

Cleves School

Newsletter - 19/05/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23/5 - Fete in the Field (5.00 - 7.30pm)
- 23/5 - Yr 5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
- 24/5 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football Cup Final
- 25/5 - Spring Concert (6.00 - 8.00pm)
- 26/5 - 4C Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 5/6 - INSET Day
- 13/6 - District Sports
- 14/6 - Sports Day (Yr 6 am and Yr 5 pm)
- 15/6 - Sports Day (Yr 3 am and Yr 4 pm)

THIS WEEK

As you can see from this week's newsletter, we are delighted to receive the Green Flag Eco award for another year. Congratulations to Miss Pisano and her team for all their hard work.

Thank you for your kind donations for the Fete in the Field today - this is always one of the highlights of the school year and we have fingers crossed for a dry, sunny and warm evening.

Have a good weekend!

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and pupils have been enjoying planning and drafting their rainforest sense poems using figurative language, such as similes and personification, as well as the five senses to really help the reader imagine they are in the Amazon Rainforest. In maths, we have

continued our geometry unit and have been looking at 3D shapes, learning their names and describing their properties. Pupils have also been making 3D shapes using paper straws and plasticine to help them describe the vertices, edges and faces of the different shapes in addition to sorting them using Venn diagrams. In RE, we have started our new unit, 'How do people celebrate new life?' by visiting St Mary's Church and listening to Reverend Folli explain how Christians have special ceremonies including christenings and baptisms and looking at the font and baptism candle. Pupils were also able to look at the different stained glass windows in the church, linking to our Easter unit when pupils designed their own. We will also be identifying some of the key milestones in our lives so far before learning about how Humanists and different religions celebrate new life after half term. Another busy and exciting week for **Year 4**. We are all enjoying designing our own Spy Gadget in Literacy, inspired by the Alex Rider books. We are working in pairs to create our own adverts using persuasive linguistic and structural features. In History we have been learning about settlements. We had an exciting lesson where we pretended we were Anglo-Saxons arriving in Britain and deciding where to live! We have had fun learning different sports in Games, such as tennis, rounders and cricket. We have been developing our skills and working collaboratively with our classmates. Our weaving skills are progressing as we are learning how to box weave and are deciding on our colour scheme to make beautiful patterns. In R.E we have been using our prior knowledge of Christianity to discover what the first Church looked like and how the religion began. This week in Kensuke's Kingdom, the chapter ended on a cliffhanger, with Michael and his dog, Stella Artois, floating in the ocean after they fell overboard. We cannot wait to see what happens next! Well done Year 4 on a great week and we hope have a restful weekend!

This week in **Year 5** we are back in school mode after our fantastic residential. However, our literacy unit is a 1st person account of one of our exciting activities of the week (either on the residential or on the Spectrum trip) so the children have been reliving their fears and pride in overcoming them in writing. In Geography, we are looking at how erosion by water shapes Earth's landscape and how features like the Grand Canyon and fjords are

formed. In maths we are looking at measurements and how to use our mathematical fluency to convert between them. RE studies on Buddhism continue as do our DT work on designing bridges. **Year 6** have had another busy week. Our focus this week has been on literacy. The children have been writing a non chronological report on World War II. They had to do lots of research about what life was like for children who were evacuated. Year 6 have also written informal letters, taking on the role of evacuees writing a letter home to their parents. It was wonderful to see the creativity and skill used to write in two very different styles.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Children and parents leaving after school clubs must use the main gate at the front of the school, which is left open for this purpose. The car park gate must not be used, as this creates the risk of collision when the gate is unmanned. Please note the car park gate is fitted only with a sensor for cars. Yesterday a number of children (accompanied by adults) were spotted trying to pull this gate open. Not only is this extremely dangerous, it also damages the sensors. In the past 12 months, the school has spent over £1500 in repairs to sensors on this gate.

Parents are also reminded about parking safely at drop-off and collection times. Parents must refrain from parking on the zig-zag lines. These are in place to maintain visibility at the pedestrian crossing, and stopping here could endanger a child's life. Now that the weather has improved, we encourage as many children to come to school by foot, bike, or scooter.

THANK YOU!

As you know, I was recently nominated for a national award under the category of *'Teacher dedication to schools' football'*

On Saturday, I travelled to Stoke FC to watch an Under 16s girls county final and to attend the awards ceremony. I am pleased to say that I was announced as the winner of the category and received a lovely glass memento and a sports voucher. The school has also received over £100 worth of football equipment.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and for voting for me. I have been touched by the messages of support and kindness from the school community.

Mr Smith



SPORTS DAY

Our annual sports day this year take place on the following dates:

- Year 6 - Wednesday 14th June (am)
- Year 5 - Wednesday 14th June (pm)
- Year 3 - Thursday 15th June (am)
- Year 4 - Thursday 15th June (pm)

Your child will require a coloured t-shirt to wear to match their house colour.

