

Cleves School

Newsletter - 7/2/25



appreciate that of others. This year, Place2Be has also partnered with Disney's Inside Out and Inside Out 2 to help children be aware of their emotions and express them. Thank you to Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Clarke, who organised this very important week.

Just a polite request, please could children refrain from bringing personal items into school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a restful weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 10/2 - Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
- 13/2 - Girls' football fixture
- 14/2 - End of Term at 3:15
- 17/2 - Half Term
- 24/2 - Back to school
- 25/2 - Year 5 Football 3-4
- 26/2 - Year 5/6 Football Festival
- 28/2 - Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition
- 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

THIS WEEK

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This year, the focus was 'know yourself, grow yourself', which aimed to encourage children to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. Getting to know themselves helps to build resilience, grow and develop and, over the course of the week, the children experienced different activities aimed at helping them to appreciate their individual nature and

It's been another fun-packed week of learning in **Year 3!** We kicked off a new Literacy topic, exploring alternative endings to traditional tales. The children had a blast coming up with their own creative twists on the Princess and the Pea! In Maths, we've continued our work on length and perimeter, applying our measuring skills to calculate the perimeter of various 2D shapes and rectangles. Our Science lessons have been equally exciting, as we've explored how light travels and how mirrors are made. The children even had a go at writing their own secret mirror messages! In Computing, we continued developing our skills in debugging algorithms on Scratch. The highlight of the week though, was cooking our falafel – the children absolutely loved it, and a huge thank you goes out to all the adult helpers who supported us. We're looking forward to a well-deserved rest before the final week of this half term! This week, **Year 4** have joined in the school-wide celebrations of Children's Mental Health Week. They enjoyed planting seeds in an effort to "know yourself, grow yourself" and discussed all the other things they love which help nurture their positive mindsets. We're now knee-deep in Ancient Greek history and are slowly uncovering all the ways in which Ancient Greek life influenced modern living. Did you know the word *telephone* is actually Greek for "far off sound"? Fascinating!

This week, **Year 5** have embraced World Children's Mental Health week by planting sunflower seeds

and completing petals for a whole school display. In PE, the children have continued to take part in indoor athletics and completed sport rotations in games sessions. In Computing, all of the children have built LEGO rovers in class and half the year group are still to code them using Ipad's next week. The children have finished their recount on the Apollo 11 moon landing in Literacy and will be using the green screen to present their work next week.

Year 6 have been hard at work again this week. We have been to the theatre in London to see the amazing Lion King show and we will be using this fantastic experience in Literacy to write a theatre review after half term. In Science we completed an investigation to create an explosive rocket, looking at how sodium acetate, water and carbon dioxide react together. As more carbon dioxide is produced, there is a build up of pressure and this pressure causes the rocket to launch!

SPORTS NEWS

Football

The year 5 boys A team returned to action this week with a cup game against Manorcroft at Cleves. The cup competition is open to both years 5 and 6 so we knew there was the likelihood that we would come across a number of Year 6s and it would be a tough game. It certainly didn't disappoint with both teams having great chances and neither team dominating possession. Cleves certainly played the best football with a number of fine attacking moves whilst our opponents were strong, physical and difficult to break down. The game was decided by a single goal just before half time, when Jack L crashed a free kick against the post but Cedar was on hand to lift the ball over the goalkeeper. Well done boys - a semi final match awaits.

Y6 A Team - Cup Competition

On Thursday morning, the Year 6 A Team participated in the next round of the cup competition over in Dorking. This was a follow up tournament from our Royal Holloway win back in the Autumn Term. The competition started off with a group stage of various games against other schools from Surrey. The Cleves boys battled hard in each game, finishing top of the group and

showed some fantastic displays in every game. The next round saw Cleves up against a tricky team in the semi-final and after some excellent teamwork and determination, found a winner in extra time. Straight into the final, Cleves worked hard and were challenged immediately. The opposition moved the ball quickly and both teams were matched across the pitch. With only a few minutes left of extra time, the opposition scored a flick on from a corner and the game ended with a loss for Cleves and the runners up medal. Although not the end result we had hoped for, those who played showed what a fantastic team they are and should be very proud of their efforts.

District Dodgeball Competition

Yesterday, Cleves hosted the district Year 5/6 dodgeball competition with a total of seven teams (two from Cleves) taking part. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of dodgeball with the competition being played in exactly the right spirit and there were some exciting and really close games. It was also hugely successful for the two Cleves teams, finishing 1st and 2nd overall and lifting the trophy at the end. Well done to both teams, this is the first time we have become district champions.



Border League Cross Country

Last Sunday saw the third cross country fixture of the season at Merrist Wood in Woking. It was a beautiful morning but the conditions underfoot couldn't be more contrasting with a lot of mud! We had about 60 children running overall and once again they represented the school superbly with some gritty and determined performances,

overcoming the tricky conditions superbly. The results from the weekend can be viewed by [clicking here](#). At the time of writing we don't have the team results but can share our top ten finishes.

- Under 9s Girls - Chloe 5th
- Under 9s Boys - Rowan 4th
- Under 11s Boys - Sebbi 4th, Freddie 7th and Joshua 8th



WELLBEING

We have enjoyed Children's mental health week, doing lots of activities including sewing sunflowers and decorating petals with our islands of personalities.

Please help your child grow their sunflower, we will be having a competition in the summer term to see who has grown the tallest sunflower.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the accumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	34734
Arundel	37202
York	33312
Warwick	36943

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

Reduce Your Energy Use

Climate change impacts our oceans by increasing ocean temperatures, changing ocean currents, sea level rise and acidification of the ocean. It's simple to reduce your energy use. For example, leave your car at home when you can and ride a bike, walk or use public transportation. Turn off and unplug appliances and electronics when they aren't in use.



INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week we discussed AirTags. This week, as we think of children's mental health, our guide this week is from Barnardo's and explores how to look after children's mental health when they are online. It also signposts to a range of their resources that you may find useful. To read this week's guide, please click on the image.



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.

THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS ...

4L - DT Photos



