

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 530 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 2025!

On top of this, 361 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.

GIRLS FOOTBALL AWARD - EQUAL ACCESS SCHOOL 2024

I am delighted to share with you that we have recently won the Equal Access School 2024 award for equal access and opportunities in girls' football. Breaking barriers and scoring goals both on and off the pitch, this recognition is a testament to the Cleves' commitment to gender equality and empowering young female athletes.

This is a prestigious award, recognising our outstanding commitment to provide equal opportunities for both girls and boys to participate in football.



WWHSP PARTNERSHIP

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 3HM and 3J 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, tag rugby and sportshall athletics competitions.



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SWIMMING SQUAD

Next term I have entered Cleves into hopefully three different swimming galas and I 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 17th January 2025.

STAFF LUNCHTIME/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our staff run lunchtime and after school clubs will finish at the end of this week 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 and do not require your child to sign back up again.

- Years 3-6 running club on a Tuesday morning - first session Tuesday 7th January 2025
- Year 5/6 girls non squad football club will continue on a Thursday lunchtime - first session Thursday 9th January
- Year 6 sportshall athletics on a Thursday morning - first session Thursday 9th January
- Year 5 netball on a Monday afternoon - first session Monday 13th January
- Year 6 netball on a Wednesday afternoon - first session Thursday 8th January
- Year 4 netball on a Thursday afternoon - first session Thursday 8th January
- Year 5/6 B team boys football club will continue - first session Friday 10th January

A range of other new clubs and some that have run this term but require a re-sign up will 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!



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. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to add the photo that was taken due to photo permissions but everyone did have a great time and looked very festive!

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

Back in November, the Year 5/6 Girls Tag Rugby Squad attended a Festival held at Cobham RFC. The festival included some coaching, followed by a series of matches. The girls duly applied their knowledge which resulted in a spectacular series of matches. The passing and running were of a very high standard, however, the most impressive aspect was the energy shown when defending. We won 5 out of the 6 matches - a very impressive record indeed. Huge thanks, as ever, to the parents who assisted with travel and of course to Martin Davidson and Ian Rothney who are leading the Girls Rugby club. Squad: Abby, Cece, Ella-Rose, Elleah, Emma, Georgia, Matilda, Thaleia and Zoe.



YEAR 4 AND 6 DODGEBALL COMPETITION

As a result of the Year 6 Dodgeball Club this term, we recently played a festival against St James as part of our WWHSP partnership offer. This involved 30 year 4 pupils and 30 year 6 pupils. It was an exciting afternoon of competition with St James winning the year 6 competition and Cleves winning the year 4 one. We have more competitions planned after Christmas which will involve different groups of children who have attended the club.

NETBALL FIXTURES

In November, both the Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams were in action with their first league games against Cardinal Newman school. Both teams played brilliantly with Cleves coming away with victories in both matches. Y5 won their game 7-0 and Y6 team's final score was 11-0. A huge well done to all of the children who represented the school. Y5 - Chloe, Amara, Heidi, Betsy, Leah, Eloise and Alba. Y6 - Abi, Georgia, Jaxon, Isla, Penelope, Cece and Emily.

CROSS COUNTRY

We've already had nearly 100 pupils represent the school in cross country this academic year and, once again, it's clear we have a large number of talented and committed athletes.

The first Border League Cross Country Competition took place in Guildford at the beginning of November. We had over 80 athletes running in the Cleves vest and they were all brilliant. We won both the under 11s boys and girls competition and were runners up and 3rd in Under 9s boys and girls competition. Considering we were one of the only schools taking part, this is a fantastic achievement. Individually well done to the following who secured top 10 finishes in their races - Chloe G (7th), Ralph H (3rd), Rowan M (8th), Sebbi S (2nd), Freddie T (4th), Will D (10th). There are some photos at the bottom of this newsletter.

Then, the day after, 24 athletes took part in the cross country relay event at Notre Dame School. The format saw athletes compete in teams of 6, each running 600m of the Notre Dame cross

country course. All of our runners were brilliant with Cleves winning the year 5 girls, year 5 boys and year 6 boys event and coming third in the year 6 girls competition. Congratulations!

At the beginning of December, the second Border League Cross Country fixture of the season took place in Maidenhead. It was another hugely successful and enjoyable afternoon of running for our athletes, which saw over 50 running in the Cleves vest. The conditions underfoot were very slippery which led to proper cross country conditions.

In the team events we were runners up in the Under 9s boys, Under 9s girls and Under 11s girls, whilst in the Under 11s boys event we were once again overall winners.

