

Cleves School

Newsletter - 6/12/24



forward to being able to join together in these festivities. You should have received your paper tickets to these events this week. Please keep them safe as they will not be reissued and we are limited on numbers at each performance for health and safety reasons.

Have a restful weekend.

Year 3 have been getting very festive this week. Not only have we had rehearsals for our Christmas show next week, but we have started making our Christmas stockings. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have volunteered to help this week and next, your help is invaluable. We have started our last literacy unit of the year, a creative narrative based on The Polar Express. We have also started a new unit this week on statistics, with a first look at pictograms. Year 3 have read and interpreted the data on the pictograms and created their own. In computing we have been focussing on copying and pasting text into a Google Doc and then manipulating size, font and colour, adding pictures etc. **Year 4** - This week saw the first rehearsal in the church for next week's nativity. We have been practising our song and poem hard! We have also started a new Literacy unit based on Letters from Father Christmas by JRR Tolkien. We will be writing a narrative based on the exploits of the North Polar Bear and the havoc he causes. In Science, we have been learning about how to keep our teeth and gums healthy which we will be using for our weekend homework task. In Geography we have looked at the history of the River Thames. In Maths we have been looking at our 7 and 11 times tables so lots of tackling tables needed!

This week in **Year 5**, we have been working incredibly hard on finishing off our Literacy work on the Letters from the Golden Hinde. We have thoroughly enjoyed immersing ourselves into life aboard the ship and the jobs it would have entailed. We have written out informal letters back home describing what it really would have been like as part of Sir Francis Drake's crew! During Maths, we

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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

This week, we have been very lucky to celebrate the learning of the children that have been learning an instrument through Surrey Arts' Tuning Up programme. This has included learning violin in Year 3, toots in Year 4, trumpets in Year 5 and clarinets in Year 6. Each term two classes learn a new instrument, meaning that over the course of their four years at Cleves, they will have played instruments from each section of the orchestra. It has been lovely to celebrate their musical achievements, however it has also been incredibly positive to be able to see other areas of development: listening, collaboration, perseverance, stamina and most importantly, confidence. If you wish for your child to learn an instrument through Surrey Arts, please contact them directly.

This week has also seen the start of the festive season with the very successful PTA Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone that supported this event in any way. It was particularly lovely to see children-run stalls! We also experienced the start of rehearsals and Christmas preparations. We look

have moved onto our statistics unit and have spent some time looking at various graphs and charts. In our lessons, we have tried to interpret data and understand the key information that they show in order to answer some tricky challenge questions. Topic this week has seen us look into the life of Sir Walter Raleigh and his several journeys as an explorer and privateer. We then created some very interesting videos on the iPads detailing the benefits of exploring during Tudor times! With our PE lessons, we have continued on with our basketball unit and have tried to work on the attack and defend phases of the sport. We have looked at marking and movement and how this can benefit us in game situations. Some of us have really shown fantastic basketball dribbling and shooting skills! Finally, we have continued on perfecting our exciting Christmas Songs and Poems in preparation for the upcoming concert. We can't wait to perform it to everyone very soon! Well done **Year 6** for your resilience and hard work. Everyone is tired or feeling unwell. Christmas festivities are in full swing as we practice our songs and poems ready for the celebration on Wednesday 18th. In Maths, we have had Review week, revisiting relevant areas of Maths. We also ended the week completing an investigation, 'Four 4s', in which children use four 4s and BODMAS to find answers of 1-20! Following on from using a clip from 'A Christmas Carol' to teach how to combine action, description and dialogue, the pupils are now using these skills. We are using a wonderful John Lewis advert (Excitable Edgar and Ava) on which they base their narrative. Pupils have come to the end of the unit on Evolution and Inheritance and are revising. Pupils have been thoroughly enjoying a DT project in using cross stitch to create their Victorian Sampler - there are some excellent designs coming together! Finally, Year 6 have designed their personal 3D keyring and these will be printed over the next two weeks!

SPORTS

Another very busy week of sporting action at Cleves!

Border League Cross Country

Last Sunday saw the second Border League Cross Country fixture of the season, hosted by Maidenhead Athletic Club. It was another hugely successful and enjoyable afternoon of running for our athletes, which saw over 50 running in the Cleves vest. The conditions underfoot were very slippery which led to proper cross country conditions.

In the team events we were runners up in the Under 9s boys, Under 9s girls and Under 11s girls, whilst in the Under 11s boys event we were once again overall winners.

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to the parents who travelled to Maidenhead to support the team.





Football Round Up

It's been another busy week of football matches at Cleves with the A and B team in action.

Year 6 Boys 'A' Team Football

On Monday afternoon, 8 Year 6 'A' team boys travelled across to Fulham's training ground for a competitive tournament in their dome facility. The group games were tough and Cleves battled hard to score goals in an effort to top the group. The boys moved the ball well but unfortunately, 2 wins and 2 draws wasn't enough to see them out of the group. A big well done to those involved and hopefully they enjoyed the day out. Onto the league and cup fixtures next week!

Year 6 Boys 'B' Team Football

On Tuesday, the Year 6 Boys 'B' team travelled across to Cardinal Newman for a very exciting first league game. The game started quickly and the boys were enjoying being in possession. Early on, the Cleves boys struck the net to score their first and continued on with the pressure. Heading out into the second half, the boys were keen to add to their tally and moved the ball well. The final score was 4-0. A confident and convincing performance. A huge well done to those boys involved.

Year 5 Boys 'B' Team Football

The Year 5 'B' team also played Cardinal Newman in a friendly. Just like the Year 6 team, they played some really entertaining football with quick counter attacks and solid defending. After creating a number of chances and forcing some fine saves from the Cardinal Newman keeper, we got ourselves ahead with a fine team goal. We quickly

doubled our lead before half time and despite dominating the rest of the game we couldn't add to our lead. Huge congratulations to everyone who played - you certainly made a great impression!

Year 5 Boys A Team Football

On Wednesday, the A team hosted Pycroft Grange in the second round of the Year 5/6 league cup. Despite a slow start and difficulties in breaking down a resolute opposition defence, we found ourselves 2 v 0 up at half time with two great individual finishes. The second half saw a much brighter performance with greater energy and intensity. This resulted in four further goals and saw us win the tie 6 v 1 and progress to the next round. Well done!

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.

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.

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.

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:

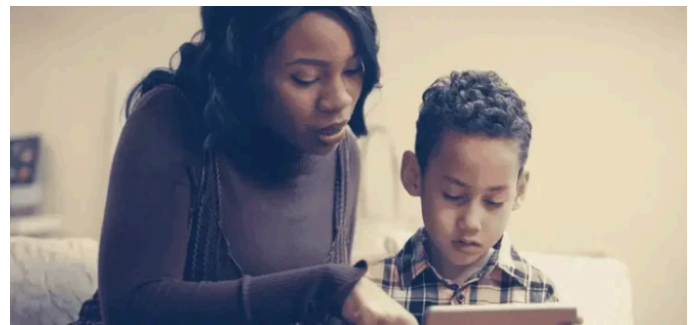
Glue sticks £1
Whiteboard pens 30p
Rulers 20p
Pencils 20p
Rubber 10p
Friction pen £1.50

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.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored how to set up safe settings on smartphones. This week is a toolkit that aims to support digital resilience, which is broken up into different ages or digital experiences. It looks at how we can help children to face the challenges that they may experience in the digital world.

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



HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative house points for this term:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	21969
Warwick	22613
York	20100
Arundel	22468

ECO NEWS

Respect diversity: Understand and appreciate that people are different and have unique experiences.