

Cleves School

Newsletter - 11/11/22



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 another busy week in **Year 3** and we have continued with our literacy work linked to Shakespeare's play of 'The Tempest'. We have been focusing on the character of Caliban and what happens to him and how he might have been feeling at different points in the play. We have then been using this information to write a diary entry from his perspective, using the key features of a diary, and editing our work before copying it into our Special Writing books. In maths, we have been practising the 3 times table and learning both the multiplication and division facts as well as applying these to problem solving and reasoning activities. Next week, we will be focusing on the 4 times table. Our topic lessons on the British Isles have continued and we have been learning about different human landmarks in the UK, including Big Ben and Edinburgh Castle. In our whole class guided reading sessions we are sharing the story of 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' and discussing the main characters and finding evidence in the text to support our ideas. Our PE lessons are focusing on indoor athletics and we have been practising both our sprinting and jumping skills and trying to improve our techniques. In RE, we have been learning about the key beliefs of Hindus and some of the main traditions and customs. **Year 4** has had a very busy and exciting week. We have all started our new Literacy unit, where we are identifying the features of persuasive writing! This is to help us when we are writing our own letter to the 'Wastealot Family', trying to convince them to be more environmentally friendly. We started off the week focussing on finding the perimeter in Maths and now we are using our place value knowledge to

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14/11 - Odd socks day. Anti Bullying week
- 14/11 - Flu Vaccines
- 14/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls' Football v Barrow Hedges
- 15/11 - Flu Vaccines
- 15/11 - Prospective Parents Evening - 6pm
- 16/11 - Yr 5/6 Hockey Festival
- 16/11 - Yr 6 Football & Netball vs St Anne's
- 17/11 - Yr 5/6 Rugby Festival
- 17/11 - Yr 6 Height and Weight checks
- 17/11 - 3H/3D Natural History Museum Trip
- 18/11 - 3HB/3J Natural History Museum Trip
- 18/11 - 6B Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 23/11 - 4A/4C Science Museum Trip
- 24/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls' Football Tournament
- 25/11 - Parent Forum - 9am - 10am
- 25/11 - 6A Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 3/12 - Christmas Fair (1pm - 3pm)

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 school 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

tackle multiplication and division! In P.E we are continuing to develop our badminton skills. We focussed on how to serve this week! We are learning all about Hinduism in R.E and this week we discovered how Hindus worship. Now we have a good understanding of canvas bags, we are deconstructing and designing our bags, as we develop our understanding of the key features of the product. In Science, we are continuing to learn about teeth and we have worked scientifically when completing our latest experiment. We used eggshells as teeth and put them in petri dishes with different liquids to see which would cause the most decay. To end our week we all gathered together to reflect and remember all of those who fought for our country. We were all incredibly respectful, wore our poppies and took the time to be thankful for everything we have because of others' sacrifices. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and well done on all your hard work!

What a great week it has been in **Year 5!** We have immersed ourselves into the new Literacy unit on our Tudor Spies, focussing on the language and suspense of how our characters will save the King/Queen from danger! We have thoroughly enjoyed expressing our characters feelings and planning ready for our writing next week. Within Maths, we have continued on with our multiplication and division and have developed our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000. Our Science lesson this week saw us complete an investigation on separating materials and allowed us to carefully think, reflect and adapt our investigation to calculate the best way to separate the various items in the box. This week also saw us return to our Scratch unit in Computing and focus on debugging and using some of our problem solving skills to alter a game on the programme. Within PE, we have continued on with our basketball sessions and on the set focus this week of dribbling with the ball and turning with confidence to find a pass. We later applied these skills into some game scenarios of keeping possession and finding space on the court. Another exciting week in **Year 6!** We have now finished our biographies on Marcus Rashford and the outcome was pupils completing a Spark Video - an app in which children record a voice over pictures. In Literacy, Year 6 have begun a new unit called 'Origins' which is a short video of a robot who lives in the woods wanting to find out where he is from. The outcome will be a creative description based on

the video. In Maths, we have started our topic of fractions and in Topic, pupils have researched and identified the cause and impact of industrialisation during the Victorian Era. Classes are now beginning to create their clay tiles of their lino design, inspired by William Morris.

CLEVES FIREWORKS

The return of the Cleves Fireworks last weekend saw over 4000 people in the school field watching an amazing display of fireworks. Thank you to everyone at the school who bought tickets to support the event – we hope you had an enjoyable evening! Thank you also to the fireworks team who have worked very hard over the last few months and to the many volunteers who helped make the evening the success it was. The event has raised over £20,000 for the school.



ODD SOCKS DAY



As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we at Cleves are taking part in Oddsock Day on Monday 14th November. This is an opportunity for all children to wear odd socks 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!

SPORTS NEWS

Border League Cross Country

On Sunday, nearly 80 of our pupils took part in the first of the Border League Cross Country Competitions at Lightwater Country Park. As you can see from the photos, they were joined by Sir Mo Farah who was there supporting her daughter who took part in the Under 11s race.

