

Cleves School

Newsletter - 13/01/23



It's been a great week in **Year 3** and the highlight has definitely been our Ancient Egyptian Immersion days. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed participating in the workshops and finding out about various pharaohs, the difference between Upper and Lower Egypt, handling some different artefacts and learning about the process of mummification. They also took part in a quiz by researching the answers from information boards, playing an Ancient Egyptian game of snakes and ladders which Tutankhamun also enjoyed and measuring different objects using the units of cubits, palms and fingers. In addition, we have been learning about some of the different Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses and creating fact files based on websites we have been using, drawing comic strips of the Weighing of the Heart ceremony and collaborating in groups to create some Egyptian-inspired artwork. In literacy, we have been continuing our work on Lost and Found and have been working together as a class to discuss our own versions of the story where a giraffe needs to return to Egypt. In maths, we have been revisiting both column addition and subtraction with 3 digit numbers and practising exchanging (this used to be called 'borrowing'). In our whole class guided reading sessions, we have been reading about some of the different traditions various countries have to celebrate New Year. Well done **Year 4** on a fantastic first full week back! We have all worked exceptionally hard this week and it looks like we are going to have another brilliant term! We have come to the end of our exciting Literacy unit based on Theseus and the Minotaur. We have really enjoyed expanding our skills and using 'show not tell' in our writing. We are continuing to learn more about Ancient Greece in History as we compared a combination of city states and decided which one we would prefer to live in! We have started to learn Gymnastics in P.E where we are learning new floor work techniques and working fantastically in groups. We have been reading The Iron Man by Ted Huges and now we have come to the end of Chapter 2, we are beginning to develop our understanding of the main characters. We have continued to learn about fractions in Maths this week, focussing on equivalent fractions. Next week, we are going to be learning about time and practise reading analogue clocks. In D.T we have planned our labyrinth that we are going to build in two weeks time, based on the myth Theseus and the Minotaur. Have a

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16/1 - Yr 6 Football vs The Hermitage
- 16/1 - Yr 5/6 Girl's Football vs Ongar Place
- 18/1 - Yr 5 Girl's Football vs Hurst Park
- 19/1 - Young Voices Concert
- 20/1 - 5N Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 23/1 - Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
- 27/1 - 5C Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 30/1 - Yr 3/4 Indoor Football Festival
- 2/2 - Y3 British Museum Trip 3M, 3H, 3P
- 3/2 - 4A Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 3/2 - Yr 5/6 Football vs Steppages

THIS WEEK

This week I had the pleasure of visiting classes as part of our regular monitoring of teaching and standards. It was pleasing to see such great focus and high levels of engagement from pupils in all year groups and the work I saw in books was of a really high standard. Not only that, pupils were taking real pride in what they were producing and were able to talk confidently about what they were learning. You'll see below that it's been another busy week - a special mention to our year 3 pupils who looked fantastic in their Egyptian outfits!

Have a good weekend!

wonderful weekend everyone and congratulations again on a great week!

We are now fully immersed in our Space topic in **Year 5** and this week have learnt about the key events during the Space Race between the USA and the USSR. In Science we have been considering how and why we experience day and night and how long a day is on the different planets in our Solar System. We continue developing routines in gymnastics and one day it will not rain on a Tuesday and we will be able to continue with outdoor games! Also this week we have begun our Art unit focusing on the Pop Art Movement. Next week we will be designing a soup can inspired by Andy Warhol so please look out for the notice on the homework about finding any empty can at home to bring in. In Literacy we have now started writing our rollercoaster poem which we will finish off next week. 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.

ECO NEWS

Eco Club have met to discuss our action plan for our three topics of Water, Energy and Transport. We came up with some 'top tips' which we will share weekly on the newsletter and school radio. We are also in talks with Mr Thomas and the travel ambassadors to get the travel tracker back at Cleves so we can monitor and encourage green methods of travel.

Finally, we have started to produce posters on Water, Energy and Transport that we can then display around the school to educate everyone on these topics. If you would like to make a poster for one of these topics then please speak to Miss Pisano. You will find our full detailed action plan on our Eco board located in the library.

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Energy - Heat is lost out of windows and open doors – put a note on each window reminding

people to only open it when the heating is turned off and make sure all doors are shut.



If you have a great Eco Tip for either Water, Energy or Transport then contact Miss Pisano or the Eco Council and your tip could be included in the weekly newsletter or on the Cleves radio.

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Shop Online

We have a number of items available to purchase through the Scopay system regarding increasing the visibility of children as they travel to and from school.

Items will be delivered to your child's classroom following an order.

Please Note: Both the Scopay system and the Google form need to be completed for an order to be registered

1. Link to the Google form for ordering:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10jHGG01dMjKtqh68MmW9Tex1rqrkIRLA/view?usp=sharing>

2. Please use the Scopay system to pay for the items

NB: We are currently short of Size 7-9 Fluorescent jackets, more are on order.

YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING GALAS

I am investigating the possibility of entering a couple of swimming galas this term. If you think your child might be interested, please click on the following link to find out more -

<https://forms.gle/gHqD2WZW6DJVAFqr9>

If you have any questions, please contact me on csmith@cleves.co.uk Mr Smith

Please click on the image below to read the guide.

PARKING

We are getting an increase in the number of complaints from residents and other parents about parking around the school gates. This has included residents unable to leave their property due to cars parked across driveways, near misses with cyclists when cars move off without indicating and minor car collisions which have resulted in damage.

We remind you that our main concern is the safety of our pupils; parking / dropping off on the zig-zag line close to the pedestrian crossing and across driveways is not only inconsiderate, it endangers children and other road users. We have also witnessed dangerous driving by parents of Cleves children, including performing a u-turn across the pedestrian crossing, and speeding through the pedestrian crossing when there have been children waiting to cross

Please can we remind you to arrive at school in plenty of time so you can find a safe place to park / drop off, which may involve walking a further 20/30 meters.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation ... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as the potential for online addiction, in-game purchases and simulated violence.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Amy van der Hoven from 5G, who took her Grade 2 ballet exam on 1st December at the Royal Academy of Dance in London. Amy did really well and achieved a distinction for her exam. Well done Amy!

Well done to Ellie Wang, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her first Piano exam recently. Ellie achieved a distinction (92%) which was very well deserved. Great work Ellie!

Congratulations also to Olivia Park-Giordani (6P) and Isabella Sweeting (5C) who performed in Disney's High School Musical at Leatherhead theatre this week? They loved being part of it.



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES...

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

