

Cleves School

Newsletter - 12/01/24



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 15/1 - Yr 5/6 A Boys Football Fixture vs St Pauls (away)
- 16/1 - Yr 6 Boys Football vs Brookfield
- 18/1 - Young Voices Concert
- 19/1 - 4E Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 19/1 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- 22/1 - Girls Football vs Manorcroft
- 23/1 - Yr 5/6 Boys Football vs Burhill
- 25/1 - Yr 5/6 Boys Football vs Grovelands
- 26/1 - 5S Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 30/1 - Yr 5/6 Boys Wimbledon Football Tournament
- 2/2 - 5H Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)

THIS WEEK

You'll see below that it's been another busy week, particularly in year 3! A special mention to our year 3 pupils who looked fantastic in their Egyptian outfits and loved their immersion days. All classes are well settled into 2024 and are showing high aspirations in their lessons. This week I had the pleasure of walking around the school and dipping in and out of most classrooms. It was clear that the children were enjoying their learning and working hard! As always, the children were amazing.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

It's been a very exciting week in **Year 3** as we have launched into our topic on Ancient Egypt with two immersion days. On one of our days, we had Portals into the Past running a number of workshops about the history of the Old and New Kingdoms and exploring Egyptian artefacts. Pupils

also had the opportunity to learn about the mummification process and join in the funeral procession for a pharaoh as well as learning the story of Cleopatra. In addition, we have also been learning about some of the different Egyptian gods and goddesses and their beliefs about the afterlife. In literacy, we have continued our persuasive unit and have been planning and editing our writing on Cleves School and will be using the chromebooks to present our work. In maths, we have been revisiting addition and subtraction and using the column method to practise exchanging. We will be continuing this next week as well as using our knowledge of rounding to help us estimate. In science, we have been investigating how plants grow and have set up an experiment using spring onions to observe, gather data by taking measurements and look for patterns. We have come to the end of our first full week back of the Spring term. In **Year 4** in Maths we have continued to look at multiplication and division using known multiplication facts and moving onto more formal methods. In literacy we have started writing our own Theseus and the Minotaur narratives, we have seen some wonderful and creative writing. We have spent the last two weeks in Computing studying digital safety, focussing on how to stay safe when using the internet - skills that are incredibly important in today's society. Our science topic on electricity continued this week with investigations into creating a range of circuits and identifying the scientific symbol for each component. During Whole Class Reading sessions this half term we have started reading The Iron Man. We have discussed the vocabulary used by the author and answered both retrieval and inference questions based on the text. In PE we have been developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance in gymnastics. We are in the middle of our PSHE unit on Community. Year 4 have been discussing what a community is, what communities the children have been part of and how they can support their local community. Finally we have started designing our own mazes which we will be making this half term in DT.

This week in **Year 5** we have followed on from our Space immersion day on the Planets and solar system and have looked at the key events in the Space Race between the USA and USSR. We have also continued the space theme with our Science

lesson this week in which we modelled how the rotation of the Earth leads to day and night. In Literacy we have finished the first draft of our rollercoaster poem to be finished off next week. In Games this week, we had a quite bracing interhouse competition, showcasing dribbling and shooting skills in football, hockey and netball. And our ever popular Pop Art unit begins this week. Thank you to children who have started to bring in empty soup cans for the upcoming Andy Warhol/Campbell Soup work. We have had a busy week in **Year 6** this week. We have continued our Literacy unit of Spooky Stories where we have been looking at different techniques to build suspense and mystery and we have been exploring healthy and unhealthy foods in our DT cooking unit. We have also learnt all about Greta Thunberg this week and her amazing passion for the environment in our Whole Class Reading sessions. This has linked nicely with our plastic pollution unit that we have started studying in Geography.

SPORTS NEWS

Y5 & 6 B Boys Team Football vs Stepgates

On Wednesday afterschool, the Year 5/6 B team were in action for their very first league fixture of the season. The boys came up against a very tough Stepgates team and set off to a flying start from the whistle. Cleves battled hard and pushed them back in every area of the pitch. Cleves continued to work hard as a team and created several chances but couldn't quite put the ball in the net. The second half kicked off in a similar fashion and the defence still stayed strong and kept them out until the final few minutes. A quick break away saw Stepgates snatch a goal right at the end. The game concluded, but as Stepgates accidentally fielded some A team players, both schools agreed the fixture would be a draw and each would take a point.

Y5 Boys A Team Football vs Cobham Free School

On Thursday, the Cleves Year 5 boys A team were back in action and searching for 3 points from Cobham Free School. The league fixture kicked off in a quick and fast manner, with the boys eager to find an early goal. After relentless pressure and several corners, Cleves managed to find themselves a few goals up. After half time, the Cleves boys kicked on in a similar fashion and were hungry for more. They pressed Cobham continuously and

forced more goals and then saw out a 7-1 victory. A great battle on the pitch and a real determination from the entire team. Well done to those who played!

Year 6 Boys Football vs Cobham Free School

On Thursday, the Year 6 boys played their first league game of the season, hosting Cobham Free School. It was a hugely impressive performance from the team as they dominated from the first to the last minute. Within that performance, there were some excellent team goals on a pitch that made passing football difficult. The scoreline ended up 10 v 0 to Cleves against opponents who never gave up and remained positive throughout. Well done boys, a great start to 2024!

HOUSE POINTS

Accumulative house point total for Spring term below:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	3369
Arundel	3171
York	3875
Warwick	4276

ECO NEWS

Birds can become confused by bright nighttime lights, causing them to collide with windows or fly in circles until they're exhausted. Turn off unnecessary lights at night in the spring and autumn, when birds are migrating.



INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

This week's guide is on how to navigate youtube safely. It has a lot of additional links and videos for extra guidance.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Alba (4L) has passed her ABRS Level 2 Equitation and Stable Management exam. Well done !



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES...

This week we have pictures from Y3's Egyptian Workshop.