Huge congratulations to everyone who has run in a Cleves vest this term. We look forward to further events in the new year. Keep up the good work and training 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 Smith)

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 work hard for each other, are receptive to feedback and are committed to playing good football. So far this season, we have only played a few competitive games but we have excelled - scoring at least 6 goals in each. We are currently unbeaten in the league and have progressed to the quarter finals of the league cup. What's more, we still haven't played our first round match of the Surrey County Cup. After the Christmas break, our games come thick and fast and I am certainly excited to see just how far they can go as a team. Mr Smith

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



Recently, eight of the Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Fulham's training ground to take part in a 6 a-side football tournament. Each team played 3 matches in one of 4 groups, with the top of each group moving on to the next stage of the competition. The girls were eager to start and were the better side in their first match against Cheam Fields, but the game ended in a 1-1 draw. We then knew that in order to progress we had to beat a very strong team from Latchmere (who won their

first match 9-0). The girls raised their game and played a really competitive match with many chances on goal - but again the game ended in a 1-1 draw. Our final match saw a convincing 3-0 win. Looking at the other group games, we were easily in the top 3 teams present, but had an unlucky draw in a tough group. However, the girls all had a fantastic time and enjoyed the experience of being in a professional football club and even got a free bag!

In the league, the girls have started their campaign with a strong performance and win against The Hythe whilst in the cup, a win against Walton Oak has seen the team progress to the league cup semi finals. Finally in the district tournament at Royal Holloway, we entered two teams with both reaching the quarter finals. One team progressed to the semi finals where they faced a very good Cardinal Newman side. The match went to penalties and luck wasn't on our side on this occasion with Cardinal Newman ending up overall tournament winners.

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

Just last week, the Year 5/6 'B' team had their first action of the year as we took two teams across to Echelford School in Ashford for an afternoon of football. The girls from both schools were fantastic and it led to a hugely enjoyable afternoon with some great football on show. The first game was a really close and keenly contested affair which saw Cleves emerge 2 v 0 winners whilst the second game saw a goal fest with Cleves winning 7 v 3. Congratulations to everyone who took part - you represented the school in the best possible way.



Year 6 A Team Boys Football (Mr Mulea)

What a fantastic term of football the Year 6 Boys A Team have had! The team have flown into every competition and challenge so far this year and have shown excellent teamwork and commitment. The boys have met the various challenges they have faced and have produced some very entertaining football in every game. The boys have had an excellent start to the league competition and have made a strong start to set themselves up for the remainder of the season

after Christmas. The league cup fixtures have been especially exciting too. Cleves find themselves into the Quarter Final of the competition and looking particularly strong after scoring 13 goals and conceding 0 in the first two rounds. A particular highlight of the term came in our Royal Holloway WWHSP tournament, where the boys showed off their skills and produced some fast paced football whilst scoring goals for fun against the local schools. More success came in the Wimbledon tournament and the Chelsea Foundation competitions, again where the boys dominated and showed excellent teamwork and determination to produce their best football. Unfortunately, our County Cup run came to an earlier end and even after pushing hard, they fell just short in extra time in the second round.

With many more league games, league cup fixtures and follow up Round 2 tournaments, Cleves have lots to play for and a lot more silverware to continue to chase! A huge well done to the team for continuing to show commitment, dedication and hard work each week at training and in the fixtures. A thrilling first term of football for the boys and we are all thoroughly excited to see how they do in the next term!



Year 5/6 B Team Boys Football (Mr Smith)

Finally, the Year 5/6 Boys B team have also played a number of games this term.

Firstly, the Year 6 B team were in action against Thorpe Lea in the first round of the league cup competition. The Cleves boys were determined and motivated to make a strong start and get on the front foot. Cleves battled for possession and moved the ball well. Unfortunately, Thorpe struck back and managed to get the first goal. Cleves continued to fight on and stole an equaliser in the second half. With the light fading, the game concluded as a draw and it went down to the penalties. Sadly, Thorpe Lea won on this occasion and progressed into the next round. A huge well done to those boys who played and for showing a fantastic level of resilience and teamwork!

Then a few weeks later the Year 6 Boys 'B' team travelled across to Cardinal Newman for a very exciting first league game. The game started quickly and the boys were enjoying being in possession. Early on, the Cleves boys struck the net to score their first and continued on with the pressure. Heading out into the second half, the boys were keen to add to their tally and moved

the ball well. The final score was 4-0. A confident and convincing performance. A huge well done to those boys involved.

The Year 5 'B' team also played Cardinal Newman on the same evening in a friendly. Just like the Year 6 team, they played some really entertaining football with quick counter attacks and solid defending. After creating a number of chances and forcing some fine saves from the Cardinal Newman keeper, we got ourselves ahead with a fine team goal. We quickly doubled our lead before half time and despite dominating the rest of the game we couldn't add to our lead. Huge congratulations to everyone who played - you certainly made a great impression!

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

Frederick OMalley, 5J was awarded performance team 'best batter' for U9's from Weybridge Cricket Club.



Freddie Phillips recently entered the South East Gymnastics Regional Championships and did brilliantly well placing 6th in his category.



Congratulations to Dominik Szappanos (4M) who is a national level BMX racer. Dominik is a three times South Champion - 2022, 2023 and 2024 and two times South regional Series winner in 2023 and 2024. This year due to bad luck in the semi finals of the British Championships he came 10th overall in his age group. Based on this year's national rankings he qualified for the World Championships 2025 in Copenhagen. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sam Patman (3J) who took part in Santa Fun Run recently. He ran 5k and helped to raise an incredible £430 for Princess Alice Hospice. Well done Sam!



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



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 2025.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach