

Cleves School

Newsletter - 21/3/25



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 24/3 - Dodgeball Competition
- 24/3 - Year 4 Residential Information Evening (6pm in the Performance Hall)
- 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 1:30 and 2:30 5J
- 3/4 - Year 6 Football - St Annes - away
- **4/4 - 1:45 End of term**
- **22/4 - First day of Summer Term**
- 25/4 - Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament

THIS WEEK

Thank you for all your generosity for our Comic Relief collection this week. We have raised an amazing total of £1,020.86 including £361 from the Cleves Joke Book! Many thanks to Miss Childs and the School Council for organising this for us. We hope you are 'entertained' all weekend with the 'hilarious' jokes that the children have come up with.

We hope you have found the meetings with your child's teacher useful and enjoyed looking at the children's books. I know they enjoy sharing all of their work with you.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

This week, **Year 3** has been diving into some exciting new learning! In English, we've started recount writing based on Saint George and The Dragon, focusing on storytelling and key writing techniques. In Whole Class Reading, we are continuing our journey with Lottie Lipton, while in Maths, we are wrapping up our work on Fractions. We finished the week finding fractions of a number. In Science, we have been learning about how water moves through plants. We discovered that plants absorb water through their roots, which then travels up the stem to reach the leaves and flowers. To see this in action, we carried out a fun experiment using lettuce leaves and coloured water - over time, we observed the colour moving through the veins of the leaves, showing how water is transported! In History, we've been comparing life in Britain during ancient times with life in Ancient Egypt, discovering fascinating similarities and differences. In PE, gymnastics has been all about improving different jumps using equipment, helping us build strength and coordination. Meanwhile, in PSHE, we've been discussing job stereotypes and setting goals for the future. To round off the week, we celebrated Red Nose Day! This special event is all about coming together to have fun while making a difference. We raised money to support charities that help people in the UK and around the world, tackling important issues such as poverty, homelessness, and mental health. It's a chance for us to show kindness, generosity, and teamwork - all while wearing our red noses with pride! We have had a lovely week in **Year 4**, reassuming normal timetables! The children have written amazing Haiku, Cinquains and rhyming couplet poems all about Spring. In Maths, we have continued to learn about tenths, using numbers lines. We continue to learn about sound in Science, exploring different instruments and how we can change and alter pitch. We enjoyed some lovely weather yesterday for our games sessions, learning various different skills for sports such as football, hockey and netball. We loved seeing everyone's homework on their significant buildings inspired by Hundertwasser. In Art, we looked at a new technique and created some lovely paint work, exploring texture. In Computing, we are taking it in

turns to use the LEGO Milo Rovers and the children are enjoying learning how to code.

Another action packed week in **Year 5** has just passed! The children have completed their own chapter for The Firework Maker's Daughter - this has been copied into special writing books and looks amazing. Next week, we will be starting an exciting literacy unit! Within PSHE, classes have been discussing different jobs and sections - these have brought on some very interesting conversations. During Science, we discussed Galileo's famous hypothesis that objects with different masses reach the ground at the same time. The children greatly enjoyed carrying out their own experiment to prove this. Within Maths, we have been combining our learning over the past couple of weeks to discuss how to convert and compare fractions, decimals and percentages. It was great to end the week with the sea of red that faced us! Another busy week in **Year 6** this week where we have been working hard across all lessons. We have enjoyed exploring how the eye works in Science. We have also been looking at energy production in Topic, exploring fossil fuels, renewable energy and the impacts these have on the environment. Finally, we have started looking at ratios and scale factors in Maths.

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	5M
Best Lunchtime Behaviour	5H
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	3HM
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	4R
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	5N
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	6P

Of these, 3HM were chosen as Class of the Week and have enjoyed eating first all week. Well done 3HM!

MUSIC

Angela & Saskia Inspire Oatlands Children

This week saw Mr. Kilhams run a music assembly at Oatlands School aimed at inspiring children to pick up an instrument and give it a go! But the real stars of the assembly were the incredible Angela in Year 5 and Saskia in Year 6. They performed a duet by Mozart that wowed the Oatlands children. They also took some questions from children in Year 1 and Year 2 about why they started learning the violin or oboe. Well done to both of them for performing so well and Mr. Kilhams is looking forward to having lots of Violinists and Oboists join Cleves next year!!



PATH CLOSURE

From **Monday 24th March**, we will be repairing the pathway that leads from the front entrance to the GAP entrance, therefore the path will be closed and out of use until further notice.

If your child attends GAP, please collect them from the multimedia room. After entering the school gates, take the right hand path before you reach Reception and follow it round to the playground, where you will see the entrance to the multimedia room.

