

The second half of the spring term is often the busiest when it comes to sport and competition and this half term has been no exception at Cleves. It feels like there has been something going on every day with a range of competitions including sportshall athletics, dodgeball, football, netball, tag rugby, swimming, panathlon, mini olympics and cross country.

This half term, an additional 67 children have represented the school in a competition or festival for the first time making it a total of 486 who have done so in this academic year. In addition to that, over 500 of our pupils have attended one of our extra curricular sports clubs this academic year. These are really impressive figures and I would like to congratulate all these pupils.

I hope you enjoy reading about a really successful half term of sport.

SWIMMING GALA

Last Thursday saw the first of two swimming galas at ACS Cobham which involved swimmers in year 3, 4 and 5. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon with Cleves finishing 2nd overall and I was extremely impressed with how everyone coped with the pressure of a gala. Everyone swam brilliantly but particularly well done to those who were competing for the first time, many of which were in year 3. It's safe to say that the future of swimming at Cleves is in safe hands!



There will be a further swimming opportunity in the summer term for pupils in years 5 and 6 as ACS Cobham are hosting the annual Cobham Cup gala.

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 NETBALL ROUND UP

It's been a busy half term for our netball teams. Here is a round up from Miss Hunter and Mrs Smith.

Year 5 have played two matches and a friendly game since January. They are set to play Cobham Free School after Easter and another friendly game against Cleves year 6 team. Throughout the season, the team has improved enormously - footwork, passing, shooting and most importantly... staying on side!

Although we've not played many matches, the team and wider squad have turned up weekly for practice come rain or shine (mostly rain).

Miss Hunter



It has been another busy term with lots of league matches and friendlies happening for year 6. Each week, there have been 20 enthusiastic and competitive children wanting to play netball and they have all improved their skills and teamwork as the weeks have gone by. All of the children who have represented Cleves in various matches have done so brilliantly and should all be incredibly proud of themselves. Netball club will continue up until the May half term as there are a few more games to be played.

Well done to all involved! Mrs Smith

YEAR 5 DODGEBALL FESTIVAL

Back in the middle of March, we teamed up with the Leo Academy Trust to host a Year 5 dodgeball festival which involved 14 of our pupils who have yet to represent Cleves this year. With four other schools attending it was a hugely enjoyable afternoon which included a skills rotation followed by a number of games. Well done to those who took part - I was really impressed with the progress they made throughout the afternoon.



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

You may remember from our last edition of the sports newsletter that our Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics team were crowned district winners at the annual competition at Cleves in February. Just this week, they attended the Surrey County finals, which saw them come up against the other 11 best schools in the county. It was a fantastic afternoon of competition which saw our athletes perform brilliantly in the various running, jumping and throwing events.

We were delighted to finish runners up but equally a little disappointed not to win, especially as the gap between 1st and 2nd was only 4 points. Such close margins! The staff have thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of children over the course of the year. They have worked so hard in training, sacrificing their Thursday mornings to prepare and improve their performance. Well done!



At the end of February, we also held a Year 5/6 sportshall competition at Cleves involving three other local schools. This gave another group of children the opportunity to compete and represent the school and just like the team above, Mrs Arpesella and I were delighted with their performance and how they conducted themselves. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of competition with some really close races and high scoring field events. It was also the first time I can recall a sportshall athletics event actually ending in a draw with the Cleves team sharing the trophy with St James. Well done to all involved.



YEAR 4/5 TAG RUGBY FRIENDLIES

Back in the middle of March, 14 boys from Years 4 and 5 travelled to The Echelford School in Ashford for two tag rugby friendly matches. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of tag rugby which saw boys from both teams play to a high standard. What's more the sportsmanship from all that played was exemplary. The Year 5 game ended 14 v 14 and the Year 4 game saw Cleves win 16 v 14. Well done to everyone who played. We hope to continue to expand our competitive rugby opportunities in the next academic year as we know so many of our pupils really enjoy the sport.



PRIMARY PANATHLON

Last week, fifteen of our pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Primary Panathlon which took place at Cleves and involved eleven other local schools. This multi skills festival is a great opportunity for pupils to develop and learn a range of new skills in a safe but competitive environment. There were two sessions and we entered a team into each. I am pleased to say that we were overall winners of the first session and runners up in the second. Congratulations to those who took part.



Twenty of our Year 5 pupils helped lead the event and what a superb job they did, attracting praise from all the visiting schools and the organiser. They acted and behaved well beyond their years demonstrating kindness, empathy and excellent communication skills. Well done!



