

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 14/3/25



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 17/3-21/3 Celebrating Neurodiversity Week
- 17/3 - Outdoor Learning 3J, 3HM, 3A
- 18/3 - School Photographs - class photos
- 19/3 - Outdoor Learning 3LG, 3M, 3H
- 20/3 - Y3/4 Girls' Football
- 20/3 - Comic Relief
- **21/3 - Parent Consultation Day**
- 24/3 - Dodgeball Competition
- 24/3 - Year 4 Residential Information Evening
- 25/3 - Parent Forum
- 25/3 - Year 6 Netball Rally
- 27/3 - Year 4, 5, 6 Swimming Gala
- 27/3 - Panathlon Event
- 28/3 - 4FA Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 31/3 - Year 3/4 Sportshall Competition
- 1/4 - Sportshall County Final
- 2/4 - Easter Service - St Mary's - 5J
- 3/4 - Year 6 Football - St Annes - away
- **4/4 - 1:45 End of term.**

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## THIS WEEK

The children have been busy as usual this week with trips, outdoor learning, mask making (Greek and Lion King) as well as all the usual learning.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school next Friday for our Parents' Consultation Day. As well as talking to your child's class teacher, you will

have the opportunity to look through the work your child has recently completed. Please call reception if you are having difficulties booking an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Finally, a quick reminder that make up, jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Have a super weekend.

It's been another productive week in **Year 3!** Here's a look at what we've been learning. This week in Literacy, we put the finishing touches on our non-chronological reports about dragons. The children have created some truly imaginative and detailed descriptions of these mythical creatures, including their habitats, diets, and special powers. One particularly mischievous dragon had a liking for tasty Year 3 teachers so we've been extra careful in the classroom! In our PSHE lessons, we have been learning about different jobs and the skills needed for them. The children were fascinated by the story of a 19-year-old entrepreneur who started his own pet food company because of his passion for caring for his chickens and dogs. His business has now gone global, showing that following your interests can lead to incredible opportunities! We discussed our own dreams and aspirations and the different skills that might help us achieve them. We explored Ancient Egyptian art by creating our own clay cartouches featuring scarab beetles. The children carefully shaped and designed their clay pieces, learning about the significance of scarabs in Egyptian culture. It was a messy but brilliant experience, and we can't wait to see the finished pieces next week. In History, we focused on understanding the importance of primary and secondary sources. We discussed how historians use different types of evidence to learn about the past and why it's important to consider where information comes from. The children enjoyed sorting different sources and identifying whether they were firsthand accounts or created later. This week, we built on our digital literacy skills by learning higher-level functions in Google Docs. The

children practised formatting text, inserting images, and using tools to enhance their writing. These skills will be really useful as we continue working on digital projects throughout the year. Fractions have been our focus this week in numeracy. We have explored unit fractions, non-unit fractions, and even begun looking at how fractions relate to division. The children have been working hard to compare and order fractions and solve real-world fraction problems. You can support their learning at home by asking them to spot fractions in everyday life - for example, when sharing food or dividing objects into equal parts. This week's spelling focus has been the suffix -es. We've been breaking words down into root words, prefixes, and suffixes to deepen our understanding of word construction. Discussing these at home can really reinforce learning - perhaps challenge your child to come up with words that use this suffix and explain how they change when -es is added! The highlight of our week was definitely to finish with our first year 3's class assembly: 3H! The children put on a fantastic performance, showcasing confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm. A huge well done to Mrs Hamilton and all of 3H - you were incredible! Another exciting and busy week in **Year 4**. All classes have now enjoyed their activity days. We have spent a day at Butser Farm, a day outdoor learning bird watching and a day creating Iron Man. In History, we have also created clay masks, linked to Greek Theatre. In Maths, we have concluded our fractions unit and began applying this knowledge to decimals. In Literacy, we have started a new unit, exploring poetry and have created our own Haiku and Cinquains. We have continued to look at Hundertwasser in Art, which will help us with our homework. And finally, in Science we have explored how our ears hear sound and how sound travels.

It's been another busy week in **Year 5**, with some classes finishing their buggies that they have been diligently planning in DT. Other classes will have their opportunity over the coming weeks, which'll end with them being motorised! Within Literacy, the children have been continuing to write their own ending to the Firework Maker's Daughter. They have been creating their own problems that the characters have to overcome and will be writing their resolution next week. During Maths, we continue to look at decimals and have been looking at how to order, compare and round them. We

finished the week with our Outdoor Learning day for the term, it is always a time enjoyed by both children and adults alike! The children had the opportunity to partake in a nature scavenger hunt, create a nature crown and natural drawers - to name a few activities. This week in **Year 6** we have started our new unit in Literacy on formal letters where we will be writing a formal letter of complaint. In Maths we have continued on with our measurement unit looking at area, perimeter and volume. In Science, we have been exploring how light reflects and can make shadows through a range of fun experiments. We have also incorporated our computing skills in this by using Sparkvideo and Seesaw to explore our experiment findings.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We continue with celebrating great behaviour and standards across the school in our Celebration Assembly. We have been particularly impressed by the improvement in lunchtime behaviour in the canteen where children have been going out of their way to make the space as pleasant as possible for the children coming later in the lunch hour.

The winning classes were as follows:

Best Uniform	3J
Best Lunchtime Behaviour	4W
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	3A
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	4R
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	5M
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	6B

Of these, 6B were chosen as Class of the Week and have enjoyed eating first all week. Well done 6B!

