

Cleves School

Newsletter - 20/01/23



It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we have been continuing our literacy unit on Lost and Found. After creating a class story map last week, classes have worked together on a shared write by offering their suggestions and collaborating to produce a high quality piece. Children have then planned their own resolution and ending to the story before writing their hot task and practising editing their work. In maths, we have been focusing on subtracting 3 digit numbers and have then moved on to estimating the position of numbers on a numberline as well as estimating answers, using our knowledge of rounding from a couple of weeks ago. In science, our new topic is Forces and Magnets. Pupils have been carrying out an investigation to compare the amount of friction created by different surfaces and discussing how friction can both help and hinder us. In our topic work, we have been exploring a timeline of world events and learning the difference between dates in BCE (Before the Common Era) and CE (Common Era). Pupils have been working in groups to try and order these events from the earliest to the most recent as well as exploring some key events during the Ancient Egyptian period. In computing, we have been discussing how we can stay safe online and why it's important to keep personal information private. Though we have had a very chilly few days, that has not stopped us having another great week in **Year 4**. We have started our new Literacy unit where we are writing an explanation text all about the Digestive System. We are using all of the knowledge that we gained from the Science Museum and what we learnt about in Science last term. However, in Science this term we are continuing to study Electricity. We did a fantastic experiment to find out which materials are effective conductors and insulators. We are continuing to build on our gymnastic skills in P.E, where we are using our creativity to choreograph our own routines. We are developing our knowledge of the city states of Ancient Greece in History as we compare Sparta and Athens, understanding how they lived and what were the people's differing viewpoints. The plot of The Iron Man is getting more and more exciting in Whole Class Reading, as all is definitely not what it seems! Well done everyone on a very cold but marvellous week!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23/1 - Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
- 27/1 - 5C Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 30/1 - Yr 3/4 Indoor Football Festival
- 30/1 - Yr 5 Football vs Manorcroft
- 2/2 - Y3 British Museum Trip 3M, 3H, 3P
- 3/2 - 4A Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 3/2 - Yr 5/6 Football vs Stepgates
- 6/2 - Yr 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
- 8/2 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs Stepgates
- 9/2 - Yr 5/6 Football Tournament
- 10/2 - Mufti Day for Water Aid
- 10/2 - 4HM Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 12/2 - Border League Cross Country
- 13/2 - Half Term

THIS WEEK

I had the pleasure of joining the Young Voices trip to the O2 arena yesterday and what a fantastic experience it was for the Year 5/6 children that went. Our pupils sang and behaved beautifully and I am sure they will remember the trip for years to come. For those of you who have children in the lower school, I really recommend it! Many thanks to all the staff who made the trip possible, particularly Ms Tao who coordinated everything!

Have a good weekend!

A frosty week in **Year 5** saw us continuing with our Pop Art work and focusing on the work of Andy Warhol. We finished our Rollercoaster poems in literacy and have now started a unit of work on creating a narrative from The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman. In maths we have started work on fractions with some reminders of the basics before deepening our understanding. Our Space work also continues with a look at the key figures involved in the Space Race and consideration of the question 'Why do we get seasons?' in Science. Ask us to explain! **Year 6** have been hard at work this week. Firstly, we have been looking at the topic of stereotypes in PSHE and in Computing lessons, particularly looking at how we view people and how companies and brands can highly encourage stereotypes via marketing. We have continued looking at plastic in Geography, with focus on the positives and negatives of plastic use, but mainly on the damaging impacts plastic pollution has on the environment. We have become scientists by participating in some fun experiments to look at reversible and irreversible changes in Science.

ECO NEWS

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Transport - Use active green travel methods wherever possible e.g. walking, cycling, scooting. This produces less pollution and clearer skies, healthier communities and reduces the amount of cars on the road.



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.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Boys Football

What a thrilling game to start of 2023 for the Year 6 boys football team! The team had their Quarter Final County Cup fixture against The Hermitage School at home on Monday after-school. The boys set off with a clear determination and forced an early goal to settle the nerves. After relentless pressure, the Cleves boys saw out the half one ahead. Not long after the restart, Hermitage hit back and forced Cleves to wake up and turn the pressure back on. Soon after, Cleves struck back and then went on to find the net a further time to make it 3-1 and nearing the end. With the minutes counting down, The Hermitage managed to find the top corner to create an entertaining end to the game. However, it was one where Cleves managed the game excellently. Cleves finished the match 3-2 and are deservedly through to the Semi Final! Well done to all those who played!

Year 5/6 Girls Football

This week saw the girls play 2 matches. Firstly, the Year 5/6 team played a cup match at home against Ongar Place in the ERPSSA Cup. Play was almost exclusively in their half for most of the match (resulting in a very cold goalkeeper down the other end!) with some good aggressive play. But a defensive strategy from our opponents meant that we struggled to get the ball in the net. Finally, just in time to avoid penalties, we scored! Cleves now move onto round 2. In our second match, the Year 5 team played a second round County Cup match against Hurst Park at home. This was a more even contest, with some excellent joined up play from our front 3 leading to a 3-2 score at half time. The team were challenged at half time to add 3 more goals in the second half and they did just that with excellent forward play and solid defence leading to a final 6-2 scoreline. Well done to all the girls who played across the 2 matches.

Surrey Cricket Festival

This week, 18 of our pupils enjoyed an afternoon of cricket provided by Surrey County Cricket club. They were joined by pupils from Walton Oak where they learnt a range of skills and took part in a number of small games. It was a great afternoon and we are looking to repeat this again at various points during this academic year.

Year 6 Netball Match Report

Yesterday, the Year 6 Netball Team played their second league match against Cobham Free School and secured another win! It was a closely fought match with Cobham Free passing well and moving the ball quickly up the court. We were a good match for them however and soon Imogen scored our first goal. Our shooters did so well, whenever a chance came to shoot most of the time they scored, with another from Imogen and then Bea scored 2 and Olivia 1. So with the last quarter to go we were 5-1 up. Cleves gained in confidence and Claudia scored our final long shot goal to secure our win of 6-1. Congratulations to the whole team: Libby, Annabel, Imogen, Claudia, Harrison, Olivia and Beatrice.



YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING GALAS

I am investigating the possibility of entering a couple of swimming galas this term. If you think your child might be interested, please click on the following link to find out more -

<https://forms.gle/qHqD2WZW6DJVAFqr9>

If you have any questions, please contact me on csmith@cleves.co.uk Mr Smith



YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

YOUNG VOICES SING FROM THEIR HEARTS

The Young Voices Choir performed at the O2 yesterday after several months of learning all of the songs off by heart and not to mention all the dance moves! It is safe to say that all children were absolutely brilliant and enjoyed themselves immensely. It was such an inspiring trip with a performance by The Beatbox Collective, Urban Strides and the one and only Heather Small! This year we were also treated to a performance by an incredible violinist, Anna Phoebe. A more detailed report and a link to a performance video will be shared next week.

This trip was made possible because we had lots of parent and staff helpers who gave up their time so a big thank you to all of them, particularly Ms Tao for organising the trip.



INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in 2022 for \$44 billion, the platform has undergone several major changes.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as trolls and bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Elodie Winter-Reynolds, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her first Piano exam recently. Elodie achieved a distinction (90%) which was very well deserved. Great work Elodie!

Congratulations also to Suzy in Y4 who passed her Grade Two ballet exam at the Royal Academy of Dance. Well done Suzy!