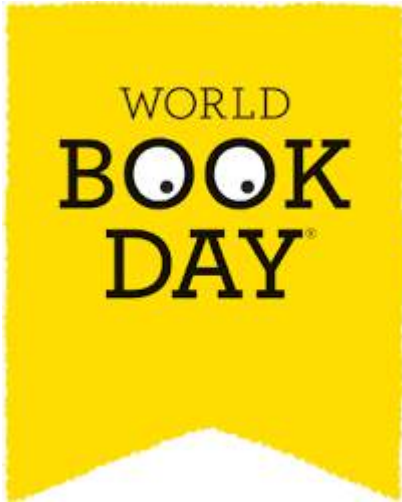


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some amazing activities. See below for some photos of the day.

Thank you also to everyone for their support and kind words this week. I've been overwhelmed by the support I've received from the school community. It has been greatly appreciated.

We've had a fantastic and engaging week in **Year 3**, filled with creativity, exploration, and a love for learning! This week, we unleashed our imaginations by designing our own dragons! The children worked hard to create detailed descriptions of their mythical creatures, thinking about their appearance, special powers, and habitats.

Alongside this, we focused on how to structure our writing using subheadings, helping us to organise our ideas clearly into different paragraphs. It was wonderful to see the children take pride in their writing and to start to bring their dragons to life with fantastic vocabulary! Whole Class Reading - Our journey with Lottie Lipton and the Secrets of the Stone continued this week, keeping us all on the edge of our seats! We explored new vocabulary, including the word curator, why not ask your child if they remember what it means? We also looked at the different clues Lottie discovered and discussed how they helped her solve the mystery. The children have been making excellent predictions and showing great detective skills!

In Maths, we focused on division, focusing mainly on grouping and repeated subtraction to help solve problems. We also explored what happens when numbers don't divide exactly, learning how to find remainders. To make this more visual and interactive, we used lolly-pop sticks to help us group and count what was left over. This hands-on method made it easier for the children to see division in action and develop a deeper understanding of remainders. Our Science lesson this week marked the start of an exciting new experiment! We began learning about how plants grow, with a focus on spring onions. The children discussed what plants need to thrive and made predictions about what they think will happen in the

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 11/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4W and 4R)
- 11/3 - Year 4 own clothes for activity day
- 13/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4E and 4M)
- 13/3 - Year 4 own clothes for activity day
- 14/3 - 3H Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 17/3-21/3 Celebrating Neurodiversity Week
- 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**
- 24/3 - Dodgeball Competition
- 24/3 - Year 4 Residential Information Evening
- 25/3 - Year 6 Netball Rally
- 27/3 - Year 4, 5, 6 Swimming Gala
- 27/3 - Panathlon Event
- 28/3 - 4FA Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45

THIS WEEK

We have enjoyed a wonderful celebration of reading with World Book Day. Children and staff alike enjoyed dressing up and participating in book related activities throughout the day. Many thanks to you all for your support in providing some spectacular costumes and to staff for organising

coming weeks. We will be carefully observing any changes and recording our findings as the experiment progresses - stay tuned for some exciting results! Our exploration of Ancient Egypt took us to the banks of the River Nile this week, as we learned just how important it was to the Ancient Egyptians. We discussed how the river provided water, food, transport, and fertile land for farming, and the children were fascinated by how it shaped Egyptian life and culture. Finally, World Book Day! What an amazing day we had celebrating our love of books and reading! Year 3 looked fantastic dressed as characters from Fantastic Mr. Fox and we spent the day exploring new vocabulary, getting creative and reading with other year groups. The children particularly enjoyed sharing their favourite books and stories, reinforcing the joy that reading brings. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and excited about literature! Parent Consultations: Please don't forget to book a slot for our upcoming parent consultation day on Friday 21st March. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements so far. What a week we have had in **Year 4**. 4L and 4FA thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine on our first trip to Butser Farm. They enjoyed some archeology, weaving and exploring Roman Villa's and round houses. Meanwhile, 4W and 4R enjoyed their Iron Man making day and 4E and 4M were busy bird watching for Outdoor Learning. We also loved World Book Day, especially when the Year 4 teachers won best dressed as Harry Potter professors! We made exploding books, tiles for a display and created masks based on the Midnight Panther. What a busy week!