Please note that the bike and scooter racks will now be placed with the existing racks along the path by

the car park and near the Year 5 block. If you cycle or scoot to school, please **ONLY** use the bungalow gate or the field gate entrances where there is easy access to secure your bikes and scooters.

If your child attends Early Risers, please ensure they disembark at the front gate and **walk** to the cycle racks to put their bikes/scooters away before going to Early Risers.

LUNCHES

As of Monday 24th March all procedures for the ordering of lunches will be back to normal. Please remember to check your Scopay account in advance as there is a 72 hr lock on the system so for any days where a lunch has not been ordered, we will expect that you send in a packed lunch on that day.

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 will last no longer than an hour.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Boys A Team - Chelsea Tournament

On Friday 14th March, the Cleves A Team boys were back in action in a very, very exciting trip to Chelsea's training ground in Cobham. The tournament involved 6 different teams from across London and Surrey in a very competitive competition. The Cleves boys started the tournament controlled and composed, showing

their skills and picking up several points. The Cleves team ended the group phase with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss, which was enough to see them progress to the knockouts round. Unfortunately, after a very quick goal out of nothing in the semi-final, Cleves conceded and it was the end of the road for the tournament. The boys should all be extremely proud of themselves as they demonstrated not only brilliant football, but showed excellent determination and character throughout. Well done!

On Tuesday, the Year 6 A Team played in their very exciting league cup semi-final football fixture against Ongar Place. The Cleves boys were fired up and very eager to get themselves into the final of the cup. The game started quickly and Cleves dominated possession for the most part. The boys attacked down the wings and linked up brilliantly to score the first goal of the game and to calm down the nerves. Soon after, Cleves kicked on and went on the attack again to secure several more goals and give themselves a greater lead. With more rotation at half time, the boys continued to move the ball well and link up in the final third. Cleves were clinical throughout the game and saw the game finish with a 7-0 win to secure their place in the final of the league cup. A huge congratulations to the whole squad and a very exciting fixture awaits the boys in the final soon!

Girls Football

This week, the Year 5/Year 6 girls football team played against St Anne's in our penultimate league game. St Anne's proved a challenge in the opening minutes but two goals from inside our own half built confidence going into half time. For the second half, the girls continued their strong performance and eventually came out 4-0 winners. We now move into another crucial week of fixtures. Well done to all the girls involved.

Tag Rugby Friendlies

On Wednesday, 14 boys from Years 4 and 5 travelled to The Echelford School in Ashford for two tag rugby friendly matches. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of tag rugby which saw boys from both teams play to a high standard. What's more the sportsmanship from all that played was exemplary. The Year 5 game ended 14 v 14 and the Year 4 game saw Cleves win 16 v 14. Well done to everyone who played!



Parent Workshop

An introduction to sensory processing & sensory and emotional regulation strategies for your child.

A parent workshop with Kate Doyle (Specialist Occupational Therapist) focused on understanding sensory processing differences and how they impact behaviour with tips on how to support your child's sensory needs.

Friday 9th May 2025
9:30am-10.30am
Cleves School, Oatlands Ave, Weybridge KT13 9TS

ACTIVE TRAVEL

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

WOW

the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

Most Active

Year 3	Year 4
3LG 85%	4E 91%
Year 5	Year 6
SD 95%	6TS 89%

12th March - 19th March

ECO NEWS

Save Water

Using less water means less waste-water enters our oceans. For example, collect water in butts for your garden, only wash clothes when your washing basket is full and wash on cold water cycles and finally, turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.



Rethink Waste Scheme

By subscribing to the scheme, residents of Surrey (adults and children!) watch the online videos, play the games, challenges and quizzes to learn about ways to reduce waste. By doing so, you collect points which you donate to your chosen school (Cleves please!) and the total number of points goes towards monetary prizes. At the end of the month, if we come in the top 3 schools, we will be allocated a portion of £3,000 depending on how many points we receive. We stay in the competition, which restarts each month, until we come in the top 3. We have been very close but have not quite made it yet. Let's make March our month!

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 running a Sensory Strategies parent workshop on the 9th May at Cleves in conjunction with Oatlands and Manby Lodge. If you would like to attend please fill out the form below.

Please go to rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools and donate points to Cleves. Here is a [step by step](#) guidance.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mafalda C (4W) placed fifth in not just one, but TWO beginner categories in Scottish Highland dance at the HDTAE Central England Open Championship on 1st of March in Corby! What an incredible achievement - well done, Mafalda!"

