

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 29/11/24



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30/11 - PTA Christmas Fair
- 1/12 - Border League Cross Country
- 2/12 - Height and weight checks (Y6)
- 2/12 - Y4 Toots Performance
- 3/12 - Y3 Violins Performance
- 3/12 - Y5/6 Football vs Cardinal Newman
- 4/12 - Y6 Clarinets Performance
- 4/12 - Y5 Football vs Pycroft Grange
- 5/12 - Y5 Trumpet Performance
- 5/12 - Choir singing carols at local care homes
- 6/12 - Y2 Mini Olympics
- 6/12 - PTA Wreath Making Workshop
- 10/12 & 11/12 - Y3/4 Nativities
- 17/12 - Year 5 Christmas Concert
- 18/12 - Year 6 Christmas Concert
- 20/12 - End of Term 1:45

## THIS WEEK

Last night, I was honoured to be able to accompany our orchestra to the Royal Albert Hall to perform at the Music for Youth prom. It was incredible to see the confidence of our young people joining in with a large massed choir and orchestra to perform music by Hans Zimmer and from the BBC Ten Pieces. They showed excellent focus and perseverance throughout the rehearsal and performance and were also able to watch diverse and highly talented performances by other children. The composer of the Ten Pieces composition that they performed was originally inspired by a similar experience at age 11 of performing in the Royal Albert Hall, so I

look forward to seeing what our children achieve in the coming years!

Following on from this musical achievement, we look forward to welcoming parents to our first Tuning Up performances this coming week. If your child has been learning an instrument with Surrey Arts, you will have received a form to notify if you are able to come and see their progress. These will happen throughout the year as different classes learn their instruments. There will also be an opportunity to sign up to additional music lessons if your child has enjoyed this opportunity. Maybe they'll be accompanying us to the Royal Albert Hall another year!

**Year 3** have been getting in the Christmas spirit this week. We have had lots of rehearsing for our Christmas Show at the church on the 10th December and we have started designing our Christmas stockings for our DT lesson. A huge thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to come in and help with the sewing over the next two weeks. In literacy we finished our creative writing linked to William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. The children used incredible figurative language in their work. In Maths we are also coming to the end of our multiplication and division unit. We have been practising our 4 and 8 times tables and applying this knowledge to word problems. In Science we learned about fossils and how they are formed. **Year 4** have completed their letter to Steve Reed, the Environment Minister, this week, where they have used their literacy skills to persuade him of the importance of keeping the River Thames clean. In DT, children have started to sew their canvas bags from their printed fabric which is quite exciting! In Science, we have learnt about the damage to teeth that sugar and bacteria can cause - next week we will focus on how we can keep our teeth clean and healthy. Our RE studies of the Sikh religion continue as does our reading of the novel 'The Ice Palace'. And amongst all that we

are continuing to practice our performances for the upcoming Nativity!

Another fun-packed week in **Year 5!** The week began with a very exciting start to our new Literacy unit on Letters from the Golden Hinde. In these lessons, we have started to look at the conditions aboard the ship and immersed ourselves into life as a sailor. We have also used our knowledge from Topic to help us think about working on the ship, food and drink and the terrible sleeping conditions in hammocks. Following on from our previous lesson in Topic about exploration, we have spent some time studying the Spanish Armada and their defeat in 1588. We followed their route to England and how their mission didn't quite go to plan. Our Maths lessons have seen us look at calculating the perimeter of various compound shapes and then finding out the area. Throughout the week, we have spent some time using our key learning of shapes to help us find missing lengths, all whilst converting various measurements too. In computing, we have continued on with our iMovie unit and have very excitedly started to add special effects and extra audio features to our films. We clearly have some very talented future movie producers in our year group! Most excitedly, we have all begun to look at our Christmas songs and poems in preparation for the upcoming performance before the Christmas break. The Christmas tunes have been blaring out loudly from the Year 5 block and we can't wait to see how they turn out with some more practice ahead. Getting in the Christmas spirit in **Year 6**, our Literacy unit this week focuses on intertwining speech with description and action. To understand this, we are using a scene from Christmas Carol where Scrooge and his nephew meet. In Computing, pupils have finished their tutorials on how to use Tinkercad, ready to design their very own 3D keyring. In Science, all classes have now successfully completed their learning of evolution via the story of the peppered moths. Well done for your hard work this week and a massive thank you for your reading challenge donations - we now have enough for a whole set of World Cup of Books per class!

