

Cleves School

Newsletter - 11/02/22



Year 6 Sportshall Athletics Winners 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 22/2 - Wear Cub/Scout or Brownie/Guide Uniform to school (see below)
- 2/3 - Year 6 Lion King Trip
- 7/3 - Parent Online Webinar - Children Mental Health

THIS WEEK

We've come to the end of another busy but successful half term. This week's newsletter is full of information so please do take a few minutes to have a read through before you switch off from Cleves for a few days.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a relaxing and hopefully healthy half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 21st February 2022.

Have a good weekend and half term break!

It's been a jam-packed week in **Year 3** and we have completed writing up our improved set of instructions on the mummification process in our Special Writing books. We have also been practising our comprehension skills by reading texts and answering questions linked to children's mental health week and have also started to look at persuasive texts which is our literacy topic for after

half term. If you're visiting anywhere over half term and see any leaflets advertising different places, you could pick up a couple and see if your child can tell you about some of the persuasive features and bring the leaflet into school. In maths, we have been revisiting some of the objectives we have previously covered including estimating answers, subtracting 3 digit numbers, and problem solving. After half term, we will be moving on to multiplication and division. In science, we have continued with our topic on forces and magnets and have been learning about the forces of gravity and air resistance through investigating how the surface area of a piece of paper affects how quickly it falls through the air. Our topic on Moses has continued this week in RE and we have been learning about the story of Moses and the Burning Bush and considering what Christians might think this story tells them about God. In history, we have been learning about five different pharaohs, including the first female pharaoh, and our PSHE lessons have focused on children's mental health. Despite a shorter half term, it has been no less busy than any other term for **Year 4**. The children have worked extremely hard over the last 6 weeks and produced some outstanding work. This has culminated in our unit around the Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Working in groups, the children created and produced some realistic and menacing Iron Men using cardboard and masking tape. A very open ended and creative task which was the perfect way to finish our half term and leads nicely into our hot task. In science, we have rounded up our topic of electricity by creating our own switches using different materials and in history, we have learnt all about Ancient Greek architecture and how we can still see evidence of it's use in modern buildings. We hope that everyone has a well deserved and relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing you soon, ready for another action-packed and exciting half term of work where we'll be beginning to look at the fall of the Ancient Greeks and the rise of Rome, performance poetry, non-chronological reports on Romans, sound and how it travels, the artist

Hundertwasser and an exciting day out to Butser Farm.

We can not believe that we are halfway through the spring term already! The children in **Year 5** have worked so hard right up to the end of this half term, and we are very proud of them. This week, we have started our new literacy unit about the historic Apollo II mission. The children will write a recount of the main events and then use this to create a video voice over. We have been busy continuing our learning of key figures in space exploration; focusing on Katherine Johnson in whole class reading and Helen Sharman in topic. In maths, we have concluded our fractions unit by applying everything we have learned to solving a range of problems. Finally, we have finished our extremely popular POP art unit, with the children looking at the work of Keith Haring and producing their own piece in his style. We hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable half term. Well done **Year 6** on what has been a very busy half term. You have risen to the challenge and we are very proud of your efforts! This week the final 3 classes made and assessed their excellent pizza making skills! In Literacy, the children have written their explanation text about plastic pollution but this time for a different audience: Year 3 pupils. This has meant they have adapted their language and style to enable younger children to access and understand the problems with plastic and what we can do about this. In Maths, we have completed a revision week focusing on fractions and percentages which ended today with a group investigation which they thoroughly enjoyed. In Science, we have, alas finished our investigations into reversible and irreversible changes and completed a poster to illustrate their thorough understanding of this topic. For our final day of this term, the week has culminated in our Spring Outdoor Learning Day. It was fantastic to see the children out in the sun building shelters, starting fires and drilling holes for their woodlands medallions. Have a fantastic half term!

PARKING

Once again this week we have received a number of complaints from parents as well as witnessed

first hand several incidents of dangerous parking and driving outside the school gates. Please can we request and remind you to not stop or park on the zig-zag lines or zebra crossings outside the gates or wait in your cars at the entrance and junction to the Conifers. It makes it very difficult and dangerous for our pupils to cross the road safely. There is plenty of parking available just a short walk from the school.

Thank you in advance for your support in keeping our pupils safe.

SPORTS NEWS

It's been a really busy and successful half term of sport at Cleves. We have 541 of our pupils who are currently regularly attending one of our extra curricular activities and over half of these are attending more than one club which is fantastic!

298 of our pupils have represented the school in a competition or festival which considering the restrictions and difficulties in place is another fantastic achievement.

We have even more planned for after half term as the weather improves but as you can see below, there's also been lots going on in the past week with a number of successes to report.

Sportshall Athletics

On Monday, there was the annual year 6 district sportshall athletics competition which took place at the Walton Xcel Centre. The team of 27 athletes from Cleves have been practicing every Thursday morning from 7.50 - 8.30am since November and were up against 10 other schools from Elmbridge and Runnymede. I am pleased to report that the team did extremely well, winning the competition and now progressing to the county finals in July.

Well done to all of those who took part and represented the school so superbly. A team photo can be seen at the top of this newsletter.

Congratulations also to Lucy Richards and Suna Heyl who have been picked to represent Surrey in the forthcoming regional sportshall athletics competition during half term. Katerina Didaskalou has also been picked as a reserve and may get the chance to take part as well. An amazing achievement to be selected as one of the top 20 athletes in Surrey!

Girls football

The girls football team have taken part in 2 games so far in the past week. On Friday, they played against Cheam Common in the Surrey County Cup. It was an extremely challenging game where despite the outstanding play by the Cleves girls, they struggled to find a goal. Late into the second half, the girls' resilience and persistence paid off and they managed to get a goal, going on to win 1-0.

On Wednesday this week the Yr 5/6 girls football team travelled to St Cuthbert's for the Quarter Final of the League Cup. The match got off to a nervy start but the team soon settled down and some excellent positive play from all resulted in a half time score of 3 - 0 to Cleves. The second half proved more competitive, with St Cuthbert's increasing their push forwards. Thankfully, the Cleves defence were excellent and kept their opponent's scoring chances to a minimum. Cleves kept their heads and managed a further goal with a score of 4 - 1 at the final whistle. They go on to play in the Semi-Finals later in the term. Well done to Olivia, Daisy, Jess, Annabel, Marissa, Charlotte, Eva and Izzy.

Finally, we wish the girls the best of luck for their league fixture against Burhill tonight and look forward to some more fixtures after half term.

Year 5/6 Boy's Football

On Monday evening we hosted the WWHSP year 5/6 football competition which saw teams enter from Burhill and Grovelands. WWHSP stands for Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership and is a local leadership project developed and run by Cleves. It sees local schools coming together to

provide opportunities for our young people to get involved in sport - in particular competitions.

Cleves entered three teams into the competition, many of the pupils were representing the school for the first time.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of football which saw some very exciting end to end football.

Cleves 1 narrowly lost out to Grovelands in the final to finish runners up whilst Cleves 2 and Cleves finished 3rd and 5th respectively. Many congratulations to all those who took part - you can be very proud of yourselves!

Cross Country - Good luck!

On Sunday, over 70 of our pupils are taking part in the next Border League Cross Country competition. This one takes place at Stoke Park in Guildford

Good luck and we hope you all run well!

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day - Extreme Reading Photo Challenge

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and as part of our celebrations, we are launching the 'Extreme Reading Photo Challenge' over the half term. It is a competition for pupils to take photographs of themselves reading in the most extreme or unusual locations. It could be in a bath or up a mountain, in a cave or up a tree. All we ask is that the photo is clearly evidence of them reading a book. *Although we want photos to be 'extreme', we do not want children to be putting themselves in any danger so please photograph responsibly!*

One photo per child to be attached to the form, linked below. Please ensure that you complete the name and form information. Deadline for these photos is Wednesday 23rd February.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZ1eJl8nI9L_Uk0sKYKPyYLipV3ZlsfaIS3WwrNyjjEPipvg/viewform?usp=sf_link

World Book Day - Dressing Up

As a reminder, children will be allowed to come dressed as their favourite book character so please do start planning!

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan

As a school we recorded 2485 total journeys in the last 5 school days (4th Feb to 10th Feb)

- Year 3 - 807
- Year 4 - 553
- Year 5 - 630
- Year 6 - 495

Congratulations to Year 3 who are at the top of the tree this week. As a school we have achieved **79% active travel** out of all of those journeys which is fantastic.

The first set of Active Travel badges have been given out this week. Congratulations to those who have achieved these.

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.

THINKING DAY AND FOUNDERS DAY

The 22nd February is both World Thinking Day for the Girl Guide association and Founders Day for the Scouts. Both of these are important days for the uniformed organisations. With this in mind we would welcome children to wear their uniforms to school on that Tuesday.

PARENT WEBINAR

Eikon, the children mental health charity have agreed to run a parent webinar on "Supporting your Child's Wellbeing and Mental Health"

This will take place online on the 7th March at 7.30pm. It will include the following topics

- The development of the childhood brain and the body-brain connection
- Positive connection and communication
- The importance of play
- Supporting healthy sleep patterns
- 5 ways to wellbeing

We will share a link nearer the time but hope many of you will join us.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

As usual this is always a fun week and this year we have been celebrating Growing Together. The children have written their emotional goals on stars that we will be making a display with. You may already have seen the cress pots they have brought home. This is a good opportunity to ask the children what they have been learning about and encourage the discussion around mental health and well being. Any pictures of the full grown cress can be sent to Miss Clarke gclarke@cleves.co.uk

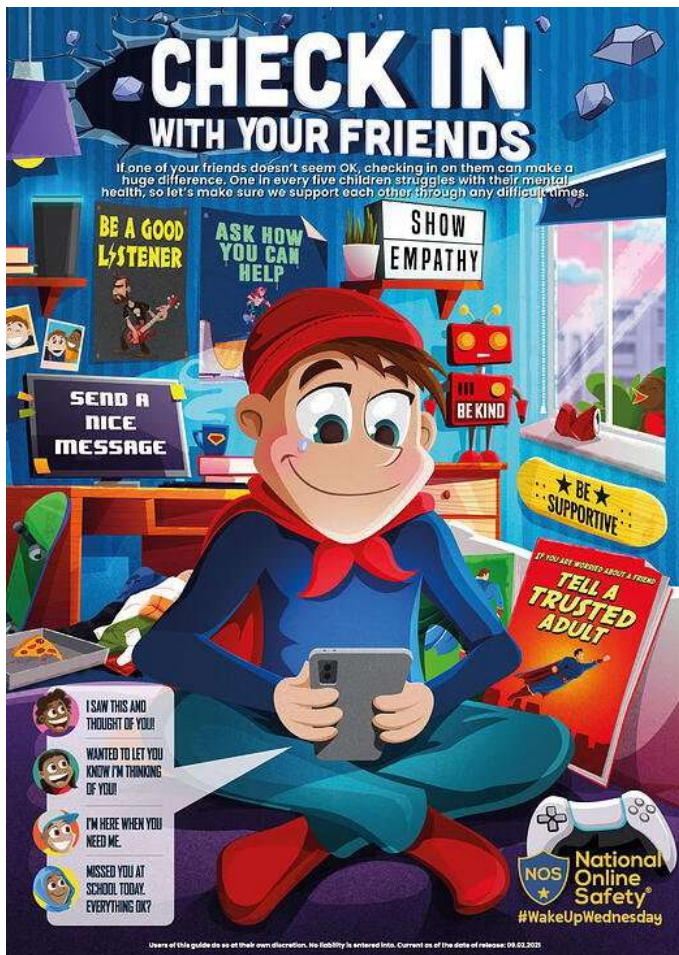
INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety article focuses on the effects of social media on mental health

Concerns over the impact of social media on mental wellbeing have often been raised in connection with the substantial growth in mental health problems among the young. In the same context, however, social media can also be a force for good: it enables children to – privately and discretely – check in with friends who they believe are experiencing a bad time.

In support of Children's Mental Health Week, we've produced a special poster that can be printed and displayed at home. It's designed to remind young people that their friends might not always be OK – and when that happens, simply reaching out and being there for them can be a wonderfully reassuring act.

To download the poster, please click on the image below.



HOUSE POINTS

The weekly totals as of Friday 11th February 2022 were:

- 1st -York **3174**
- 2nd - Windsor **2989**
- 3rd - Arundel **2786**
- 4th - Warwick **2770**

THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures of the craft session from Well-Being Week & Y6 Outdoor Learning.



