

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 10/11/23



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Left We Forget*

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13/11 - Odd socks day. Anti Bullying week
- 13/11 - Girls Football vs St Dunstan's
- 14/11 - Yr 6 Height and Weight checks
- 14/11 - Prospective Parents Evening - 6pm
- 14/11 - Yr 6 Boys Football
- 16/11 - Yr 5/6 Hockey Competition
- 17/11 - 6A Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 17/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs Burhill
- 21/11 - Yr 6 Boys Football vs St Anne's Heath
- 23/11 - Y4 Science Museum - (4L/4M)
- 23/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- 24/11 - 6C Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 27/11 - Girls Football vs Stepgates
- 02/12 - Christmas Fayre - 2pm-4pm

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## THIS WEEK

This morning the whole school gathered in the Performance Hall to mark Remembrance Day. We were joined by our friends from St Mary's Church where the mentors shared readings and the year 3 choir sang. At the end of the service, we held a two minute silence which gave us all the opportunity to think and reflect, not only about those that were affected by wars in the past but also those that are affected by conflicts today. This includes family and

friends of pupils at Cleves. It was impeccably observed by all children.

Thank you to everyone who either helped or attended our fireworks display last Sunday. It was a hugely enjoyable and successful event and we were extremely lucky with the weather.

Have a good weekend!

It's been an action-packed week in **Year 3** and, in literacy, pupils have been busy group planning a scene from Fantastic Mr Fox. They then used their plan to individually write their hot task, demonstrating the key features of playscripts, before rehearsing their script in a group. Everyone was very excited to then film their scenes in front of the green screen and watch and review their short films afterwards. In maths, we have been focusing on the 3 times table and learning both the multiplication and associated division facts. We have been looking at arrays as well as using our problem solving and reasoning skills. In science, we have begun our new topic on rocks and have been learning about the structure of the Earth as well as learning the differences between igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. In art, pupils have been creating their final animal print pieces and reviewing their work, reflecting on what they enjoyed and any challenges they experienced. In our topic lesson this week, pupils have been using the chromebooks and recommended websites to research and create a Top Trumps card on a chosen capital city in the UK. We have had a busy week in **Year 4**. We have explored how to be persuasive in our new literacy unit where we will be writing a persuasive letter to the environmental secretary about pollution in the River Thames. This links with our geography where we have been comparing the River Thames to the Ganges and understanding the impact pollution has. In science, we looked at teeth and compared different animals' teeth, considering their diets. In maths, we have continued with our unit on measurement finding rectilinear shapes missing sides and working out their perimeter. In

WCR, we have started a new text called the 'Ice Palace', which we are enjoying so far. Finally, in art we have now added water to our water lilies and our bags are looking fantastic.

This week in **Year 5** we have been carrying on with our literacy unit. The children have been describing their encounter with the thief in Hampton Court Palace - there were some interesting meetings! We have come to the end of our maths unit on multiplication and division - we have been reminding ourselves on how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Our science lesson this week involved separating various solids with fantastic results. In computing, we continued with our unit on iMovie and worked on editing a movie. In DT, we compared rich and poor food in Tudor England.

**Year 6** have had another busy week! We have started our new Literacy unit, based on a short film entitled 'Origins'. This depicts a lonely robot, living in the woods and attempting to find his origin. The outcome of this unit will be a descriptive narrative with the pupils creating their own ending to the story. Some Year 6 classes have been continuing to paint their tiles and create their block designs or have been using clay to make a 3D clay version of their design. Fractions in Maths, we are now in our second week of Fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same and different denominators. In Computing, this week and into next week, year 6 are logging into TinkerCAD (a website used to create 3D printing!). In History, this week we learnt about Urbanisation during the Victorian Industrial Revolution, the changes that occurred and the impact of these changes.

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## ODD SOCKS DAY



As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we at Cleves are taking part in Oddssock Day on Monday 13th

November. This is an opportunity for all children to wear odd socks (with their school uniform) to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and to celebrate who we are.