- Arundel - Red
- York - Yellow
- Warwick - Green
- Windsor - Blue

Parents are very welcome to come and watch with the morning events starting at 9.00am and the afternoon events starting at 1.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

SPORTS NEWS

Girls' Y5/6 ERPSSA Final

On Wednesday 17th May, the Girls' Year 5/6 Football team played in the ERPSSA League final against Grovelands at ACS Egham. We finally played a match in the sunshine and the pitch was beautiful!



From the outset, the girls showed both skill and determination, running after every ball and putting pressure on the opposition. We were rewarded in the first half with 2 goals but never stopped pressing against a good opposition. Two more goals followed in the second half and we became League Champions for the second year in a row! The girls should be very proud of their performance - probably the most confident and accomplished of the year. Well done to Marissa, Kati, Scarlett, Claudia, Georgia, Chloe, Beau and Olivia (Year 6) and Olive (Year 5).



Y5/6 Girls' Football Festival

Yesterday, a group of year 5 and 6 girls visited Burhill for a football festival. There were 2 Cleves teams of girls of various levels of experience that each played 4 matches against teams from Grovelands and Burhill (and each other!). It was a fantastic afternoon of football which saw one of the Cleves teams declared the overall winners on number of goals scored. Well done to all the girls who took part and thank you to parents for taxi services.

Y5 Boys' Football

On Tuesday evening, the Year 5 boys played their long awaited semi final match against Ashley School. Our Year 6 opponents had already won the league and county cup competitions this year and are also due to play in the schools national finals next month. We knew the boys were in for a challenging encounter and that is certainly what unfolded. Despite the 7 v 0 loss, I can proudly say the boys gave it their all and worked hard throughout. In the game they created a number of chances but just could withstand the strength, pace and skill of our opponents. The result certainly shouldn't take away anything from our season which has been nothing short of exceptional - league and cup winners!

Well done boys!

Biathlon

Huge congratulations to the 21 girls who took part in the Biathlon event at Notre Dame on Thursday evening. The girls took part in a 50m/100m swim followed by a 600m run. They had to manage the transition completely independently which included putting shoes on to wet feet!

The girls should be extremely proud of themselves - despite the understandable nerves at the beginning they all did brilliantly well and it was a great experience for them.

Cricket

Elmbridge League

Monday saw the first round of the Kwik Cricket League, held at Walton CC.

We had 2 matches winning both. The first, against Notre Dame, saw the team scoreruns on their way to a good victory.

Against Esher Church, the team stepped up their performance and bowled and batted with great

skill. A very good, well earned victory came in the last over, with all the coaches biting their nails.

Team: Colin, Harry, Howard, Marissa, Nyah, Rose, Sophie, Tom.



Boys U11 Elmbridge District Tournament

In the group matches the boys won both games with, in particular, fantastic bowling/fielding performances. Both Burhill and Claygate were dispatched at this stage.

In a very close semi-final we were victorious against Charles Borromeo with our batting seeing us through to the final. The final was only decided on the last couple of overs where we were just unable to catch up with the required total - set by Hinchley Wood. A fantastic set of results by the team who should be very satisfied with their work.

Team: Andrew, Blake, Colin, Etienne, Howard, Mahith, Tom, Will.

They all did brilliantly well and it was a great experience for them.

ECO NEWS

Eco Flag Award

I am pleased to announce that Cleves have been awarded the Green Flag Eco Award! This is an amazing achievement! On behalf of the Eco Council, I would like to thank all parents, staff and

children for their participation and ideas. I would also just like to say a MASSIVE well done to the Eco Council for their hard work, dedication and passion. Each Eco Council member should be extremely proud of themselves!

Please [click here](#) if you would like to read the review.

Miss Pisano

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Water - An easy way to save water is to use a bucket and sponge when washing cars and bikes. Washing your bike or car with a bucket and sponge instead of a hose saves a lot of water. A hose can waste 6 gallons per minute if you leave it running, but using a bucket and sponge only uses a few gallons! Also, some car washes recycle water instead of letting it run down the sewer drains. Ask your parents to check if a car wash near you recycles water.



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.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

The online world and digital technology has become such a significant part of our lives – and integral to so many aspects of our daily routine – that we shouldn't be surprised at the degree of influence it can wield over what we think and how we feel. Many experiences that young people have on the internet are hugely positive and uplifting ... but sadly, that's not always the case.

Negative incidents online – such as disagreements with other users, stumbling across upsetting content or feeling left out by friends – can be intensely damaging to a child’s emotional state. This poster has some useful tips for young people and trusted adults on how even small, simple actions can help to protect our wellbeing when we’re on the internet.

Please click on the image below to download the poster.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Seren (6A) and Alba (3M) who passed their ABRS Level 1 Equitation and Stable Management exams. Well done!



Well done to Louise Small, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her first piano exam recently. Louise achieved a distinction (96%) which was very well deserved. Great work Louise!

HOUSE POINTS

Windsor	1497
Warwick	1180
York	1130
Arundel	1013