We are fully back into the swing of learning in **Year 5**. Within Maths, we have started a new unit on decimals where the children have been going over what they are and how to find equivalent decimals. We have started our Literacy unit on the Firework Maker's Daughter, which is a book we started looking at before half term. The children have enjoyed drafting Lila's journey back through the jungle to save her father! We continue to look at the force of gravity within Science and discuss how the Moon stays in orbit around the Earth and doesn't fall towards us. The children continue to enjoy our Lacrosse unit in PE, which for many is a brand new sport, it is great to see the perseverance across the board. Finally, there has to be a special

mention given to our activities on Thursday, where the children looked amazing! The children enjoyed learning about Bok, helping to create a whole year group display and reading to our Year 3 children, to name a few activities. We have had a great hands on week in **Year 6**! We loved our World Book Day where we created poems based on the famous poem 'if all the world were paper', we participated in some drama activities and quizzes based on famous books and we created our own piece of art inspired by our favourite book. Also, in PE this week, we have used the Lion King show and the brilliant choreography to inspire and guide our new dance unit. Finally, in Science we have started our new unit on Light, exploring how light reflects.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This week saw our first Celebration Assembly; the children were excited to discover who had been nominated. The winning classes were as follows:

Best Uniform	5N
Best Lunchtime Behaviour	3HM
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	3LG
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	4E
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	5S
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	6F

Of these, 5N were chosen as Class of the Week and have enjoyed eating first all week. Well done 5N!

PARENT PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS - LINK

If you are having any issues with the link to the parent consultation page, please copy and paste the following link into the browser to log in:

<https://cleves.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

COMIC RELIEF

On March 20th, we are celebrating and fundraising for Comic Relief. The theme is 'do something funny for money'.

We are creating a Cleves Joke book and would love for every child to be involved. Books will be available to pre-order the week of 17th March, ready to be enjoyed on March 20th. More details to follow.

So far, we have over 400 jokes but we would love for more children to get involved!

Submit your joke [here!!](#)

SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 6 Sportshall Athletics team who were joint winners in the a WWHSP competition held at Cleves last Friday. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of competition with some really close races and high scoring field events. It was also the first time I can recall a sportshall athletics event actually ending in a draw with the Cleves team sharing the trophy with St James. Well done to all involved.



Year 6 A Team Football League Cup Semi-Final vs St Ann's Heath

On Tuesday afterschool, the Year 6 boys A team were back in action after what seemed a while without a game! A place in the League Cup

Semi-Final was at stake and the boys were fired up from the start. Early on, the game was contested and the possession shared with St Ann's Heath. Both teams battled across the pitch and had a chance to take the vital lead. From a corner, Cleves managed to find the net first and score the crucial opener. Cleves kicked on, found a second goal soon after and went off for half time in a two goal lead. The boys set out to secure the win and went for further goals. With some fantastic movement and teamwork, Cleves hit a third goal and then found the final goal to make it four. From there, the boys managed the game exceptionally well and continued with the intensity to hold out for a clean sheet too. A huge victory and one that sees Cleves move into the Semi-Final of the Year 6 League Cup. Congratulations to the whole team!

Year 5/6 Boys Football

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 boys B team who are league champions following an excellent 7 v 1 win against Lyne and Longcross on Wednesday afternoon. It was a really competitive game of football but the Cleves boys had the edge when it came to the quality of football being played. They ended up unbeaten in the league this year and it's been great to involve over 50 boys within the team.





Border League Cross Country

What a great ending to the Border League Cross Country season in glorious sunshine and with such determined and brilliant runs from all our athletes in Reigate last Sunday. I was so proud of all of them.

The results from today can be viewed by [clicking here](#)

In the team results we finished as follows:

- Under 9s Girls - 2nd
- Under 9s Boys - 3rd
- Under 11s Girls - 2nd
- Under 11s Boys - 1st

Overall across the season, the team positions were as follows:

- Under 9s girls - 2nd
- Under 9s boys - 3rd
- Under 11s girls - 2nd
- Under 11s boys - 1st

A fantastic set of results! Our under 11s boys managed to win all four events this season - something I don't think we've achieved before. Remember all the other teams are athletic clubs and we are the only school taking part.

Individually, a number of our athletes picked up medals. Well done to Chloe, Rowan, Sebbi and Freddie!

That concludes a hugely enjoyable season of Border League cross country running. I hope your child has both benefitted and enjoyed running in what is a hugely competitive league. Congratulations.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

We are very excited to use the Living Streets Travel Tracker to record our journeys to school! Each week we will share which class has been the most active. We hope this encourages everyone to participate in making our commutes to school healthier and more engaging.



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

We will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week on the 17th- 21st March. We will have a whole school assembly and will be doing activities during the week to recognise how all our brains do things differently.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the cumulative total:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	39560
Arundel	42811
York	38856
Warwick	41771

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.

ECO NEWS

Learn All That You Can

The ocean helps regulate our climate and it provides us with food, water, jobs, activities, medicine and even the air we breathe.

Learn more about the ocean through reading, experiencing the ocean directly or by visiting aquariums and surfing the web. Then be sure to share what you learn and inspire others!



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 and donate points to Cleves. Here is a [step by step](#) guidance.

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

World Book Day