All of our runners should be congratulated for their performance, determination and resilience on Sunday. The conditions underfoot were extremely wet, muddy and slippery and the racing was fiercely competitive.

Particular congratulations to the following who secured top 10 finishes in their races:

- Under 9s Boys - Will Denham 1st, Roland Spence 2nd, Freddie Thompson 5th, Leo Allard 6th
- Under 11s Girls - Eliza Hedger 5th, Bailey Bird 8th
- Under 11s Boys - Etienne Victor 1st, Luke Duncan 5th, Theodore Thompson 10th

In the team competition where the top four finishes from each team score points we finished in the following places:

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

Fantastic results, especially considering we are the only school taking part against athletics clubs across Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

More information on the league can be found here - <https://www.borderleaguexc.org/> If you would like your child to take part in future meets, please email Mr Smith (csmith@cleves.co.uk)





from the trip and apply to the Royal Holloway tournament!

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6 boys participated in an annual football tournament at Royal Holloway University. The fixtures saw Cleves play 4 group games in the hope to qualify for the knockout stages. The boys kicked off the tournament with a spring in their step and raring to get off to a quick start. They managed to see out two draws and win two games, showing fantastic determination to grab the points. Cleves flew into the knockout stage and were put up against a tricky Cardinal Newman team, where the game went to extra time. In this stressful period, the boys stepped up again and found the net twice to progress to the semi finals. Soon enough, the next fixture came around and they were up against a strong Ashley team. The boys were fired up after a draw to them in the group stage. Unfortunately, Ashley managed to break through our defence and held onto the win to send the boys home. A strong performance throughout the tournament from Cleves and lots of positives to take into a busy November schedule!

Year 6 Football

On Monday afterschool, the Year 6 football were in action for another home league game against Manorcroft school. Even with a very wet and damp pitch, the boys started well and kept possession of the ball. The battle continued on during the first half with the score at 3-0 to Cleves at the break thanks to a superb hattrick. The second half started in a similar fashion and the boys were raring to go. The boys dominated all areas of the pitch and kept the ball well. They showed some fantastic movement and build up play throughout the half and saw out the game to a 4-0 finish for Cleves. A huge well done to those you played in the fixture!

On Wednesday morning, Cleves took a team made up of six year 6's and two year 5's to an annual football tournament in Wimbledon. The boys started their group fixtures with a convincing win in two games and a loss in their final group match. The boys progressed through to the knockouts where they faced a tough opponent. Cleves managed to dominate the possession, but couldn't find the back of the net. Fortunately for the opposition, they managed to snatch onto two mistakes and put the ball in our net twice, sending Cleves home and out of the tournament. A very unlucky day out, but plenty of positives to take

CHRISTMAS FAIR - STALLS

This year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 3rd December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We are looking for pupils from years 5/6 (with help from parents/carers) to set up and run a range of stalls in the Year 3 classrooms

If your child has an idea for a stall, please fill out the form below giving as much information as possible. The PTA will then select stalls from the list and notify parents of the next steps.

Deadline for submitting interest is Friday 18th November 2022

The link for the form can be found here - <https://forms.gle/rdCY4pnkqKzzMekf6>

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 - 8th 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 - 14th December at 6pm
- Year 6 - 15th December at 6pm

If your child is in the upper school choir, they are required to attend on BOTH nights.

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

ECO NEWS

The Eco Council met this week and we completed an environmental review of the school. This involved assessing the school against the 10 areas:

- biodiversity
- energy
- global citizenship
- litter
- marine
- school grounds
- transport
- waste
- water

We found that as a school we are doing really well in the areas of school grounds, healthy living and litter.

We have decided to focus on improving Cleves in the areas of energy, transport and water.

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, radio, assembly notices and the Eco display board.

PARENT FORUM AGENDA

In our Parent Forum meeting on Friday 25th November (9am-10am), we will be discussing how we can further improve from being an outstanding school to an exceptional one, following our recent Ofsted inspection. We will be asking for suggestions on how we could improve the following areas including; our curriculum, extra curricular activities, reporting back to parents, well being, community

work and engagement and school site and resources. We would be very grateful if the representative from each class, who will be attending, could gather feedback from other parents/carers to share at the forum. Many thanks.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Defined as “ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online”, cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person’s posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person’s mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we’ve provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child’s online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgment or criticism.

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



TRAVEL NEWS

Cleves Travel Shop (online)

As the nights are now drawing in it is the perfect time to look at visibility of children on their travel to and from school.

We have a number of items available in the Cleves Travel Shop which are now available to purchase.

The items will be delivered to the children in their classrooms following an order.

NB: Both parts below are required to be completed

1. Please complete the order online - using the Google Form - [Cleves Travel Shop link](#)
2. Use the parentpay system to pay for the items ordered.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Eric Murnieks of 4A recently participated in a Futsal Power Play Tournament. His team won all their matches and won the Tournament. Well done, Eric.
