

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 24/11/23



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs Stepgates
- 28/11 - Yr 6 B Team vs Ongar Place
- 2/12 - Christmas Fair (2pm - 4pm)
- 6/12 - Yr 4 Nativity at 6pm
- 6/12 - Yr 6 Dodgeball Tournament
- 7/12 - Yr 3 Nativity at 6pm
- 13/12 - Christmas Lunch
- 15/12 - End of term at 1.45pm

## THIS WEEK

This week has been another busy week with lower school starting to prepare for the Christmas performances. Remember to keep practicing their lines and songs to ensure an outstanding performance. There have been several football teams representing the school in matches and tournaments this week. Read the sports news section to find out more about these exciting events! Looking ahead, the Cleves Christmas Fair is 2nd December. Please remember to complete your Christmas cracker homework. This is due Tuesday 28th December, in readiness to be sold at the fair.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we have continued our literacy unit linked to Shakespeare's play, *The Tempest*. Pupils have planned, drafted, uplevelled and written their descriptions of the storm and shipwreck into their special writing books and also practised adding in similes and alliteration for further detail. In maths, we have been focused on the 8 times table and have been learning both the multiplication and division facts and using this knowledge to develop our reasoning skills and practise our problem solving. In our topic lessons, we have been looking at geological resources and discussing examples as well as comparing them to agricultural resources. We have also been practising our poems and songs for the upcoming Nativity and would like to remind everyone that costumes need to be brought into school on Monday (27th November) all named and in a named bag please. We are also starting our DT topic on Christmas stockings and will be practising our sewing and different stitches as well as designing our stockings - thank you to all of the parents who have offered to cut out felt and help during our sewing sessions - we really do appreciate it!! **Year 4** have had another busy week. Our final two classes had their trip to the Science Museum and had an interesting time discovering more about the science units we have been covering and reinforcing what they learned in Year 3. We have come to the end of our literacy unit and the children have written some excellent persuasive letters to Steve Barclay about the pollution in the Thames. - we hope to send some of the letters soon! In maths we have started to review our times tables and apply them to problem solving. Our new Year 4 Tackling Tables class competition is well underway and the staff are just as competitive as the children. In DT we have started investigating the use of canvas bags in preparation for creating our own using the printed fabric we designed and made last half term. In Year 4 we can hear the wonderful sounds of Christmas songs as we start to rehearse for our Lower School Christmas

productions, we cannot wait to share the songs and poems with you all.

In **Year 5** this week we started a brand new literacy on The Golden Hinde. The children have been using their knowledge from history to describe how they might have felt living on board the ship! We continue to progress with our movie in our computing lessons - the children were experimenting with audio to improve the quality of their overall movie. Our science lesson this week involved investigating the rate of dissolving - we changed 3 different variables. We altered the size of the particles, temperature of the water and the rate of agitation with some interesting results. Within history we have been exploring the Spanish Armada in 1588 and the reasons Spain had attempted to invade England. We are moving towards making our Tudor Pottage in DT by exploring the health and safety considerations we need to be mindful of. In PSHE we reviewed our RAK's and the positive effect they had on us. In **Year 6** this week, pupils have completed their stories based on Rusty, the green robot, with some culminating in a happy ending, finding family or friends. However, other pupils preferred their ending to be more sinister and finish on a cliffhanger! A huge congratulations to those who have completed their practice SATs maths papers. This was the first time that they have experienced these and Year 6 completed them to the best of their abilities. In addition, we have already started planning our Christmas celebration! Each class have been delegated a song and poem and they are working hard on their performance skills. In DT, classes have been finishing planning their Victorian samplers with some classes already learning how to cross stitch to make their personal designs. In Whole Class Reading, children are enjoying our half-term focus on 'The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe'. Finally, we are coming to the end of our history topic on the Victorians and this week, we learnt about the five Factory Acts that took place with the children writing two accounts of life before and after the Acts were imposed.

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## SPORTS NEWS

We will provide a fuller round up in our end of half term sports newsletter but here is a summary of

the events and competitions that have taken place this week.

### Year 6 Boys Football

The year 6 boys football team has had a busy week with the team in action twice. On Monday, they played at Fulham FC training ground in a tournament against other local schools. They battled hard and reached the semi finals before being beaten by Latchmere who went on to win the competition. Then on Tuesday, the team were in league cup action against St Ann's Heath. After going one goal behind early on, they went on to win 3 v 1 in an impressive display. Well done to everyone who has played this week.

### Year 5/6 Girls' Football

On Monday, the Girls Football Team played the opening round of the defence of their ERPSSA Cup title against Burhill at home. They quickly went ahead and the final score was a convincing 10-0, so onto the next round we go.

On Thursday, the girls travelled to Royal Holloway University to play in a tournament. In the group stages, we drew our first match but won the next two, and so moved to the knockout stages. The girls grew in confidence as the afternoon went on and learnt to play with purpose and focus for the short 10 minute matches. The quarter final saw us face Stepgates who put up a spirited defence but we won the game decisively 3-0. In the semi final, the girls played against Bell Farm who initially frustrated our attempts to score. Eventually we broke down their defence and scored the decisive goal to make it through to the finals. Here we played Cardinal Newman and easily the strongest opposition of the afternoon. Nevertheless, the girls played with renewed determination and took the title 1-0. Well done to the tournament champions: Rachel, Abi, Belle, Eva, Olive, Myla, Izzy, Bailey, Martha and Betsy!

### Dodgeball Festival

A huge well done to the year 4 and year 6 dodgeball teams who took part in a festival against other schools at Cleves last Friday. All our teams were unbeaten during the afternoon meaning that Cleves won both competitions. A huge well done to everyone who took part.



Please click on the image below to read the guide.



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## TRAVEL NEWS

This year we are continuing our use of the journey to school Travel Tracker and will look to roll this out early in December. This year we are especially delighted as Bailey Bird 6A designed one of the badges for this year - a huge achievement. As the mornings and evenings are now quite dark please reinforce with your children the need to ensure they are safe on their journey to school. In the run up to Christmas, we will be selling some travel items in school to help with their visibility and safety.

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## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored Nyla and Heidi to do their sponsored walk for Truly Giving.

The girls completed their walk on Saturday and raised over £800 to buy gifts for children, who wouldn't normally have received a gift this Christmas! We are incredibly proud of them!

Thank you for your amazing support and if you would like to know more about Truly Giving or buy a gift for a child yourself, the website is - <https://trulygiving.co.uk/give-a-gift/>

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week was anti bullying week so this week's guide is about cyber bullying. The guide breaks it down into 6 key areas, making it easy to get the information that is right for you.