

Cleves School

Newsletter - 13/10/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16/10 - Yr 5/6 Cross Country Relays
- 18/10 - Parent Consultations (4.00-8.00pm)
- 19/10 - Parent Consultations (4.00-6.00pm)
- 20/10 - Y6 Outdoor Learning - 6B 6P 6F
- 20/10 - Y6 Victorian Day - 6A 6C 6T
- 20/10 - 4L Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 30/10 - INSET Day
- 1/11 - Yr 4 Science Museum (4C and 4LG)
- 3/11 - Yr 4 Science Museum (4L and 4E)
- 3/11 - Yr 5 Tudor Day
- 5/11 - Cleves Fireworks

THIS WEEK

What a busy week we've had with Outdoor Learning days to Oatlands Park and trips to Hampton Court Palace! Thank you to all the adults who supported these trips. I'm sure you'll agree that they make our curriculum truly exciting and are invaluable experiences. This evening your child should have brought home their learning targets for the next half term. Please sit down and talk to your child about these as they are their important next steps in reading, writing and maths. There is also the opportunity to discuss these at the forthcoming parents consultation next Wednesday and Thursday if you have any questions.

Have a good weekend!

It's been an action-packed week in **Year 3** and we have started our new literacy unit based on Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox. Pupils enjoyed listening to the first few chapters and hot seating some of the different characters including the three farmers and

the fox family. We have also been using effective adjectives to describe one of the farmers and focusing on their appearance, clothing and personality. In maths, we are concentrating on subtraction and have been practising subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers from 3 digit numbers, using exchanging, and have been using concrete resources and numberlines to help us. In whole class reading, we have been looking at an extract from Oliver Twist and discussing the different language and context. Our science lesson this week has focused on gravity and air resistance and pupils have enjoyed carrying out an investigation folding paper and working out which pieces fall to the ground quicker than others and discussing why. The highlight of our week was our outdoor learning sessions on Monday and Wednesday at Oatlands Park where pupils enjoyed participating in a range of different activities. These included bark and leaf rubbing, writing an autumn poem inspired by the surroundings and creating natural art using the resources in the park. The children were fantastic and we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who helped us - we really appreciate it!! In **Year 4** this week, we had our first good work assembly. We celebrated some excellent pieces of work, which demonstrated beautiful presentation and high aspirations for the work they produced. We also very excitingly handed out the first of many pen passports! In Literacy, we have started a new unit and have been learning about story mountains. We have now moved into group maths so we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new maths classes. Most of us have finished making our tiles and are ready to start printing onto our bags in art! In PE, we practiced different types of jumping including standing jump, triple jump and vertical jump. In whole class reading, we have enjoyed comparing two poems about rivers. Lastly, we have looked at flooding in geography and linked it with our knowledge of rivers.

In **Year 5**, we started our school trips to Hampton Court Palace, where the children have loved learning all about Tudor life! Thank you to all of the adults who offered to accompany us. Congratulations to the children who handed in their worm homework - we were very impressed by the effort and variety of work completed. They

demonstrated their creativity and amazing knowledge through detailed slideshows, fact files, life-like models and even a stop-motion videos. Our writing continues with the children collecting facts about the life of Henry VIII's wives. They begin their first drafts this week with an emphasis on using fronted adverbials, relative clauses and conjunctions. In maths, we are nearing the end of our first unit on addition and subtraction and will soon begin multiplication and division. Science has seen more experiments, but this time measuring thermal conductivity. The children enjoyed observing and measuring the effects of materials on the temperature of water. This week in **Year 6** we have started our new 'Biography' literacy unit based on Marcus Rashford. We have looked at the features of the text type, learned key facts about him and how to effectively turn notes into sentences. We continued with multiplication and division; 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. We have also been busy filming our Pickpocket news reports, using the green screen.

HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT

Our chair of Trustees, Mrs Foster, would like to offer her thanks to everyone who responded to the questionnaire about appointing a new Headteacher to replace Mr Hodges when he retires in September 2024.

The advert for the new Head teacher goes live today and your comments and suggestions were most helpful in shaping the person specification and have really helped Trustees understand what Cleves needs next.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Competitions

Every year, we enter a cross country league which is open to anyone at Cleves. The Border League takes place across four Sundays in the winter months in venues such as Guildford, Lightwater, Reigate and Maidenhead. It is a development league which aims to give young people an introduction to competitive cross country running but in a safe and nurturing environment. If you would like to register your child for this club and find out more, please complete the following form - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBkDSuJuuFJ-4jKyIfUcIU4Cndk3dMkRIqUMYW065y7LrPA/viewform>

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

This is a reminder that the deadline for booking Parent Consultation Meetings is Monday 16th October at 9am. If you have not yet made an appointment, please [click here](#) to book.

SMART WATCHES

We know that smart watches can be a valuable and important resource for our children. With that said, they are extremely valuable due to their high cost and at school they can provide a distraction. Most importantly though, smart watches are also internet and camera enabled and therefore present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding.



Although we encourage children to wear watches in school, please do not allow your child to wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC. A fitbit or similar gadget that counts steps only is fine. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

This week's guide is on advice about key social media platforms and apps. From keeping in touch with friends and family to watching.

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



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures of Y5's Worm Homework and Y3's Outdoor Learning.

