an amazing year. We wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to being back together in 2023! Enjoy the well-earned break!

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