

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 16/09/22



It's been another action-packed week in **Year 3** and we have been continuing our work on poetry in literacy. We have also been learning about four different types of sentences: statements, questions, commands and exclamations and identifying examples. Using Allan Alhberg's 'Heard it on the Playground', we have planned and written our own playground poems using different types of sentences and will be editing these next week and writing them up in best in our Special Writing books. In maths, we have continued our focus on place value and have been representing numbers in different ways, including in numerals, using place value counters, Base 10 and part whole models as well as positioning numbers up to 1,000 on a numberline. In science, we have started our topic on All Living Things and have been creating a mindmap demonstrating what we already know about different groups of creatures and their habitats. We have also been learning about what all living things have in common - the seven life processes. In gymnastics, we have been practising different rolls including the pencil roll, tuck roll and teddy bear roll. Please can children continue to practise buttoning up their shirts and doing their ties to speed up changing. Our computing lesson has focused on how to log on to the Cleves Hub and accessing Google Classroom for their homework. Please practise this at home so children become more familiar with the process, using their school login details at the back of their reading records. We have all had another wonderful week in **Year 4!** We have continued learning about Place Value in Maths, understanding the importance of using our prior knowledge to estimate where numbers should go on a number line - all the way up to tens of thousands! We practised our relay tactics in PE, where we had to work as a team to run a total number of laps, split up between us. In Art we started our observational drawings of lilies as we began our impressionism unit, taking inspiration from Claude Monet. We have been developing our Google Skills in Computing, where we have used our new river knowledge from Geography to create our own Google Slides presentations. We included images and text all about the journey of the River - how it starts from the source and ends at the mouth. We further developed our understanding in Geography as we located the famous rivers of the United Kingdom, which we cannot wait to add into our presentations

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19/9 - Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
- 21/9 - Welcome Service - 2pm
- 23/9 - 6F Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 26/9 - School Photographs
- 28/9 - Yr 4 River Walk
- 28/9 - Year 3 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 28/9 - PTA AGM - 7.00pm
- 29/9 - Yr 4 River Walk
- 30/9 - Yr 4 River Walk
- 30/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning (5M and 5C)
- 30/9 - 6LG Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)

## THIS WEEK

We were all saddened to hear the news of Queen Elizabeth's death last Thursday and this week we have talked to the children about her life and answered any questions they may have had. Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 19th September as it has been declared a bank holiday in honour of the Queen's funeral.

Have a lovely weekend.

next week! Finally in Literacy, we finished writing our character profiles about Grandpa Chatterji and will be completing our first Special Write of Year 4 next week! Have a great weekend everyone and well done again for a fantastic second week back!

**Year 5** have jumped into their second week of the term! Throughout the week, we have dived into our new Literacy unit on The Battle of Bosworth, studying the events of the battle and who came out victorious. We have even had the chance to re-enact the battle out using some freeze frames and drama! Within Maths, we have continued on with our Place Value unit and have further developed our knowledge of rounding and looking at numbers up to 1 million. In Science, we have started our new unit on Properties and Changes of Materials and have deepened our understanding of the definitions of some key vocabulary, in order to describe materials. In Art, we have continued on with our self portraits and have focussed on the proportions of the facial features. We have started to sketch out our faces, looking at the distances between features and the shapes used. **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' and used the text to help build up impressive vocabulary banks and sentences for describing the workhouse and different characters, including show not tell. 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 and we announce the winning book from each, 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. The children have also enjoyed developing their observational drawing skills by sketching natural objects as part of our William Morris art unit.

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## 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.

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## 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>

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## WELCOME SERVICE

Our annual Welcome Service will return this year and will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 21st 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.

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## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On the 10th October we would like to celebrate World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow to school to accessorise your school uniform. This helps us show young people that how they feel matters, and help us create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

A reminder that there is wellbeing and mental health guidance on our website.

<https://www.cleves.co.uk/our-school/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

With the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the UK lost its longest-serving monarch and a sovereign who calmly but firmly guided the country through some challenging times. As the nation, the Commonwealth and the wider world mourns the passing of a true stateswoman, we look back on The Queen's eventful reign with this commemorative timeline.

Young people may be intrigued to see from our poster some of the major – and quirkier – events that unfolded during Queen Elisabeth's rule, from the end of wartime rationing and the rise of television to England's 1966 World Cup win and the Olympics coming to London.



## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have a picture of the moment 'Henry Tudor' was crowned king after battle, during 5K's reenactment of the Battle of Bosworth in literacy.

