

Cleves School

Newsletter - 11/10/24



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 11/10 - PTA discos
- 16/10 - Y5 Hampton Court Trip - 5D & 5J
- 18/10 - Y6 Outdoor Learning and Victorian Day
- 18/10 - Y5 Hampton Court Trip - 5M & 5S
- 18/10 - PTA Quiz
- 23/10 - Y5 Hampton Court Trip - 5H & 5N
- 25/10 - 6A Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 3/11 - PTA Fireworks Event
- 4/11 - INSET Day - School closed to pupils
- 8/11 - Y3 Mini Olympics

THIS WEEK

This week we have celebrated World Mental Health Day. Our assembly considered what mental health is and how we can look after ourselves and each other. This links to our value of kindness. This was also an opportunity to celebrate achieving the Wellbeing Award again. This shows our continuation and improvement of opportunities to support positive mental health and wellbeing at Cleves. Thank you to Miss Clarke and everyone that helped attain this prestigious award. Advice on how to support your child's mental health can be found [here](#).

Have a restful weekend.

Year 3 had the opportunity to demonstrate their teamwork skills in our Outdoor Learning sessions this week. As we explored our beautiful school grounds, children worked in groups to write poetry and create natural art using the resources they could find in the environment. We finished by using crayons to make some wonderful tree rubbings. Huge thanks to the parent helpers who supported us for the morning. In literacy, we have started to look at the wonderful story of Fantastic Mr Fox, and explore the characters created by Roald Dahl. We put our drama skills to the test and 'hot-seated' different characters to find out more about them. In maths we have been adding and subtracting crossing the tens boundary. Place value grids, base ten equipment and number lines have really helped us to develop our understanding. On Thursday we enjoyed an assembly to think about Mental Health, we all looked great with our yellow accessories and now have a greater awareness of how to support our own mental health. Another great week of learning for **Year 4!** This week in Maths, the children have moved onto addition and subtraction. The children have been practising the formal written method for addition and will be moving onto subtraction next week. In Literacy, we have been continuing with writing a warning story. The children have come up with some wonderful ideas for their stories and we will continue writing it next week. In Topic, we've been learning all about the damage that flooding causes as part of our learning about rivers. As usual, the Year 4 teachers are really impressed with the children's learning this week and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

First we must start by saying a huge well done to all the **Year 5** children for their fantastic worm project homework. The variety of slideshows, posters, models and videos was very impressive! This week children have finished their Battle of Bosworth recounts and our unit on addition and subtraction. In science, we continue to look at different materials and most classes have completed their experiments on thermal

conductivity. In French, children have learnt how to describe famous people and in PE we continue to learn about Tudor dance. In **Year 6** this week, we have been learning about several key figures of the Victorian era including Charles Dickens, Charles Darwin, Florence Nightingale, Lord Shaftesbury and Emmeline Pankhurst. In literacy, we have been practising our editing skills whilst upleveling our 'Pickpockets News Reports' and are looking forward to using the greenscreen to film them. We have continued with multiplication and division in maths; this week focusing on the multiplication written method, reasoning and problem solving. In science, the children have continued their learning of classification by creating a dichotomous branched key. The children also enjoyed creating their 'William Morris' inspired lino tile. Have a great weekend Year 6.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I'd like to start by thanking all of you that support the school by volunteering and giving up your time to support both in school and at the many events that Cleves children are given the opportunity to participate in. Many of these events simply couldn't take place without the support of volunteers be they school trips or sporting fixtures.

Sadly, following a recent sports event, I have received a complaint about the conduct of a very small number of parents. I'm sure you'll agree that it's important for all representatives of Cleves School to demonstrate the values of the school be they staff, children or parents. It is important to recognise that the bulk of these events are run by volunteers for the benefit of the children and it would be sad if Cleves was no longer invited to participate as a result of the behaviour of a frustrated parent or carer.

For the Elmbridge and Runnymede events parents and carers are already required to sign up to a code of conduct and moving forwards we will be asking for a similar code

to be applied to all other external sporting events.

I'm sure that for most of you this won't be an issue and I know the vast majority of parents and carers already abide by these very reasonable and understandable guidelines and for this I thank you.

