

Cleves School

Newsletter - 14/07/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 18/7 - Yr 6 Leavers' Production at 6pm
- 19/7 - Yr 6 Leavers' Production at 6pm
- 21/7 - End of term. 1.45pm finish

THIS WEEK

This week has been full of celebration and recognising the success of all the pupils at Cleves as we move towards the end of term.

Well done to all our pupils who, earlier in the week, brought home their annual reports for the year. They've all had a fantastic year and should be congratulated on your achievements, their behaviour and all round positive attitude.

Huge congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils for a fantastic set of SATs results which they all brought home this evening. They should be incredibly proud of their achievements this year which really do show the amount of hard work and effort you've put in. I hope they enjoy their end of term party this evening.

Have a good weekend!

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we have completed our literacy unit on non-chronological reports with the children writing

some very informative pieces about the Amazon Rainforest. We have also begun our final topic based on the Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry which focuses on the issue of deforestation and its numerous effects. In maths, we have been revisiting different topics from this term including time (telling the time and working out durations of time) and problem solving. In science, pupils have been conducting different experiments including investigating water transportation in celery and seeing if the amount of water affects the rate in which plants grow. We have also been completing our DT project on 'moving rainforest animals' and using a pneumatic system including syringes, tubes and air. Pupils were incredibly creative and designed and made some fantastic finished animals! We have also completed our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons this week in case the children come home with any questions. We have made it to our final full week of **Year 4!** We have all continued to work so hard and really reflect on the amazing year we have had. We have made amazing friends, learnt lots and are now prepared to join the upper school as reflective and collaborative students! We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our fantastic battle scenes in our story of Beowulf where we even had the opportunity to act as a terrifying werewolf! We have been reviewing our non-negotiables in Maths, allowing us to practise anything that we have previously found tricky. We have been doing lots of coding in Computing using Scratch, being resilient when we are faced with new challenges. In P.E and Games we have had so much fun being on the field or the MUGA practising all our skills we have learnt throughout the year and bringing them together. We have been doing different events in Outdoor Athletics and played tennis, cricket and badminton! We have had a great time in Whole Class Reading revisiting the story of Aquila, seeing what the characters Tom and Geoff have been up to, and if they made it out of the quarry! Well done everyone on a fantastic week and we hope you all have a very restful weekend before we finish such an incredible year!

This week in **Year 5**, we have worked incredibly hard on our last few lessons before the end of the year! We have focussed our efforts this week on finishing the Literacy unit on endangered animals. After further planning and writing to persuade, we have completed our Hot Tasks and have started to publish them in a leaflet format. During Topic, we have continued on with our lessons on Landforms, looking specifically at the Alps and the Himalayas and their physical features. Within Science, we have looked at naturalists and how they study the behaviour of animals in the wild. We specifically looked at the work of Jane Goodall and how she worked with chimpanzees and made a fascinating discovery. During Art, we have continued on with our canvas art and have spent a considerable amount of time to perfect, add detail and build on the oil pastel work to finish our masterpieces. The remaining classes have also completed their First Aid sessions, learning about various different methods and information to keep us safe. In **Year 6**, we are on the final stretch with our production rehearsals - there is singing and dancing galore! We have been continuing our transition lessons in PSHE, providing the children with important opportunities to discuss their feelings towards the move to secondary school. Finally we had an emotional Thursday night at the Leavers service. Thank you to all the families that joined us to share memories of Cleves and a huge well done to the narrators and speakers, as always you did us proud. We are all looking forward to seeing the children all dressed up and ready to dance the night away at the Leavers party tonight!

PARENT FORUM

A BIG thank you to the parents who attended Thursday's parent forum when we had 11 classes represented. We had some really productive conversations around school meals, residentials, splitting the classes, teacher feedback and travel/traffic issues to list just a few. Updates following this and last week's meetings will be given on future newsletters.

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Badge Competition WINNER!!!

Each year we enter the WOW design-a-badge competition and our Travel Ambassadors very much enjoyed the process of looking at the entries. This year however we have an exciting development.....**Bailey Bird's (Y5)** entry has been chosen as one of the designs for the badges on the theme of British Nature. Huge congratulations to Bailey and many thanks to all of you who entered the competition this year.



