

Cleves School

Newsletter - 8/11/24



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- w/c 11/11 - Anti-bullying week
- 12/11 - Y4 Science Museum trip - 4L, 4M, 4R
- 15/11 - Mufti Day in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital
- 19/11 - Prospective Parents' Evening
- 22/11 - Y4 Science Museum Trip - 4W, 4E, 4FA
- 29/11 - Mufti Day to support PTA Christmas Fair
- 30/11 - PTA Christmas Fair
- 6/12 Y2 Mini Olympics
- 6/12 - PTA Wreath Making Workshop
- 10/12 and 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 began with the outstanding Cleves Fireworks. As a first timer watching the incredibly timed performance to a flurry of spectacular fireworks, I felt incredibly proud to be a part of the Cleves community. This huge event welcomed over 5000 people into our school to enjoy the celebrations and support our pupils' opportunities

through the hard work of the PTA. There are few schools that are able to put on such an event and I wish to say a thank you to everyone that gave up their time to bring together our community in such an impressive event, especially Charlotte Dury (PTA Chair) and Pete Forsey (Site Manager). These events are only possible through the hard work and dedication of the PTA and the greater the participation, the easier the job. If you, like me, were left feeling inspired and proud to be a part of this community, please [contact the PTA](#) to see how you can support future events.

Today, we have also come together as a community for our Remembrance Service. Our Year 6 mentors and our friends from St Mary Oatlands led us through what remembrance is and why it is important, before leading us in an act of remembrance to reflect on its importance in our lives. On Sunday at 10am, we will join the wider community at St Mary Oatlands to lay a wreath on behalf of our school and in remembrance of those that gave their lives for our futures. You are most welcome to join us.



It has been a busy start to the second half of the Autumn term. **Year 3** have settled back in very well. In literacy we are continuing our focus on Fantastic Mr Fox by creating play scripts. We started with some fabulous drama and then focused on the features of playscripts. Our new unit in Maths is on money. We started by investigating coins and notes, followed by converting between two and then started adding amounts of money. This half term in Science we will be investigating rocks. We started by looking at the different types of rocks and then making observation sketches of different rocks. After a wonderful creative art unit last half term, we will now be moving on to our DT unit of sewing stockings. We began this first week by experimenting with different types of stitches. The children will bring home their amazing creations

just in time to use at Christmas. **Year 4** have made a great start to the half term, continuing their literacy unit on an information text about the River Thames. In Geography, we have widened our focus on rivers and have begun studying the Ganges River so that we can begin to make comparisons between it and the Thames. In maths, we have begun a 2 week unit on area and perimeter and in DT this half term we will be working on creating a bag from the fabric we printed in Art last half term.

What a brilliant first week back **Year 5** have had! We have flown straight back into our learning this week and have immersed ourselves into a new literacy unit on a Tudor Spy. We have spent some time looking at the example and the features used, building a setting and then coming up with some interesting ideas as to how the note was slipped into the spy's hand. Within Maths, we have continued on with our multiplication and division unit this week, studying cube numbers and how to multiply a number by 10 and 100. The most exciting part of the week took place on Friday with our Tudor Day! The Year 5's (and teachers) loved dressing up in our fancy gowns as if we were Kings or Queens, with some children going for a poorer member of society or an executioner in those Tudor times! We spent the entire day completing various Tudor activities and immersing ourselves into lessons on tasting Tudor Pottage (soup), exploration, Tudor games and making our own tussy mussy and pomander! Well done on an excellent week back! **Year 6** has come back refreshed. This week, they have started our Literacy unit on Origins - a short video based on a robot, Rusty, who is looking for his 'origin'. Pupils have been using descriptive and figurative language to describe the scene and Show Not Tell to convey how Rusty is feeling. Their outcome will be a narrative describing the video - with some writing alternative conclusions to the story! We wait to see what Year 6 comes up with! Those who have Mr Kilhams as their music teacher this term have started learning the African Djembe drums - an excellent first lesson. Fractions are now the focus in Maths for three weeks and this week pupils have been finding equivalent, simplifying and ordering fractions. If pupils are still unsure of their times tables, please could this be practised at home. In Science, we have started our topic for this term -

Evolution and Inheritance. Year 6 are now able to identify how specific animals have adapted or evolved to suit their habitat. Finally, in the topic, pupils have discussed and concluded with a creative outcome of the impact and causes of historical changes in Britain.

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.

GAP

There are limited spaces available on certain days in the afterschool GAP club. If you are on the waiting list, **Ms Taylor** will contact you.

ECO NEWS

Learning a new language helps you understand and connect with people from other backgrounds and can help you develop an open-minded attitude towards other cultures.

The Eco Council met this week and we have decided on our Eco Charity this year - The Marine Conservation Society, as this links in with our Marine topic. As a result, the Eco Council have organised a mufti day for the whole school on Friday 10th January where we will wear blue (linking to the ocean). The money raised will be donated to the Marine Conservation Society and this will go towards our Eco Award. Keep an eye out for posters around the school that the Eco Council have made with more information about this.

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.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored social media and how to talk with your child about their usage. This week's explores screen time and includes a discussion on how to support young people to have a healthy amount of time on screens.

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



HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative house points for this term:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	15042
Warwick	15504
York	13906
Arundel	16029

Parking & Drop-offs

Thank you to all the parents, carers and members of the community that not only supported the school by attending the fireworks but also those that were considerate of our neighbours when parking at the event. Sadly, not all who attended were thoughtful about the way they parked, so I must ask that in order to protect future events that everyone remember to park responsibly.

On this matter, I often notice when I am at the gate in the morning, that in haste to drop off and get out of the way, not everyone acts in a reasonable way. I think there are two key things that we must all remember, patience and consideration. Some staff have noted that some children are jumping out of cars before they have even fully stopped. Obviously this is unsafe and saving a couple of minutes is not worth a potential injury or worse.

Thanks for your support and understanding - Mr Usher.

RETHINK WASTE UPDATE

<i>School Name</i>	<i>Points</i>
Grange Community Infant School	235,225
Wray Common Primary School	184,165
Esher Church School	51,925
Ashley CofE Primary School	44,180
Cleves School	39,865
West Byfleet Junior School	33,730
Bletchingley Village Primary School	30,000
Epsom Downs Community School	26,400
St Pauls Infant School	21,450
The Weald CofE Primary School	13,350
Godstone Primary And Nursery	12,080
St Mark and All Saints Primary	6,660
Town Farm Primary School	4,800
St James CofE Primary School	4,450
Buckland Primary School	1,795

We went from 5,275 to 38,865 points in one week... woohoo! Let's keep it up! 5th on leaderboard.

Thank you to all who are participating!

Sign up - All you need is to put your name and address to prove you live in surrey.

[Click Here!](#)

Once you are logged in, you will see how many points you have at the top right hand corner of the page. You get points each time you log in and for completing games and quizzes etc.

Scroll down to where it says 'spend points' and click on the Surrey School Autumn Donations 2024, Scroll down until you find cleves and enter in how many points you wish to donate. Thank you!