

Cleves School

Newsletter - 01/07/22



the feedback forms. Therefore, we would like to say a huge thank you all for your support; your words of encouragement and positivity each morning on the gates and most significantly the importance you place on work so closely together for the benefit of the pupils

Unfortunately, I am unable to share the Ofsted judgements with you as there is now a lengthy process of around 38 working days before the report is published on the Ofsted website. Once it is, we of course will share it with you but in the meantime please take some time this weekend to congratulate your child on what has been a positive week.

Have a good weekend!

Mr Hodges and Mr Smith

Wow! What a week it's been for **Year 3**!! We've had a wide variety of things going on this week and have been incredibly impressed with how the children have coped with a number of different activities. After our really exciting outdoor learning morning last Friday, we went on our 2 night residential to Sayer's Croft. We had a really fantastic time and the children thoroughly enjoyed the different activities which ranged from caving, bouldering, swimming, natural art, problem-solving around a maze, pond dipping, team games, a campfire and many more!! We would like to congratulate the children on their excellent behaviour and to say a HUGE thank you to the parent helpers who came with us - we couldn't have done it without you! We'd also like to thank the school staff who went on the trip and to Mr Jerrard who was in charge of organising our visit. For the children who stayed in school, they also had a lot of fun with Miss Marsh, Mrs Tope and Mrs Farshadfar. They went on a nature walk and chose natural items with interesting shapes and patterns to be used in their willow frame art. They then decorated willow branches with coloured tissue paper and placed leaves inside to create some

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4/7 - Yr 5 First Aid
- 4/7 - Yr 5/6 Cricket League
- 4/7 - Yr 6 Rounders Competition
- 5/7 - Yr 5 First Aid
- 6/7 - Yr 5 First Aid
- 8/7 - PTA Discos
- 12/7 - Yr 6 Sportshall Athletics County Final
- 14/6 - Yr 6 Leavers Service - 6pm
- 15/7 - Leavers Disco - 6.00-8.00pm
- 18/7 - Parents evening drop in (3.30-5.00)

THIS WEEK

As you all know it's been a particularly busy week at Cleves as we hosted a two day Ofsted inspection on Wednesday and Thursday. I am delighted to report that this was a very positive experience and one that has left us very proud of everyone in our school community. Particularly so of our pupils, who were truly impressive across the two days and we could have asked for no more of them. The inspectors repeatedly commented about their excellent behaviour, their work and perhaps most importantly the continuous care and support they showed one another. Ofsted also emphasised on the strong partnership in place between school and home. They remarked on the 'love and affection' that was shown at the gates each morning as you sent your children into the school grounds as well as the overwhelmingly positive comments left on

fascinating silhouettes. They also learned how to make an origami frog and dog, then took part in a nature quiz before finishing off with some golden time activities. On Wednesday, pupils spent the day in Year 6 whilst the Year 3 teachers met the Year 2 children visiting on their transition day. They enjoyed making some posters about deforestation as part of our geography topic, completing an online survey and some 'alien maths' activities. In literacy, we have started our unit on non-chronological reports and have been identifying key features as well as uplevelling a report about the Amazon rainforest. In maths, we have been revisiting the formal written method for multiplication and next week will be returning to division. Another busy and exciting week for **Year 4!** In Maths we have started looking at coordinates, where we took part in investigations and plotted our own coordinates, creating different shapes. We have been continuing with our Healthy Living topic in Science, where we looked at food labels and understood the difference between natural and refined sugars. We even helped another client, Bobby Dazzler, and reviewed his sugar intake! We have started our next unit in Literacy, where we are reading the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf. Though it does include some challenging language techniques, we are all showing fantastic resilience and determination to understand the narrative. In PE we are continuing to practise our outdoor athletic skills, focussing on running 400m, relay races and the long jump! Also in Art, we are learning even more weaving stitches and our creations are becoming even more beautiful and bright by the minute! Finally in RE we have been comparing Baptist and Anglican Churches, understanding how different Christians worship, particularly focussing on communion. Well done for another outstanding week everyone and have a wonderful weekend!

What another great week it has been in **Year 5.** In topic, the children have enjoyed learning about contour lines and making models out of foam! We also used Digimaps to explore contour lines in different places around the world, which we found fascinating. In Literacy, the children have worked hard to write their explanation piece on coastal erosion. Maths has seen the children continuing to

work on their time telling skills and applying these to problems. In Science, the children have enjoyed researching endangered animals and produced some excellent fact files which they are going to use in their next Literacy unit. Well done Year 5 on a great week! It's been another exciting week in **Year 6.** We hope all those who went to their secondary schools had a wonderful time and managed to have a taste of what life will be like in September. Those who were in school had a creative two days making props and self portraits. In school we have been continuing our first person narrative in literacy. We have been studying World War II propaganda posters and then created our own. We finished our week with a fantastic outdoor learning day where the children have been whittling wood and making nature bookmarks. Have a wonderful weekend.

PARENT DROP IN

We are offering the opportunity for you to come in and view your child's work on Monday 18th July from 3.15pm to 4.00pm. The class teacher will also be available for you to briefly chat to if you wish. However, these will not be formal appointments so if you would like to discuss something in more detail, please contact the class teacher directly to arrange this.

SPORTS NEWS

In the middle of the inspection this week, some of our year 6 pupils were still able to take part in a Year 6 Quad Kids competition at ACS Cobham. In two teams and competition against six other schools each athlete was required to complete the following four disciplines

- 75m sprint
- 600m run
- Vortex Howler throw
- Standing long jump

In each of the four events, the athletes scored individual points which were then converted into overall team scores. I am delighted to report that one of our teams were overall winners and the

other finished in 6th place. Well done to all of you! Although I wasn't able to attend personally, I know from speaking to others that you all ran particularly well!

Mr Smith



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have a picture of the artwork produced in Early Risers.



INTERNET SAFETY

Though it became a colossal hit purely on entertainment value (one in five boys in the UK, for example, name Minecraft as their favourite game), Minecraft also packs some educational credibility. It's on the curriculum at some schools in mainland Europe, in fact: as well as coding skills, it's used to teach young people about town planning and environmental issues.

Though hugely popular with children, the average age of Minecraft players is actually 24. This raises the possibility, of course, of other players using explicit language or behaving in ways that young ones ought not to witness. This guide to Minecraft breaks down potential issues in the game that trusted adults need to be aware of.

To view this online guide, please click on the image below.

