

Cleves School

Newsletter - 15/09/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 18/9 - Year 4 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 20/9 - Welcome Service - 2pm
- 21/9 - Year 3 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 22/9 - 6F Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 25/9 - School Photographs
- 26/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning 1
- 27/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning 2
- 27/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 1
- 28/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 2
- 29/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 3
- 29/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning 3
- 29/9 - 6B Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)

THIS WEEK

Well done to all for another successful week. The children have settled in extremely well and are settling into their new routine. Hopefully your child brought a library book home this week. Remember to read at least 3 times a week, logging it in the reading record.

We hope you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and seeing the lovely environments where your children are learning. Please note the diary dates coming up, particularly new parents who are invited to the Welcome service at St. Mary's church next week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, enjoying the cooler weather.

Year 3 have had a great week and have been enjoying our first literacy unit on poetry. We have been reading, sharing, comparing and discussing different poems and practised using different volumes and intonation when reading them. In addition, we have been learning about different types of sentences such as statements, commands, questions and exclamations. We have also been looking at some poems by Allan Ahlberg and using his structure to write a class poem. In maths, we have been focusing on place value and representing 3 digit numbers using base 10 and part whole models. We have also been partitioning numbers and focusing on the value of each digit. In science, we have started our topic on Forces and Magnets and have been sharing our existing understanding. We have also been learning about what forces are and labelling pictures to show the direction of the push or pulls. Our text for whole class reading this week has been 'The Scruffy Puppy' by Holly Webb and we have been sharing extracts as a class and discussing what we find out about the different characters. In our topic lesson, we have been looking at maps of our local area and discussing how Weybridge has changed over the years and discussing the reasons why. Our computing lesson this week has focused on practising logging on to the Cleves Hub and joining Google Classroom. We would be incredibly grateful if you could continue practising with your child at home so they become more confident and independent at doing this - login details can be found on the inside cover of their reading records. Our first full week back in **Year 4** has been a full packed one. We have continued our literacy unit on 'The boy who saved a bear', where we have been recording facts and making inferences about our main character, Nuwan. Next week, we will start our hot task, writing a character profile. In maths, we have been recapping our place value knowledge up to the ten thousands column and exploring different ways to partition 4 digit numbers. In science, we have experimented with the best place to dry our washing! We learnt about evaporation and tested the best place to put wet paper towels for a quick evaporation process. We have continued to learn about rivers in geography, locating rivers in the UK and finding out about their characteristics. In PE and games, we completed some relays and worked on our footwork and coordination.

What a fantastic full week we've had in **Year 5**! On Tuesday, the whole year group were out on the field together getting active in our pace judgement lesson. After some fun warm-up activities and stretching, they completed a range of running tasks which culminated in a race against the clock to reach a target of shuttle runs. Our Tudor topic continued with the children learning about the Battle of Bosworth ready for our drama next week and in art, we focused on sketching skills to support each child in drawing a realistic nose, mouth and set of eyes. We continued with our place value unit where we've looked at rounding and comparing/ordering numbers. In literacy, the children are completing their first piece of writing - a short atmospheric story based on a heartwarming video clip of a boy and his dog busking in the rain. We're excited to read their final versions. Thank you again to those who were able to attend the meet the teacher and information evenings this week. If you were not able to make it, all the information will be sent out to you shortly - if you haven't received it already! **Year 6** have had another super busy week with their learning! We have continued with our place value unit in maths, this week focusing on rounding and negative numbers. In literacy, we have continued reading 'Street Child'. We used the text to help create impressive vocabulary banks and phrases for describing the workhouse and looked at emotive language, including show not tell to describe how our main character would have felt. We will be using these next week to write our first hot task! In addition to all this, each class has been busy reading as part of our 'World Cup of Books' challenge - we will announce the winning book from each class next week. We have started our new science 'All living things' unit, looking at how to classify different common characteristics in the three main categories of animals, plants and microorganisms. In art, the children have been introduced to the works of William Morris and we are enjoying our new badminton unit in PE.

Here are some Y6 dates for your calendar.

6th October-Outdoor Learning Day - 6A 6C 6T
Victorian Day - 6B 6P 6F
20th October-Outdoor Learning Day - 6B 6P 6F
Victorian Day - 6A 6C 6T

Have a great weekend!
The Year 6 team.

EXTERNAL EXAMS/SCHOOL VISITS

If your child is attending any external exams (11+ etc) please can you ensure that you email absence@cleves.co.uk with the full details, including a copy of the school invite/letter/email.

This absence will then be authorised.

Many thanks
Mrs Nash
Welfare Officer

DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

Just a reminder that from this coming Monday, we ask that all children are dropped off at one of our gates and that you do not come onto the school site unless you need to speak to one of our receptionists. A member of staff will continue to stand on the gates each morning to ensure your children are safe. Thank you for your support.

CLEVES HUB VIDEO GUIDE

We have put together a short video guide on how to navigate and sign into our Cleves Hub. This may be particularly useful for our new Year 3 parents. The guide can be viewed by clicking here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f6BHaEtfP0>

WELCOME SERVICE

Our annual Welcome Service will return this year and will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 20th September. This service is open to any new parent/carer who has joined our community this year and will take place in St Mary Church, opposite the school. Children in years 3 and 4 will also attend this service.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 Wentworth Trip

Yesterday, four lucky Year 5 children visited Wentworth Golf Course to watch the BMW PGA Championships and took part in a Pobble writing workshop. They received a behind the scenes tour, watched some of the great action on the 18th hole and even took part in some golf activities themselves. During the writing workshop, they had

to imagine they were standing on the final hole to win the championships. It's safe to say they had a fantastic day!



Lunchtime and After School Clubs

If you requested a place for your child to attend one of our staff run lunchtime or after school clubs, you should have received an email this morning with the details of when they should attend. If not, please check your junk inbox before emailing Mr Smith (csmith@cleves.co.uk)

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

In the past couple of weeks, all year groups have been logging into their google accounts and changing their passwords. The children can use their google accounts to access key areas on the Hub, such as the google classroom, their Drive and email. The children may be using a range of devices to access this, including tablets.

Below is a parent and carer's guide on tablets. It includes conversation starters and top tips.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Heesung Shin (6C) who recently received the Merit on the Viola grade 8 exam. Well done Heesung!