## **SPORTS**

### **Chelsea Foundation**

Last Friday, eight Y6 boys participated in a thrilling day tournament run by Chelsea foundation at Walton Xcel. The day started off early with a group stage and then knockout rounds. Cleves showed some fantastic teamwork and scored some exceptional goals. The boys dominated in the rounds and have seen themselves successfully progress to the next round of the competition. A huge congratulations to those who played and a very exciting next stage at Chelsea's Cobham training ground awaits us in March!

### **Y5 & Y6 Girls Royal Holloway Football Tournament**

The Y5 and Y6 girls took part in a football tournament at a very chilly Royal Holloway, yesterday afternoon. With 2 teams of girls, it was the first time many of them had represented the school and they all did extremely well. Both teams progressed from their groups, setting up a rare Cleves v Cleves quarter final. Team 1 came out victorious and went on to face a very good Cardinal Newman in the semi finals. A fantastic performance took them to penalties and sadly, we weren't able to progress. Congratulations to all the girls who played, you all represented the school well.

### **Y5 & Y6 Netball**

Both of the Y5 and Y6 netball teams were in action this week! On Tuesday, both teams played their first league games against Cardinal Newman school. Both teams played brilliantly with Cleves coming away with victories in both matches. Y5 won their game 7-0 and Y6 team's final score was 11-0. A huge well done to all of the children who represented the school. Y5 - Chloe, Amara, Heidi, Betsy, Leah, Eloise and Alba. Y6 - Abi, Georgia, Jaxon, Isla, Penelope, Cece and Emily

## **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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## 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.

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## SAFEGUARDING

We are aware that a small number of parents /carers are using toilets in the Y5 block during pick up time. These toilets are for the use of Cleves children only and will often be in use by the children at this time of day.

If you find yourselves (or your little ones) caught short please go to reception and ask to use the visitors toilets.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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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

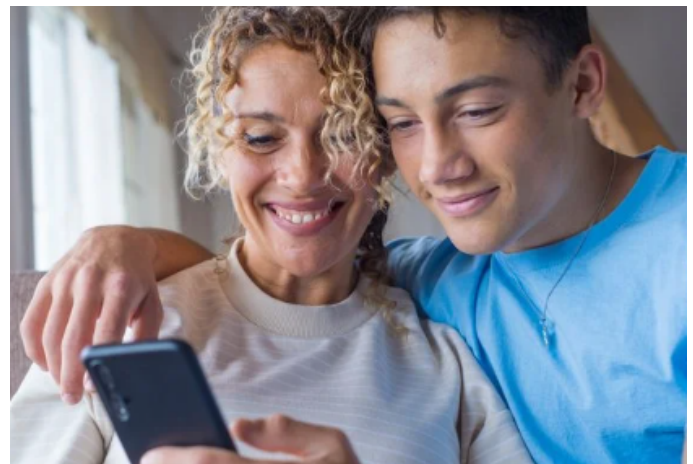
If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time. They will only be allowed to purchase one of each item at a time. Thank you.

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored online bullying. This week explores how to set up safe settings on smartphones.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image.



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## HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative house points for this term:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	20668
Warwick	21139
York	18498
Arundel	21530

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## ECO NEWS

The Eco Council has been working hard and we have been lucky enough to win some plants, hedges and trees for our school. This is through Surrey County Council's '1.2 million trees strategy' and through an organisation called 'I Dig Trees'. These trees will help combat the effects of climate change and will bring many benefits to our school. This week, members of the Surrey Council came to Cleves and helped the Eco Council plant these trees around the school which should last 50 years or more! See if you can spot them next time you are wandering around the school!

### **Explore Different Cultures**

You can develop your global citizenship by exploring other cultures and perspectives of people from different cultures. Read stories from different countries, try foods from other cultures, listen to music from other countries and learn about different traditions and festivals.



### **Rethink Waste Scheme Results**

Results are in for the rethink waste scheme we participated in - we came 6th with a massive 84,780 points. Unfortunately the first 5 schools get part of the prize fund so we were extremely close but just missed out!

However, it is not all bad news! We did win a litter picking kit due to our commitment and we have re-entered to compete again in January.

Thank you all for your commitment, participation and encouragement with this scheme!