

Welcome to the second of our half termly sports newsletters. It has been another very busy, successful and active half term of sport at Cleves so there is plenty to report on. The newsletter also looks ahead to events coming up in the spring term which includes information on how to get your child involved.

This term we have had 527 pupils regularly attending an extracurricular club. This includes a club run by one of our teachers before school or at lunchtime or one that is provided by one of our after school providers. These are exceptional numbers and show the value that the school, pupils and parents place on physical activity. This term we have offered clubs in a wide range of areas and we have even more planned for 2024!

On top of this, 363 pupils have already represented Cleves in sport in a competition or festival against another school this term. Our aim is to be able to offer this to every child across the school and we are certainly on track. Congratulations to all that have done so already, I have been hugely impressed with your commitment, effort and skill level. We've been really successful this term but I hope it's been equally enjoyable.

### WWHSP

With Cleves taking the lead on the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership, we have continued to host, organise and lead a number of sporting festivals this half term. This includes a year 3 mini olympics competition which 3J and 3D took part in and a year 2 mini olympics which we ran for the local schools in the area. We also hosted a dodgeball festival which saw us enter teams in both Year 4 and Year 6. More on this below! In the spring term we have further mini olympics festivals planned together with a Year 5/6 football festival and sportshall athletics competitions.



**WWHSP**  
Walton, Weybridge, Hersham Sports Partnership

### STAFF LUNCHTIME/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The majority of our staff run lunchtime and after school clubs will finish at the end of term and new ones will be advertised during the first week back in January.

However, the following clubs will continue to run in the spring term.

- Years 3-6 running club on a Tuesday morning - first session Tuesday 9th January
- Year 4 football club will continue on a Wednesday lunchtime - first session Wednesday 3rd January
- Year 5/6 girls non squad football club will continue on a Wednesday lunchtime - first session Wednesday 3rd January
- Year 6 rugby club will continue, moving from a Friday to a Thursday lunchtime - first session Thursday 4th January
- Year 6 sportshall athletics on a Thursday morning - first session Thursday 4th January
- Year 5 netball on a Thursday morning - first session Thursday 4th January
- Year 6 netball on a Thursday afternoon - first session Thursday 4th January
- Year 5/6 B team football club will continue moving from a Thursday to a Friday lunchtime - first session Friday 5th January

The following clubs will continue but will require parents to sign their child up again in January. This clubs will commence the week beginning 15th January

- Year 3/4 girls tag rugby on a Monday lunchtime
- Year 3/4 physifun club on a Monday lunchtime
- Year 5/6 physifun club on a Tuesday lunchtime
- Year 5/6 fitness club on a Friday afternoon
- Year 5/6 girls tag rugby on a Friday lunchtime

New clubs will also be advertised the first week back in January so please look out for the school communication.

## **SPORTS CREW**

Following their training at the beginning of term, the Year 6 sports crew have been busy in their roles. They have a timetable in place where they set up games and activities for our year 3 pupils on the playground at lunchtime and they have also been involved in hosting and running the Mini Olympics festivals that we have led on as part of the WWHSP partnership. Visiting schools and staff members have been very complimentary about their behaviour and leadership skills. Well done!



## **SWIMMING SQUAD**

Next term I have entered Cleves into three different swimming galas and am therefore looking to create a swimming squad early in the new year. If your child is a capable swimmer and is interested in representing the school, please can I ask that you submit their 50m times by [clicking here](#). The deadline for doing so is Friday 12th January 2024.

## **FUNDING - ARCHERY TAG IS COMING!**

Exciting news! We have been successful in an application for some funding to start a brand new club - Archery Tag. For those of you who haven't heard of it, there is a video you can watch by [clicking here](#). In the first instance, we will be inviting pupils from years 5/6 to try this club out on a Monday lunchtime but hope to be able to offer it to more as the year progresses.

We have also been successful in receiving some funding to improve our field and particularly the playing surfaces and pitches. This work should start early in the new year and will continue with significant reseeding in the spring.





## **RUNNING CLUB**

We continue to have over 150 pupils attending our Tuesday morning running club every week which is fantastic. Just a reminder that we are once again challenging our pupils to run a marathon across the course of the year. All they need to do is attend 18 sessions before Easter (not consecutively) to be awarded with a medal at the end of the year.



Our special Santa run was very well attended on Tuesday and it was great to see so many Christmas accessories.

Well done to everyone and thank you to the many staff and parents volunteers who give up their time on a Tuesday morning to ensure the children can run outside of the school grounds safely.

Merry Christmas everyone!

## **TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL**

On Friday the 1st December we took a mixed Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Team to Hurst Park for a local Tournament.

The tournament was mainly based on Rugby League rules which involved placing the ball on the ground after each touch tackle.

The Cleves team was amazing in defence and as a result we put an enormous amount of pressure on the opposition. Again and again, the pressure created mistakes from the opposition, resulting in us gaining possession and scoring well deserved tries. In our group, which we won, we beat Thames Ditton, St Pauls and Hinchley Wood (4-0, 2-0, 4-0). In the semi-finals however, we lost 1-0 to Hurst Park (the only try conceded in the competition). A fantastic day out with a lot of very good skills on display. Thank you as ever to the parents for their support and well done to the squad. Squad: Blake, Charlie, Colin, Jake, Oliver, Georgia, Lara, Mica, Nicole, Rachel



## DODGEBALL COMPETITIONS

This term, Mr Hodges and I have been running a lunchtime dodgeball club for years 4 and 6. These clubs have been really well attended and in November and December there were opportunities for both year groups to represent the school in competitions and festivals.

Firstly, as part of the WWHSP partnership, we welcomed St James, Burhill, Grovelands and Ashley School to a festival at Cleves in early November. This was a hugely enjoyable and exciting afternoon of dodgeball which saw the Year 4 team win overall and both Year 6 teams being joint overall winners. An amazing achievement and I have included a photo of the two year 6 teams below.

Then in December a different group of Year 6 pupils took part in the National Dodgeball Championships at Woking College. This was a particularly competitive event which saw some very tense and close games. On a different day, I think the team would have made the semi finals but on this occasion, they just missed out despite winning two and drawing one of their group games. They definitely returned better dodgeball players, understanding the strategic importance of the game.

There is one further competition after Christmas which will involve children in Year 6 who have attended the club but have not yet had the opportunity to represent the school.



## BORDER LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY

November and December has seen the first two of the Border League Cross Country competitions take place which has involved over 70 of our pupils. In early November, the first event took place in Maidenhead and saw very strong and determined performances from those in a Cleves vest. The under 9s boys secured an overall team win whilst there were many many excellent individual performances. This included the following:

- Bert Rigby 1st, Leo Allard 7th, Sebbi Scott 10th, Edward Hoare 12th and Freddie O'Malley 16th in the Under 9s boys
- Erin Murphy 3rd, Blaise Bird 8th, Betsy Murphy 10th, Sophie Simpson 11th and Beth Paisley 12th in the Under 9s girls
- Roland Spence 15th, Freddie Thompson 18th and Will Denham 19th in the Under 11s boys
- Bailey Bird 10th, Martha Dury 13th and Olive Rugby 16th in the Under 11s girls

Below is a picture of the Year 6 girls team



Then in early December, on a very wet and miserable Sunday, the second event took place in Stoke Park, Guildford which was jointly hosted by Cleves. Like the first event, it was a very strong showing from everyone in a Cleves vest with the Under 9s boys once again winning the team event. Individually, everyone was fantastic but particular well done to the following:

- Bert Rigby 2nd, Sebbi Scott 3rd and Louie Grafton 15th in the Under 9s boys
- Blaise Bird 12th and Sophie Simpson 13th in the Under 9s girls
- Roland Spence 17th, Adam Gruet 19th and Harry Abrahams 20th in the Under 11s boys
- Martha Dury 11th and Bailey Bird 17th in the Under 11s girls

If you would like your child to take part in the remaining two events in the new year, please drop me an email - [csmith@cleves.co.uk](mailto:csmith@cleves.co.uk)



## HOCKEY FESTIVAL

This term I have been running a Year 5/6 Hockey Club on a Monday evening and in November this culminated in a skills festival and tournament hosted by Ashford Hockey club. This saw nearly thirty children take part in a hugely enjoyable afternoon which started with a circuit of drills led by the Ashford Hockey Club coaches and ended with a tournament against St Charles Borromeo School who were also in attendance. We didn't quite manage to be overall winners but I was impressed with the skills and determination of our teams. They have all made lots of progress since joining the club and it was a great way for them to demonstrate this in an organised festival. Well done to everyone!



## FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

It's been a really busy term of football at Cleves with lots of children representing the school across our many teams. The staff members who look after these teams have written a short summary of their achievements.

### Year 5 A Team Boys Football (Mr Mulea)

What an exciting and hard working group we have in the Year 5 A team this year! What was evident early on was how this group of boys are able to be competitive and possess such a strong sense of desire to achieve the best they can. So far this season, we have only played a few competitive games but we have excelled. We have battled it out and won both our league cup and county cup fixtures to progress into the next round, which is a fantastic achievement! During those games, the team rallied together and showed fantastic effort, which is matched to their work ethic in our weekly training sessions. After the Christmas break, our games come thick and fast and we are certainly excited to see just how far they can go as a team! Mr Mulea

### Year 5/6 A Team Girls Football (Mr Woods and Mrs Flaherty)

The girls have made a great start to the season and remain undefeated in all their matches. They are playing some excellent football and are working well as a team, both on and off the pitch. It is great to see individual players improve week on week. We have played one league match against Stepgates which we won 6-0. We have also progressed into the next round of the League Cup following a 10-1 victory over Burhill.

In November, we travelled to Royal Holloway University to play in the ERPSSA district tournament. This comprised a group stage followed by several knockout rounds. The games were only 10 minutes long and so goals can be hard to come by. Nevertheless, the girls played themselves into the tournament with a 0-0 draw against St. Charles and two 1-0 victories over Burhill and St

Cuthberts to come runners up in our group. This saw us play Stepgates in the quarter final (2-0 victory); Bell Farm in the semi-final (1-0 victory) to meet Cardinal Newman in the finals. By this time, the team were playing the fast paced, positive football that the tournament required and ended up the winners with a 1-0 final score. Definitely a well deserved win. The team now moves to the next stage of the competition with the Surrey County finals tournament at Dorking FC football Club in January. See photo of the team below.

After receiving a bye into round 2 of the Surrey County Cup, the Year 6 girls met St. Dunstons who they beat 7-1. They progress into the next round where they face Hurst Park in the Spring term. The Year 5 girls team are yet to have a fixture, but have been instrumental in training sessions with the Year 6 girls. Their first match against Barrow Hedges will be played next term.



#### Year 5/6 B Team Girls Football (Mrs Flaherty and Mr Nelson)

An enthusiastic group of Year 5, Year 6 and recently Year 3/4 girls have been playing football on a Wednesday lunchtime. They have a great time and are getting better and better as the weeks go on. In early November, some of the Year 5 and 6 girls played in a small friendly tournament at St.Charles. Much fun was had by all!

Thank you to all the girls who have played football this term - we hope to go on to further successes in the new year.

#### Year 6 A Team Boys Football (Mr Smith)

This half term has seen the boys play a lot of football and I am pleased to report that they've come up against some real tests which will serve them well for the remainder of the season. In early November they played in the ERPSSA district tournament at Royal Holloway and after winning their group convincingly were very unlucky to lose to Cardinal Newman on penalties in the semi final. However, they quickly dusted themselves down the following week to put in an impressive display at the AFC Wimbledon Kids Cup competition. They were unbeaten on the day with some big wins including a 6 v 0 win in the final knockout game of the day. This is the very first step on the journey to playing at Wembley in May with the team now progressing to the second round of games which will take place in January.

Then, just a week later, a team went to play in the Fulham FC tournament - a great opportunity for them to play under the Dome at Fulham's training ground. The games were extremely competitive but we managed to navigate ourselves out of the group to the semi finals. Here we came up against a very good Latchmere side who were just a little too strong for us, beating us 2v0. They went on to be victorious in the final and were deserved winners.



In other games this half term, the team won the first round of the league game 3 v 1 against a very strong St Ann's Heath side and more recently travelled to Rutherford House in the second round of the Surrey County Cup. This was an extremely close and tense game which saw us emerge 2 v 1 winners. It was definitely a case of being rewarded for keeping our heads and overall concentration when the opposition were losing theirs. We now play Brookfield House in the new year. Well done to the team - there are lots more games to play in the spring when the league and cup competitions come to a conclusion.

### Year 6 B Team Boys Football (Mr Smith)

The Year 6 B team had their first competitive game at the end of November when they hosted Ongar Place at Cleves in the first round of the league cup. They put together a very impressive performance to overcome a spirited and hardworking Ongar team, winning the game 6 v 0. I was particularly impressed with the 'team' element of their performance with some slick passing and great goals. They now progress to the next round where they could end up playing the Year 5 A team.

Both the Year 5 and Year 6 B teams have four league games to play this season as well as a football festival in early February as part of the WWHSP partnership. It has meant that over 70 pupils have represented the school in football this term. Well done to you all!

### **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/CONGRATULATIONS**

Please do let us know if your child has received a sporting award or particular achievement so we can celebrate it in future

A big well done to Abi Nelson, Olive Rigby, Betsy Alford, Oliver Malthouse, Finley McCarthy, Ramzy Benchaita and Harry Abrahams who have all represented the Elmbridge and Runnymede District football teams this term. The boys team have managed to reach the last 16 of the National Cup competition and are due to play Wokingham in the new year.

### **LIVE SPORTING EVENTS**

Just a reminder, at Cleves, we would like to keep a record of occasions when children at Cleves get to watch a live sporting event. If your child is lucky enough to see a game or competition of any sport, please can I ask you to complete the following form so we can keep a record. Please [click here](#) to complete the form.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA - CLEVES SPORT**

Did you know that we have a Cleves Sport X handle? You can follow us at @ClevesSport



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This rounds up a very busy second half term at Cleves in terms of sports. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place in the first part of 2024.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach