

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 28/2/25



awards to recognise classes making a particular effort in showing school values. There will be three awards that classes can win:

1. Showing school values and learning behaviours
2. Pride in our presentation: smart school uniform (including PE)
3. Lunchtime behaviour

One of these winning classes will then be chosen to be the Class of the Week, winning the opportunity to go first for lunch for a whole week. We hope that you will support us in encouraging the school's expected behaviour through a positive lens, and help your child to celebrate the classes that win each week.

Have a restful weekend.

Our **Year 3** children have returned energised and excited to dive back into learning after the half-term break! This week, we began exploring non-chronological reports in preparation for writing about their very own dragons. In Maths, we are focusing on various multiplication and division methods, helping build those essential foundational skills and starting to learn about the written methods. We are continuing our journey with coding in Scratch, where the children have been developing their problem-solving skills and creativity through programming. This half-term, we will be focusing on gymnastics, engaging in physical activities that promote coordination and confidence. We will be using the apparatus to practise building strength and securing different shapes in the air and on the equipment. In Art, we have been looking at different sketching techniques in preparation for creating Ancient Egyptian cartouches, allowing our students to explore art and history in a hands-on way. We are proud of the hard work and dedication our Year 3s have started back with. Thank you for encouraging them at home! As we move forward, please continue with

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2/3 - Border League Cross Country
- 4/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4FA and 4L)
- 6/3 - World Book Day
- 7/3 - 5M Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 7/3 - Y3 Mini Olympics
- 11/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4W and 4R)
- 13/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4E and 4M)
- 14/3 - 3H Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 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**

## THIS WEEK

This week we welcomed back the children after half term. In assembly, we talked about Cleves being the best school and taking pride in our school to keep it being the best. We enjoy representing our school in sports, music, art or many other aspects of school life, which shows the outside community that we are proud to belong at Cleves. We thought about what makes Cleves special and considered the way we act towards each other, showing respect and kindness, and the way we aspire to be the best we possibly can be, working hard to achieve that aim. We have decided to celebrate and encourage good behaviour choices with weekly

your involvement as it is a crucial part of their success. We are grateful for your continued partnership and support. **Reminder:** Next Thursday, 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Week! We encourage all students to come dressed as their favourite book character. Get creative with those costumes, and let's celebrate the joy of reading together! It's been lovely to have the children back after half term in **Year 4** and we have had an excellent week. We have enjoyed continuing with our Iron Man diary entries and look forward to publishing them in our special write on Monday. In Maths, we continued to explore fractions and even used pasta to help us understand fractions of amounts! In Science, we have started our new topic understanding 'Sound' and explored vibrations through instruments. In PE, we have started our new unit on Greek Dance. Finally, we have started a new unit in Art exploring the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We are thoroughly looking forward to our busy week next week with trips, ODL, Iron Man making and World Book Day!

It has been a busy week in **Year 5**, with each class taking part in their first aid session. The children learnt a range of techniques from what to look for during an allergic reaction, how to contact the emergency services and how to correctly put someone into the recovery position. They may want to discuss what they learnt and to put it into practice! During literacy this week, the children have been carrying on with our poetry unit. The children have now written and performed their poem. We have started reading The Firework Maker's Daughter, which is a lovely story we continue to explore over the coming weeks. Next week, we will be using this story within our literacy. We will be stopping at a certain point where the children will be creating the ending themselves - we look forward to reading them! We had a great week back this week in **Year 6!** We have started our new unit in Literacy where we have been using our recent trip to the Lion King theatre show to write a review, looking specifically at the costumes, stunning staging, magical music and impressive choreography. We have also started our new book this term in Whole Class Reading called Floodlands, which links nicely to our focus on sea levels rising in Geography.

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## SPORTS NEWS

A busy first week of sport with three football matches, the first swimming training session for the new swimming squad and the Year 6 sportshall competition at Cleves on Friday afternoon. We will report on this in next week's newsletter.

Apologies that we had to cancel the Year 5/6 football festival this week due to the weather. We will look to rearrange this later in March. Finally good luck to all our cross country runners taking part in the final Border League event in Reigate on Sunday.

### **Girls Football - Year 5 & 6**

The girls football team have had an eventful week, where **all** of the girls have participated in a match.

On Monday, the Year 6 team took on St Catherine's, from Twickenham, in the Y6 Surrey County Cup. Despite edging the play, the girls were 1-0 down with 10 minutes left to play. A late equaliser and a winner with 17 seconds left on the clock meant they came out 2-1 winners and progress to the semi finals.

The Year 5 team then played their quarter final on Thursday, against Barrow Hedges. Cleves were outstanding from the first whistle and after playing some 'champagne football', ended the game as 5-1 victors. They, too, progress to the semi finals. Congratulations to all the girls.

### **Year 5 Boys Football**

The Year 5 boys returned to league action this week with an away fixture at Ashley School. This was an important game for many of the boys, having been ex pupils of the school. As with all local derbies, the first half was a tense and physical affair with both teams forcing the goalkeepers into a number of great saves. Just before half time, Leo H finished smartly to give us the lead. The game was far from won though and we needed to ensure we started the second half strongly. We did just that with four further second half goals from Oscar (pen), Edward, Leo and Jack to secure a comprehensive 5 v 0 win. Well done boys, they

remain undefeated in the league with two games left.

## 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

Children's Mental Health week was very successful and we have now managed to display our "petals of personality". Thank you to Sarah Moody for creating such amazing displays.



## NO NUTS

Just a reminder that we are a no nuts and sesame school, this includes hummus. Please remind your children that they should not be swapping snacks or sharing food in case of allergies.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the accumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	26510
Warwick	27252
York	23996
Arundel	26534

## 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

making the decision not to return to school.

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## ECO NEWS

### Use Less Fertiliser

When fertilisers are used in gardening and agriculture, the excess eventually ends up in the ocean, which can result in a "dead zone" with little or no oxygen to support ocean life. Use fertiliser only when necessary and use ecological or organic fertilisers when possible.



### 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!

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

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## CURRICULUM MAPS

Please note that the Curriculum Maps can be found on the school website.

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week we marked Safer Internet Day. This week, we have a parent guide to the use of WhatsApp. It has come to our attention that many children are using WhatsApp, though the minimum

age is 13. This poster lets parents know everything you need to know about WhatsApp safety. To read this week's guide, please see the attachment.

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## 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.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Oliver (3J) is a member of the Melodians Steel Orchestra UK and played alongside his dad at The Commonwealth Family Day at Westminster Abbey. Please [click here](#) to watch the video. Well done Oliver!

Congratulations to Mia S (5D) who had two gymnastics competitions last half term - King Edmund Acro Cup - Sunday 16 February in Bristol. Mia competed for the first time as a women's trio category, and got third place! Spelthorne Acro Cup - Sunday 23 February at home. Mia was awarded third place again, having performed a superb routine in a very tough category!

Well done to Max R (5J) who had the opportunity to be the Man City Mascot this week when they took on Tottenham. Max got to meet all his favourite players and walk out with the City team at the start

of the game. He had the best time!