PUPIL PARENT PROGRESS MEETINGS AND TARGETS

We are holding parent consultations on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October after school. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their learning, targets and how they have settled into school this term. To support this conversation, you will receive your child's targets today which indicate what they will be working on this term. Please be aware that if your child has a SEND plan, their targets may cross over. Please book your child's appointment via School Cloud. Appointments will take place in classrooms.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are having an increasing number of children coming into school without a booked lunch or a packed lunch. Please remember to book school dinners on Scopay at least 72 hours in advance and discuss choices with your child so that they are happy with what they are eating. If your child has not got a booked lunch, we will expect that you will provide a packed lunch on that day.

SNACKS

Please remember we have asked that neither snacks or packed lunches should not contain nuts or sesame, which includes hummus. It is a great healthy snack but we have children severely allergic to sesame.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime it must only be fruit or vegetables.

GAME CARDS

Please note that children are not allowed to bring in game cards, such as Pokemon cards or Panini cards. They often get lost or damaged, which is very upsetting for the children. Please ensure that these cards are left at home and do not come into school in their bags.

PE/GAMES

Year 3 - 6 Biathlon Event

Huge congratulations to the thirty seven children who took part in the biathlon event at Guildford High School on Tuesday. They represented the school superbly in what were very challenging conditions with heavy rain and very muddy conditions. The year 3/4 children swam 25 metres before running 400m, whilst the year 5/6 children swam 50 metres before running 800m. It was a great introduction to a multi discipline event and many overcame nerves to perform brilliantly. It was a positive experience for all our competitors and I hope it will give them confidence to put themselves forward for other events including our swimming galas later in the year.



ECO NEWS

The Eco Council met last week and received their Eco Council badges. We have begun assessing the school against the 10 areas:

- Biodiversity
- Energy
- Global citizenship
- Healthy living
- Litter
- Marine
- School grounds
- Transport
- Waste
- Water

We found that as a school, we are doing really well in lots of areas such as litter, transport and energy.

We have decided this year to focus on improving Cleves in the areas of Marine, Global Citizenship and Healthy Living.

Therefore, if you have any ideas about how we can work on these 3 areas please contact an Eco Council member or Miss Pisano.

We will keep you updated on our progress via newsletters, the radio, assembly notices and the Eco display board located in the library.

Rethink Waste Donations Scheme

Some very exciting Eco News - Cleves has been accepted onto the Rethink Waste Donations Scheme. But we need your help to win!

By subscribing to the scheme, residents of Surrey (adults and children!) watch the on-line videos, play the games, challenges and quizzes to learn about ways to reduce waste. By doing so, you collect points which you donate to your chosen school (Cleves please!) and the total number of points goes towards monetary prizes.

At the end of the schools donation fund period, we will be allocated a portion of £3,000 depending on how many points we receive.

Please spread the word!

rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools or scan QR code to register and donate points to Cleves



WELLBEING

After a successful World Mental Health Day we wanted to bring your attention to a way you can increase your own happiness and wellbeing. We know this can be hard especially in challenging times. The 10 days of Happiness program can help you learn simple daily actions which are proven to give you a boost and help you feel happier. Please see the link below to try it out.

<https://10daysofhappiness.org/>

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via absence@cleves.co.uk and Class Teacher. Where possible (emergencies being the exception) such appointments should be kept to a minimum as many doctors and dentists offer surgeries outside of school times. However, if appointments have to be made during school hours, it is expected that the pupil will return promptly after the appointment. If for some reason this is not possible, parents should contact the Welfare Officer to discuss before making the decision not to return to school.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored smart speakers and how to talk with your child about their device. This week's explores smart TVs. It includes conversation starters and top tips.

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



On-line Gaming Concern

Please be aware that many online games are given an age rating much like movies. We would encourage parents and carers to be aware of the relevant age limits of games that their children are playing and as a result the content of the games.

In addition it has been noted that children are using the open chat function, on these games when playing, with people that they do not know - this is

clearly a huge safety risk and should be carefully monitored.

Please use the following link to see the advice from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) regarding online gaming and the associated risks.
[CEOP LINK](#)

HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative house points for this term:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	8027
Warwick	7823
York	7173
Arundel	7860

LOST PROPERTY

There is already a collection of lost property building up, most of which can be found in the large plastic boxes near the GAP entrance. Could we ask that all parents ensure items are labelled and check that your children have the correct clothing as we are aware of some items accidentally getting swapped.

VACANCIES

Learning Support Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant. If you know anyone who might be interested, parent/carer, a neighbour, friends or even a gap year student, please share the link below.

Please see link below for further information and details on how to apply.
<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=14092>

PHOTOS

Some photos from our World Mental Health Day Doodles



Y5 - Worm Homework