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

At the beginning of March there was a great ending to the Border League Cross Country season in glorious sunshine and with such determined and brilliant runs from all our athletes in Reigate. I was so proud of all of them. The results from this event can be found by [clicking here](#)

In the team results we finished as follows:

- Under 9s Girls - 2nd
- Under 9s Boys - 3rd
- Under 11s Girls - 2nd
- Under 11s Boys - 1st

Overall across the season, the team positions were as follows:

- Under 9s girls - 2nd
- Under 9s boys - 3rd
- Under 11s girls - 2nd
- Under 11s boys - 1st

A fantastic set of results! Our under 11s boys managed to win all four events this season - something I don't think we've achieved before. Remember all the other teams are athletic clubs and we are the only school taking part. Individually, a number of our athletes picked up medals. Well done to Chloe, Rowan, Sebbi and Freddie!



Then, just last weekend there was the district cross country competition at Notre Dame School in Cobham. It was an incredibly successful morning of competition with the Cleves runners excelling in all age groups.

Team Results

- Under 9s girls team winners
- Under 9s boys boys team runners up
- Under 10s boys team winners
- Under 11s boys team winners

Top 10 individual placings

- Under 9s Girls - Chloe 2nd
- Under 9s Boys - Jenson 7th, Rowan 8th
- Under 10s Girls - Erin 2nd, Maddie 8th
- Under 10s Boys - an incredible Sebbi 1st, Jack 2nd and Edward 3rd, Leo 5th, Joe 11th
- Under 11s Boys - Freddie 1st, Josh 4th, James 5th, Eli 6th

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part and gave up their Saturday morning. The training throughout the year has certainly paid off.





RUNNING CLUB - MARATHON CHALLENGE

Just this week, we awarded our first Marathon medals of the year to a total of 117 pupils. Pupils have to attend our weekly running club on 18 occasions during the year in order to have run the distance of a marathon. Well done to those who received medals. If you are just a few sessions missing then there will be an opportunity in the first half of the summer term to cross the line and receive a medal.



RUNNING CLUB - SUMMER TERM

From the beginning of May, our weekly running club will switch over from long distance running to shorter distances. The club takes place on a Tuesday morning at 8am and is open to all year groups

The sessions will focus on sprinting and short relays and we will make use of the track on field once it's marked out. The club is always hugely popular so if your child would like to attend and hasn't done so already this year, please sign them up by [clicking here](#).

DISTRICT SPORTS - 10TH JUNE 2025

District Sports will once again be taking place this year and we will hopefully be able to enter two teams, giving approximately 100 children the opportunity to take part from across all year groups. The competition will be held on the running track at Walton Xcel on Tuesday 10th June and will see a range of running, jumping and throwing events. Trials are currently taking place during your child's PE and Games sessions with the team being selected in mid May, allowing time for the team to train and prepare. This is the biggest competition of the year and one we always look forward to.

SURREY COMMUNITY GAMES

The Surrey Community Games, formally known as the Surrey Youth Games, are coming in the summer term and it is free to get involved. Please see the below poster for more information.

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Info at: elmbridge.gov.uk/surreycommunitygames

  

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

It's been another really busy half 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)

The Year 5 boys team have had a really successful half term with three league wins against Ashley (5 v 0), Walton Oak (5 v 0) and this week against Burhill (6 v 1). This concludes their league season and I am delighted to say they are league champions, winning all fixtures this year.

Back in the middle of March, the boys played in the annual district tournament at Royal Holloway. This saw them compete in four group games which were a mixture of highs and lows for the boys. A 6 v 0 win against St James and a 3 v 0 win against Grovelands saw strong performances but a 0 v 0 against Ongar Place and a 1 v 0 loss against St Charles exposed our potential frailties. We finished 2nd in our group, qualifying for the quarter finals where we beat St Anne's comprehensively with a 3 v 0 win. In the semis we then played Holy Family and edged past them with a narrow 1 v 0 win. In the final we played St Cuthberts who had looked impressive all day. It was a really tight game but our opponents just edged it by a single goal. Well done to the boys who played, we just need to get greater consistency in performances and really roll up our sleeves and work hard when it's required.

The boys are still in the cup competition and play Burhill (Year 6 team) after Easter. If they manage to navigate through this fixture, they play the Year 6 Cleves team in the final. Well done to all the boys, they have been a pleasure to work with this year. There are some aspects we need to work on ahead of next year but I am confident we will be even stronger in Year 6.



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

The Y5 and Y6 girls football team have had a fantastic term. Despite cancellations of fixtures in January due to the poor weather conditions, they have squeezed one and sometimes two fixtures into each week since. A strong showing in the league has meant that they finish as group winners, going on to face Cardinal Newman in the league final, after Easter. They may have scored lots of goals but they only conceded one in 5 games.

They head into the semi finals of the cup against Burhill and hope to move to the final after Easter.

In the Y5 and Y6 county cups, both teams worked hard to get through to the semi finals where they were sadly knocked out by St George's. Nevertheless, their progression to the semi finals was undoubtedly a huge achievement.

