

Cleves School

Newsletter - 24/1/25



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27/1 - Indoor Football Festival
- 28/1 - Girls' football fixture
- 29/1 - Y6 football fixture
- 30/1 - Football tournament
- 31/1 - 5N class assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 3/2 - Children's mental health week
- 3/2 - Year 6 football fixture
- 4/2 - Year 5 football fixture
- 5/2 - Y6 Lion King trip
- 10/2 - Year 6 football fixture
- 13/2 - Girls' football fixture
- 14/2 - End of Term at 3:15

THIS WEEK

This week I have had the extraordinary experience of attending Young Voices with our young musicians. On Thursday, our young singers performed in front of a packed O2 Arena. They showed our value of high aspiration with incredible energy and enthusiasm and were excellent ambassadors for Cleves School. We were so proud of their achievement, especially their confidence and learning of so much music! Thank you also to all the staff and parents involved in making this a success, especially Mr Kilhams and Mrs Tao.

Have a restful weekend.

It's been another busy week in **Year 3!** We've really immersed ourselves in our new literacy unit, focusing on instructional texts, with the children's favourite part being acting out the process of mummification—so much fun! In Maths, we continued our work on addition and subtraction, tackling some tricky concepts that the children have worked incredibly hard on. We also took a fascinating trip back in time to explore how people organised their day before clocks were invented, creating our own sundials to deepen our understanding. In DT, we kicked off a new unit on healthy eating, learning about the different food groups and exploring the healthy eating plate. History has been exciting too, as we plotted events from the Stone Age to the first landing on the moon on a timeline, before zooming in on key events from Ancient Egyptian history. Finally, in RE, we've been continuing our study of Islam, this week focusing on why mosques are so important for worship. It's been a full and enriching week of learning! In **Year 4** this week, we have begun to explore the mysterious world of Greek Mythology. After studying the story of Perseus and Medusa, Year 4 children have started developing ideas for their own narratives about Theseus and The Minotaur. Linking to this, children have practiced their measuring skills and are set to start cutting their walls for their own marble labyrinth next week. We can't wait!

In **Year 5** this week, the children have finished writing their opening for a Science-fiction narrative. The children have enjoyed describing their own alien world, creating their own 'thing' and writing a flashback in literacy. In computing, three classes have started our LEGO computing unit, where they have built LEGO space rovers and will look at programming them using coding on I pads in the next lesson. The rest of the year group will be doing the same in a couple of weeks. In RE, we have continued to learn about Hinduism and have been talking about how to look after our planet in PSHE. Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their two week planet

homework. We have had incredible models, scratch animations, slideshows and more. A fantastic achievement by all. In **Year 6** this week we have been looking at the importance of internet safety in Computing and as a result we have become 'internet legends'. We have continued looking at plastic in Geography, with focus on the positives and negatives of plastic use, but mainly on the damaging impacts plastic pollution has on the environment. We have also become scientists by participating in some fun experiments to look at reversible and irreversible changes in Science.

SPORTS NEWS

Football

On Monday, the Cleves A team boys football played in another league fixture against Walton Oak. The game started with some very quick play and a high tempo from both sides. Cleves moved the ball well and found space down the wings. After pressing high up the pitch, Cleves found the net and continued to add to the tally in the first half. The second half kicked off and Cleves were determined to add to the scoreline, whilst keeping that vital clean sheet. The boys held strong to the physical battle and dominated the rest of the game. A huge 9-0 victory and a very deserving well done to all those played in the fixture! Onto Bellfarm in the league next Monday!

The following night the Year 5/6 Boys B team were in action in a league game against Burhill. It was a hugely entertaining game where Cleves came from one goal behind to eventually win 3 v 1. This means they remain undefeated in the league with fixtures against Lyne and Longcross and St Paul's remaining. Well done to everyone who played, particularly those who represented the school for the first time.

Then, just yesterday, the Year 5 boys team were in action against Royal Russell in a Surrey County Cup fixture. This always promised to be a tough fixture for the boys and one they would have to be at their best for. We started brilliantly and got our noses in front with a great strike from Jack L. Royal Russell hit back though and a lack of focus and concentration saw us concede three goals in a

matter of five minutes. The second half continued to be an even contest but we couldn't quite manage to get ourselves back in the game and it finished 5 v 2 to our opponents with the hosts last goal a thing of real brilliance. Well done to the boys who played, there was lots of learning to be taken from the game.

Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 6 Sportshall Athletics team who are district champions for the 15th year in a row! On Monday morning, Cleves hosted the competition with five other local schools attending. It was a great morning of running, jumping and throwing which saw us finish ahead of St Charles, St James and Grovelands. The team now progresses to the Surrey County finals on April 1st where they will face the other district winners from across Surrey. It was a deserved win for our 25 athletes who have been busy practising and preparing before school every Thursday morning.



Tag Rugby Festival

Monday afternoon saw the first of the tag rugby tournaments hosted by Cleves. In separate competitions both the Girls and the Boys teams faced off against three other local schools. The level of skill and commitment from both teams was a real reflection of the energy that we see every week at training. I am delighted to report that at the end of the competition both teams were victorious - taking home the silverware. Many thanks to Martin and Ian, who came in to coach the Girls, and to Mr Smith in organising the event. We certainly look forward to the next round.

Squads:

Andrew, Austin, Eli, Ethan, Jacob, James, Kristian, Max, Otto, Timothy

Abi, CeCe, Ella-Rose, Elodie, Erin, Georgia, Louise, Maddie, Matilda, Thaleia



Surrey Schools Cross Country

Well done to the 18 Cleves athletes who took part in the Surrey Schools Cross Country competition last Saturday in Reigate. All that took part ran strongly with many finishing inside or around the top 20. This was a considerable achievement given that in many of the races there were over 120 athletes taking part. It clearly demonstrates the strength and talent of our runners at Cleves and is testament to their hard work and commitment to running.

Lunchtime Sports Clubs

These are now fully up and running for the spring term. Please make sure your child knows what they are attending on a particular day as we had a number of children not attending this week. A lot of work goes into organising these clubs and teachers do give up their time, so it would be great to see them fully attended.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the accumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	31116
Arundel	33030
York	29390
Warwick	32055

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via 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 making the decision not to return to school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to book school dinners on Scopay at least 72 hours in advance and discuss choices with your child so that they are happy with what they are eating. If your child has not got a booked lunch, we will expect that you will provide a packed lunch on that day.

Please [click here](#) to see a separate letter from the headteacher.

TRAVEL NEWS

Cleves Travel Shop (online)

We have a number of items available in the Cleves Travel Shop which are now available to purchase.

The items will be delivered to the children in their classrooms following an order.

NB: Both parts below are required to be completed

1. Please complete the order online - using the Google Form - [Cleves Travel Shop link](#)
2. Use the parentpay system to pay for the items ordered.

ECO NEWS

Use Less Plastic

Plastics that end up in the ocean as marine debris cause habitat destruction and entangle and kill many marine animals. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Buy products with less packaging. Use reusable water bottles and bring bags when food shopping. Recycle whenever possible. Don't release helium balloons outside because once they end up in the ocean, they harm animals that mistake them for food.



January Rethink Waste Scheme

Cleves has been accepted onto the Rethink Waste Donations Scheme again for January, which started on the 6th January. By subscribing to the scheme, residents of Surrey watch the on-line 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 schools donation fund period, we will be allocated a portion of £3,000 depending on how many points we receive. The funding is going to be used to purchase some benches with green canopy roofs.

Please continue to spread the word to friends and

family by clicking here [Step by step guide](#). It literally takes 2 mins! Thank you for your support.

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.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored misinformation. This week we look at live streaming, which our children may experience through gaming or following influencers on social media. To read this week's guide, please click on the image.



PTA

Cleves School Ball

We are very excited with all the events plan so far. The Ball is open to the WHOLE school, and tickets will go on sale in April so keep your eyes **peeled**. We will be offering an "Early Bird special" for complete tables of 12 people at first to gauge numbers. So it's a great time now to start organising your table with friends.

We would love the support and donations of the Cleves family to help with any prizes for our auction or raffle that you or your companies may have to offer! Please get in touch via email Clevesball@gmail.com with the committee.

All money raised goes directly to our wonderful school and children's education.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to George (4FA) who has been nominated by Great Ormond Street Hospital for 'Fundraiser of the Year' for his phenomenal fundraising efforts. Well done!

Congratulations to Ailana (4L) who has been awarded her Grade 2 ballet with High Merit from the Royal Academy of Dance. She was also one of the youngest to achieve it this year.

THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

Space homework from Year 5 - they look amazing! Thank you to all parents & carers for the assistance given.