As this year comes to an end we continue to enjoy the delivery of the WOW Travel Tracker badges and the meaning that these have in terms of active travel. As a school, we have completed over 38,000 journeys on the tracker with 30,000 of these classified as Active. This is an overall % of 79% for the year (from March). Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to continuing next year.

ECO NEWS

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Transport: Get your family to regularly check the tyre pressure of the car. Under-inflated tyres can increase fuel consumption by three per cent.



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.

MUSIC NEWS

UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR SING ONE LAST TIME AT THE LEAVERS' SERVICE

The upper school choir were in fine voice on Thursday evening this week at the welcome service. It was their last performance at Cleves and some have been in the choir since Year 3!

They absolutely sang their hearts out for two songs. The first, Summer, followed by the tear-jerker Time Of Your Life by Greenday. This last piece saw the Year 6s hold up posters of their most treasured memories at Cleves and there wasn't a dry eye in the audience!



CLEVES HANDBELLS PERFORM IN CHOBHAM

As this is our last newsletter of the term and, as it is sent out, Cleves Handbells are performing in Chobham tonight. They are performing as part of a joint concert with an adult handbell group. It is actually just the year 3s, 4s and 5s as the year 6s are busy boogying away at the disco. Here is a photo of the group who are performing.



Well done to Toby Fisher, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took his first Piano exam recently.

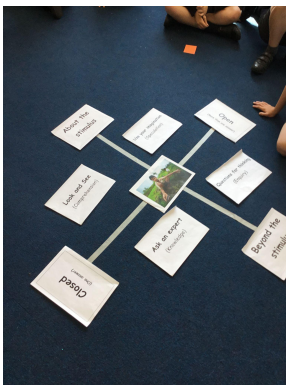
Y5 PHILOSOPHY CLUB

This term, a group of Y5 children have been putting their thinking skills to the test during 'Philosophy for Children' (P4C) after school club. P4C is an enquiry-based approach to open up children's learning through the exploration of ideas. It helps to develop higher order thinking skills, improve communication skills and encourages children to reflect before speaking so that they are accurate in what they really want to say.

After allowing their minds to be influenced by different stimuli, here are some of the questions that the group have generated and then discussed;

- Is it ok to not be brave?
- Is it ok to steal from 'bad' people?
- Should some people suffer so that others can have a better life?
- Why do we often want what others have?
- How long is a valuable item valuable?
- Should we do things for people less fortunate than us?
- Is it ok to not enjoy what you do?
- Is equality always necessary?

Well done, to all that have taken part. I have been very impressed with your focus, maturity and empathy towards others. If you have any suggestions for our final two enquiries do let me know.



STATIONERY SHOP

Thank you to the Upper school council members for running what turned out to be a very busy stationery shop!

Just a notice to say there will be no stationery shop in the final week and it will not be back running until we are settled into the new year and school

council members have been elected. Please do not send children into school with money for stationery. All children should return in September with a fully equipped pencil case as per their year groups survival guide.

Thank you.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

With the school summer holidays only a matter of days away, many parents and carers will already be planning outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest a whole afternoon in Among Us or spend most of their Monday on Minecraft.

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. This week we're sharing this poster with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer.

Please click on the image below to download the guide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

PIANO EXAM

Well done to Toby F (3P), pupil of Lauren Twilley who took his first Piano exam recently.

Toby achieved a distinction (85%) which was very well deserved.

Great work Toby!

GUITAR

Well done to all pupils taught by Mr Cunningham this term who were awarded ABRSM qualifications in Classical Guitar. These exams are accredited within the UK's National Qualifications Framework: Samuel C - 5C (grade 2), Casey O - 6LG (grade 2) Gabe H - 6T (grade 3), Tom H - 6A (grade 4).

WELL DONE!

Well done to Bobby G (6A) who has decided to run in the Regents Park 10km on Sat 22nd July to raise money for Cancer Research. If you would like to support Bobby on his journey, please click on the following:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/bobby-s-giving-page-55>

HOUSE POINTS WINNER!

Congratulations to Warwick House who were the overall winners for this year with 18,293 points!

Warwick	18,293
York	17,532
Arundel	16,600
Windsor	16,063