We look forward to seeing lots of odd socks on Monday and celebrating our uniqueness!

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Border League Cross Country

A huge well done to the pupils who took part in the first Border League Cross Country event in Maidenhead last Sunday. We had over 50 athletes from Cleves taking part and they all ran superbly. In the team competition, Cleves finished in the following places

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

A special well done to Bert who won the under 9s boys race and Erin, Blaise, Betsy, Leo, Sebbi and Bailey who all finished in the top 10 in their races.

The next race is in a few weeks time so if you are interested in running, please email Mr Smith ([csmith@cleves.co.uk](mailto:csmith@cleves.co.uk))



### Year 5 Boys Football Fixture

On Tuesday afterschool, the Year 5 A team were back in action against Cardinal Newman. This time out it was the first league fixture of the year and the boys were fired up and ready for it! After some nervy moments at the back and getting caught on the counter, Cleves saw themselves fall behind

early. After going in at half time at 1-0 down, the boys stepped up in the second half, but couldn't find a way to put the ball in the net. Cardinal Newman went on to score another, before Cleves squeezed one in right on the full time whistle to make it 2-1 to Cardinal Newman. A very disappointing start, but a long season ahead to put it right and some lessons learnt early on. Well done to the boys who played in the fixture.

### **Year 5 Girls Football Mini Tournament**

On Tuesday, the girls football B team played a mini tournament at St Charles. We had a great afternoon of football and the girls showed super grit, determination and, above all, enjoyment. Well done to all who played.

### **Year 6 Boys Football Tournament**

Congratulations to the Year 6 boys football team who were extremely unlucky to be beaten on penalties in the semi final of the district tournament on Thursday. Having been unbeaten in group stages, they narrowly beat Grovelands 1 v 0 in the quarter finals. Despite having all the play and chances, we couldn't find a way to score in the semi final against Cardinal Newman which meant it went to the lottery of penalties.

Despite the disappointment, there were lots of positives to build on and plenty more games to come this season. Well done!

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## **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

Dates for your diaries!

The year 3/4 nativities will take place on the following dates this year at the church at St Mary's:

- Year 4 Nativity - 6th December at 6pm
- Year 3 Nativity - 7th December at 6pm

If your child is in the lower school choir, they only need to attend on the night of their year group.

The year 5/6 Christmas performances will take place on the following dates this year in the Performance Hall:

- Year 5 - 12th December at 6pm
- Year 6 - 13th December at 6pm

If your child is in the upper school choir, they only need to attend on the night of their year group.

Tickets will be limited to two per child and further details will follow nearer the time.

Musical groups for the Christmas performances will be as follows:

### **6th December - Year 4 Nativity**

Cleves Handbells Group

Cleves Recorder Group

Year 4s in the Junior Choir

### **7th December - Year 3 Nativity**

Cleves Handbells Group

Cleves Recorder Group

Year 3s in the Junior Choir

### **12th December - Year 5 Concert**

Year 5 Steel Pan Band

Year 5s in the Senior Choir

Cleves Ukulele Group

Cleves Orchestra

### **13th December- Year 6 Concert**

Year 6 Steel Pan Band

Year 6s in the Senior Choir

Cleves Ukulele Group

Cleves Orchestra

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## **ECO NEWS**

### **THIS WEEK'S ECO TIP!**



Making a plastic bottle from recycled plastic uses less energy than making one from new materials. Today's plastic bottle could become tomorrow's plastic bottle - but did you know it could even become tomorrow's jumper!

### **17TH NOVEMBER - ECO MUFTI DAY**

On the 17th November we will be having an eco mufti day to raise money for WWF for endangered

animals, as this is one of the action points for the eco award. Please wear green for the environment!

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## **STATIONERY SHOP**

Stationery shop started this week and will open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at break time, outside the 4L classroom/back of the playground table tennis area.

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## **INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE**

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone, it can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

This week's guide is all about phones.

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