It's been an action-packed half term of football and the whole squad has represented Cleves during various games. A huge congratulations to all the girls who have taken part and we wish them the best of luck for their upcoming final games.

Year 6 A Team Boys Football (Mr Mulea)

What a fantastic term of football it has been for the Year 6 boys A Team. Since Christmas, the boys have had a jammed pack and exciting schedule of tournaments, cups and fixtures home and away. Our Spring journey kicked off with a follow up tournament at Wimbledon's training ground, where the boys battled hard to top their group and put on some fantastic displays throughout the competition. Unfortunately, they fell short in the final, but what an excellent experience for the team to also meet some of the first team players at a Q&A session half way through!

Our league competition also continued this term with 3 more fixtures against some tricky local schools. Similar to the beginning of the season, the boys dominated the games and continued to demonstrate excellent team play in all the fixtures. The boys now sit top of the league with an incredible 14 goals scored and 0 conceded in our recent spring term games.

Another follow up tournament saw the boys travel across to Dorking Wanderers ground to play in a Surrey competition. The boys grew into this tournament and moved the ball quickly from defence to attack in every game. These performances saw the boys get all the way to the final but unfortunately missed out in extra time!

Following the success at our first Chelsea tournament in Autumn, the boys had a very fun trip to Cobham at Chelsea's training ground for a follow up tournament. The day out saw Cleves compete against some very high level schools across Surrey and London. The team played some convincing football and were on the top of their game. Sadly, during the knockout phase the boys met their match and were knocked out in the semi-final. What a great opportunity it was for the children and a great day out at the best club in England! Very excitingly, the Cleves team also played in their league cup quarter final and semi-final fixtures this term. The quarter final fixture was a completely dominant display from the entire team and this led to a convincing win against St Ann's Heath. Our Semi-final fixture continued on with the outstanding attacking display and the boys secured their place in the final with a 7-0 win against Ongar Place.

After the Easter break, the boys will finish up their league run with the playoff competition and then compete in the League Cup Final. Mr Mulea

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

Huge congratulations to the Year 5/6 boys B team who are league champions following an excellent 7 v 1 win against Lyne and Longcross back in March. It was a really competitive game of football but the Cleves boys had the edge when it came to the quality of football being played. They ended up unbeaten in the league this year and it's been great to involve over 50 boys within the team.

Furthermore, the long awaited Year 5/6 football festival finally took place at the end of March having been postponed three weeks ago. This involved nearly 50 of our boys from across years 5 and 6. We entered 5 teams into the competition and were joined by teams from Grovelands, Burhill, St James and Bell Farm. Well done to all the boys but particularly the Cleves team who were narrowly beaten by Grovelands in the final.



WWHSP PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

With Cleves taking the lead on the Walton, Weybridge and Hershham Sports Partnership, we have continued to host, organise and lead a number of sporting festivals this half term. This has included a year 3 mini olympics competition which 3LG and 3M (overall winners) took part in as well as a year 2 mini olympics which was attended by six of our local schools. Both mini olympics competitions were led brilliantly by our Year 6 Sports Crew. There has also been a year 5/6 sportshall competition as reported above



WWHSP
Walton, Weybridge, Hershham Sports Partnership

In the summer term there are many more competitions and festivals planned which include

- The rearranged year 3/4 girls football festival and year 3/4 sportshall competition
- Mini Olympics for years 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Year 5/6 Girls B team football festival
- Year 5/6 Girls B team netball festival

I look forward to reporting on these in future newsletters

Finally, you may remember in my last sports newsletter that I reported on a number of our pupils who had been selected to represent Surrey following success at a local sportshall athletics competition in January. This included pupils from all the WWHSP schools. I am pleased to say that in the regional competition Surrey were the overall girls winners and the boys were runners up! Well done to Antonina, Emily, CeCe, Kristian and Timothy - a fantastic achievement.



GIRLS RUGBY

This term, Martin Davidson has continued to offer excellent rugby provision to a group of Year 5/6 girls at Cleves. Martin and his coaches have successfully worked with the girls this term on playing T1 rugby (a format of non-contact) so they've had a go at scrums, lineouts and kicking alongside the basic principles of play.

If any girls at Cleves are interested in playing rugby outside of school, please email Martin at mjdcatz@hotmail.com. He is working with Vandals Valkyries and London Irish and us building a very strong cluster partnership in Weybridge and this year. Their u12s and u14s teams are in the Surrey Cup Finals later this month and the U14s (many of whom went to Cleves) will be playing at The Stoop on 22nd April!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dexter who recently won a green ball tennis tournament. He played really well, beating some great players along the way.

Congratulations to Diya who recently won a gold medal in her category in her judo club's championship. She won all her fights! Well done!

Finally, well done to Max who was recently a mascot at the Man City vs Tottenham Premier League game.



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.

This rounds up a very busy spring term of sporting action. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place for the remainder of the school year.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach