

Cleves School

Newsletter - 21/01/22



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 24/1 - Yr 5/6 Football vs St Cuthbert's
- 28/1 - Yr 6 Height and Weight Check

THIS WEEK

It's been another busy, successful, if not rather cold week at school. You will see by reading below just how varied and interesting the curriculum is in each year group and I hope your child is really enjoying their new topics.

I'm afraid to say though, that this week we have received a number of complaints from parents and local residents regarding the parking and driving behaviour outside of the school. Please can I remind you that if you have to drive and if you have to park directly outside of school, you do so safely so you are not endangering the lives of our pupils or inconveniencing our local residents. Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

It's been another action-packed week in **Year 3** and, in literacy, we have been planning and writing a resolution for our narrative pieces based on Lost and Found. We have been referring to our story maps and word banks to help us and have been spending time developing our editing and uplevelling skills. In maths, we have been practising the formal method of subtraction (column

subtraction) with 3 digit numbers where exchanging has been required. We have also been using concrete resources, such as Base 10 and place value counters to support our work. We have, furthermore, been estimating answers, using our knowledge of rounding and estimating the position of numbers on a numberline. In science, we have been continuing our work on forces and have planned and carried out an investigation comparing the amount of friction created on different surfaces. Our RE lesson this week has focused on a creation story from West Africa which we have been comparing with the other creation stories from previous lessons. We have also started to explore the role of science in helping us understand how the world began and we have been looking at the discoveries of different fossils. In history, we have been learning about the importance of the Rosetta Stone in unlocking the mystery of Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. Momentum is building in **Year 4** as we get stuck into our Ancient Greek topic. This week we have been using drama and research to discover the difference between the lives of the people who lived in Athens and Sparta. The children then selected which city state they would rather have grown up in and wrote a short diary 'in role' to describe a typical day. Do talk to your child about which state they preferred and why! In science they have been positively 'electrified' as they studied circuit making and have problem solved to understand the pitfalls and errors in making a circuit that works. Their resilience has been tested and many have had to problem solve by checking all components to eradicate burnt out batteries and lamps. The children have collaborated really well and used each other's circuits to check out failing parts. We have begun our DT challenge of the term which is inspired by the tale of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. The children have been designing a wooden maze which they will go on to construct over the next few weeks. Boxes are building up in classrooms in anticipation of the Iron Man modeling at the end of this half term. In maths we have turned our attention to time and have been converting between units of time as well as days to months and weeks. We have also been comparing

and working with analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks to read time to the nearest minute. This has been a challenge so as much practise as possible of this vital life skill at home would be greatly appreciated.

Year 5 have had a very enjoyable and super busy week. We have started our new literacy unit based on the Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman which we have also studied during our whole class reading sessions. We have looked at the structure of a story mountain and the children will be writing their own missing chapter containing a setting, build up, dilemma, resolution and ending. In maths we have started a new fractions unit, this week looking at equivalent fractions and converting improper and mixed numbers. The children have learned about the Geocentric vs Heliocentric Models of the Solar System in science and we have also learned about the key events of the Space Race between the USA and USSR. In art the children have created their own version of the 32 Campbell's Soup Cans by Andy Warhol which are extremely impressive! **Year 6** have had another excellent and interesting week. In literacy, children have been independently editing and uplevelling their Spooky Stories which have now been written up in their Special Writing books. In Maths, we have started a new unit on percentages, looking at the connection fractions, decimals and percentages. They were very enthusiastic and engaged with the Science lesson, during which they completed experiments on the irreversible changes when heating certain items. In DT, preparing for when we make our pizzas, pupils have been looking at the instructions of pizza making. The PSHE lesson ensured discussions into challenging stereotypes in society which linked in well with the Computing lesson on 'selling stereotypes' online. A busy yet successful week!

INTERHOUSE PE COMPETITION

At the end of each half term, each year group holds an interhouse competition where children experience the excitement of a competition and representing their house. Some competitions only took place this week due to the disruption before

Christmas so we are only able to share the results now.

These are the final standings when all year group competition results are combined together

1. York
2. Windsor
3. Warwick
4. Arundel

Well done everyone!

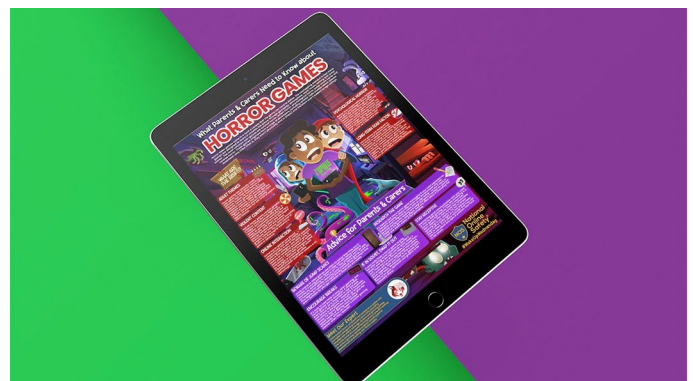
INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety guide focuses on horror games

Horror video games come in such a variety that the genre can be hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as adult themes, psychological horror and violent content.

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



WELLBEING

Cleves received the Wellbeing Award last year and we are now looking at ways we can improve further. We will be offering some parent webinars after half term and we are also looking for a couple of parents to join our Wellbeing Team and share ideas. It will realistically be a couple of meetings a year, but more if you would like to get further involved. Anyone interested please email Miss Clarke gclarke@cleves.co.uk

Don't forget there are also lots of resources available on our website [Mental Health & Wellbeing - Cleves](#)

SPORTS NEWS

Football

On Friday, the Year 5 football team had their final game of the league against Burhill School. The match was eagerly anticipated by all and one that Cleves were determined to win. The game started with some of the usual extremely fast play down both wings with Cleves dominating the possession. After some technical play from the corner kicks and some high pressing, Cleves ended the first half 3-0 up. The second half took a turn and Cleves found themselves under pressure for the majority of the half. Burhill snatched a goal after a long through ball over the top of the defence, making it 3-1. In the last part of the game, Cleves turned back on their high intensity and went on to score a further two goals, with some fantastic one-on-one finishing. The game ended 5-1 to Cleves and they finish their league games with another strong performance. Well done to all those that played!

The year 6 team also played Burhill last Friday in a league fixture. Following their close 1 v 0 defeat in the cup the week before, we were determined to make amends and continue our strong first half of the season. Right from the first whistle, we dominated possession and created a number of excellent chances which included Luka hitting the bar. Despite our domination, Burhill scored first when we were hit on the break towards the end of

the first half. The second half continued in a similar fashion with chances coming thick and fast for the Cleves boys. Midway through the half, we were awarded a penalty only to see it superbly saved by the Burhill keeper. Just when we were beginning to think it wasn't going to be our day, Theo popped up in the area and finished calmly in the bottom corner, to secure a valuable and very well deserved point. Well done to all the boys who played, one of our best performances this season so far!

Then, just yesterday morning the Year 6 team played in the final of the AFC Wimbledon Kids Cup Competition. Having qualified for the last 8 in the previous round, we knew the competition would be tough. In the group stages, we were unbeaten, winning two and drawing one, resulting in qualification for the semi finals. Here they faced Cheam Fields and in a close encounter we were just edged out by a single goal. Well done to all the boys that played in this competition, you once again have shown the strength of the squad this season.

Netball

Last night after school, the Year 6 Netball team played another league match, this time against St Ann's Heath. Luckily, this was a home game so the girls had time to practise their shooting before the match and boy did it help!! Despite the very cold conditions, Cleves got off to an excellent start scoring 7 goals in the first quarter. They went on to dominate the match with St Ann's Heath not even getting a shot on goal. The match ended with an astounding 21 - 0 win! Huge congratulations to all members of the team whose confidence is growing and growing, a fantastic win. Mrs Gaywood.

Well done to;

Lucy R , Lani B, Suna H, Daniella S, Emily N, Florence D, Sophia C.

Rugby

Year 5 / Year 6 contact Rugby

We are always looking for opportunities to stretch our children on the sporting front and this is another option. Whether the children have played

before or not it doesn't matter. The coaches from Esher Rugby and myself will be covering all aspects of rugby including introducing appropriate levels of contact. The club will run on Wednesdays after school from 3.30 to 4.20pm.

Please contact: Theo Skoumbourdis to book:
07949 443701 community@esherrugby.co.uk

Best regards
Hugh Thomas

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan

As a school we have recorded 6083 journeys, on the wow travel tracker, this term. So far it's close between year 5 (1616) and **Year 3 *(1636)**.

The students will soon be receiving their first set of Travel badges.

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** -
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10jHGGO1dMjKtqh68MmW9Tex1rqrkIRLA/view>

2. Use the parentpay system to pay for the items ordered.

ST MARY OATLANDS CHURCH

St Mary Oatlands Church would like to share an update on the church car park.

They have raised £37,000 so far, leaving a shortfall of around £13,000 for the resurfacing. They hope to get the work completed during the February Half Term Break. Any financial assistance towards the shortfall will be much appreciated.

Here is a just giving page for any contributions.

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/carparkrepair2021>

Thank you so much for your support.

HOUSE POINTS

The weekly totals as of Friday 14th January 2022 were:

1st - Windsor **1295**
2nd - Warwick **1284**
3rd - York **1274**
4th - Arundel **1167**