## PARENT PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS - LINK

If you are having any issues with the link to the parent consultation page, please copy and paste the following link into the browser to log in: <https://cleves.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## PARENT FORUM

On Tuesday 25th March we will be holding a Parent Forum. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with a member of staff and discuss a number of topics. Ideally, we would like a parent representative from each class to take part (this could be the class rep or another parent /carer). On this occasion, we will be discussing how we can help you support your child in reading, writing and spelling and also will be asking your views on our current residential offer.

If you would like to attend, please come straight to the art studio in the Y4 block (through the fire door near reception) where you can sign in. Doors open at 8.45am for a 9am start and the meeting and will last no longer than an hour.

## PHONES AND SMART WATCHES



We would like to remind you of our rules around mobile technology. Children are permitted to bring mobile phones to school but they **must** be **switched off** and kept in the child's bag while on the school premises.

In addition, we do not permit any 'smart' or internet enabled devices such as watches. A fitbit or similar which only counts steps etc is fine. Thank you for your support.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Football

On Tuesday, the Year 6 boys had another league game to play in our busy March schedule. The

anticipated league game was against league contenders Burhill. For most of the first half, the ball was played forward and into dangerous areas of the pitch. Both teams battled hard and the game was closely contested. Soon into the second half, Cleves broke through and found an opener to take the lead. After managing the game well and holding the ball high up the pitch, Cleves held the lead and saw out the final whistle. A huge, huge victory in a very tense game and 3 points that push the boys closer to the title! Well done to those who played in the fixture.

The Year 5 boys have also had a busy week. On Tuesday they were in league action playing away to Walton Oak. This was their penultimate league game of the season and they knew a win would pretty much secure the league title. Walton Oak proved to be tricky opponents though through their workrate and determination. At half time, we found ourselves two goals ahead but knew we were capable of more. In the second half we went up a gear and ran out 5 v 0 winners which sets up the final game against Burhill on 1st April where the boys will hopefully lift the league title.

Then on Thursday, the boys played in the annual district tournament at Royal Holloway. This saw them compete in four group games which were a mixture of highs and lows for the boys. A 6 v 0 win against St James and a 3 v 0 win against Grovelands saw strong performances but a 0 v 0 against Ongar Place and a 1 v 0 loss against St Charles exposed our potential frailties. We finished 2nd in our group, qualifying for the quarter finals where we beat St Anne's comprehensively with a 3 v 0 win. In the semis we then played Holy Family and edged past them with a narrow 1 v 0 win. In the final we played St Cuthberts who had looked impressive all day. It was a really tight game but our opponents just edged it by a single goal. Well done to the boys who played, we just need to get greater consistency in performances and really roll up our sleeves and work hard when it's required.



## EARLY RISERS UPDATE

If your child currently attends or will need to attend Early Risers after Easter, and you haven't already, then please complete the google form below.

[Early Risers Booking Form](#)

## WELLBEING

We will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week on the 17th- 21st March. We will have a whole school assembly and will be doing activities during the week to recognise how all our brains do things differently. The following website has resources for parents to explore as well [Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the cumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	40599
Arundel	44639
York	40109
Warwick	43433

## APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via [absence@cleves.co.uk](mailto:absence@cleves.co.uk) and Class Teacher. Where possible (emergencies being the exception) such appointments should be kept to a minimum as many doctors and dentists offer surgeries outside of school times. However, if appointments have to be made during school hours, it is expected that the pupil will return promptly after the appointment. If for some reason this is not possible, parents should contact the Welfare Officer to discuss before

The Year 5/6 girls were also in league action on Monday and also played Walton Oak. Just like the Year 5 boys, it was a tricky fixture and the girls had to be at their best to secure a 2 v 0 win. The girls are also well placed in the league and have a number of important games coming up before the Easter break. Well done!

### Mini Olympics

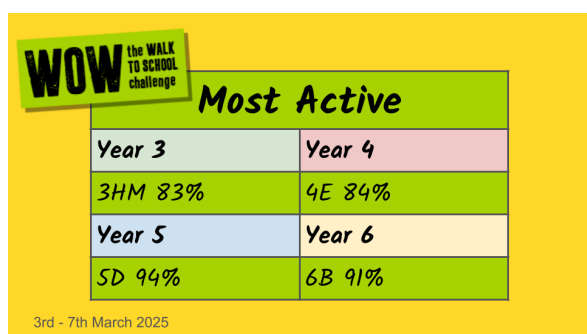
Well done to 3LG and 3M who took part in a Mini Olympics competition last Friday. It was a great afternoon of sport and I am pleased to say 3M emerged as overall winners

### Girls Team - District Cross Country Competition

I have a number of spaces available in the Year 5 and Year 6 girls cross country team for the competition at Notre Dame on Saturday 29th March. If your child is interested and you would like to find out more, please email me - [csmith@cleves.co.uk](mailto:csmith@cleves.co.uk)

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

Please see below for last week's Active Travel results. Well done all and keep it up!





making the decision not to return to school.

## ECO NEWS

### Fish Responsibly

Follow "catch and release" practices and keep more fish alive. Recycle or safely discard fishing lines. Never throw it overboard as entanglement is one of the most common animal injuries caused by humans.



## STATIONERY SHOP

### Break-time Stationery Shop

This term the Year 5 & 6 school council members will be running an essential's stationery shop.

Break time: Tuesday for Lower School and Thursdays for Upper School by 4L

Prices:

Glue sticks £1

Whiteboard pens 30p

Rulers 20p

Pencils 20p

Rubber 10p

Friction pen £1.50

If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time. They will only be allowed to purchase one of each item at a time.

## THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS ....

### World Book Day Y6 Artwork

