

Cleves School

Newsletter - 20/09/24



This week our Year 4 children have also been on their river walk trip. The children were enthusiastic learners throughout the day and asked interesting and thoughtful questions. They were respectful of members of the public and were great ambassadors for our school.

Have a restful weekend.

We've had an action-packed week in **Year 3!** Children have been working hard writing their own playground poems and completed their very first 'Special Write'. We have focused on including different types of sentences in our poems to make them interesting to read. Our place value learning has continued in maths and we have started to explore larger numbers and apply our reasoning skills. Our Science unit started by looking at what 'forces and magnets' are, moving on to using a toy car to investigate the amount of friction on different surfaces. In art we have begun to experiment with different mediums to show pattern and texture - we have some very talented artists in our year group! Changing for our PE and Games lessons is getting quicker and we can see that children have been practising fastening their buttons and tying their ties at home. 5 house points will be awarded to any pupil who can demonstrate they are able to tie their own tie. We enjoyed our visit to St Marys Church on Wednesday, where we attended our first 'Welcome Service'. It was lovely to see some of you at the service and at our Year 3 Curriculum Evening yesterday. **Year 4** have had an excellent and very busy week! On Wednesday, we enjoyed the Welcome service over at the church and it was such a lovely way to welcome the new academic year. This week the children have been on the Year 4 River Walk as part of our termly Geography topic. We started our journey at Walton Bridge and then we walked up to Walton Marina. We spotted many different river features on the way down to Desborough Island and then took the ferry over to Shepperton Lock before heading back over on the ferry to come back to school. At Shepperton Lock, the children were given a talk about the lock and

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23/9 - Photograph Day
- 27/9 - 6B Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 2/10 - Harvest Service 1:30 and 2:30
- 4/10 - 5S Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 4/10 - Year 6 Outdoor Learning/Victorian Day
- 4/10 - Year 4 Mini Olympics
- 7/10 - Year 3 Outdoor Learning (3HM, 3J, 3A)
- 8/10 - Year 3 Outdoor Learning (3LG, 3M, 3H)
- 11/10 - 6P Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 11/10 - PTA discos
- 11/10 - Mufti day in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital

THIS WEEK

This week we held our Welcome Service at St Mary Oatlands, which formally welcomed our new Year 3 children and their families into our school community. It was lovely to see so many people celebrating this occasion and reflecting on the incredible start to the school year. The children have already shown our learning behaviours of responsibility and resilience.

how it works and a water safety talk by the Lock Keeper. All the River trips were a huge success and it was an excellent experience for the children to take all their learning from the classroom and see it in real life. In Literacy, we have started a new unit focusing on playscripts. The children really enjoyed acting out some scenes from different playscripts this week! In Maths, we are continuing to work on Place Value and we will shortly be moving on to Addition and Subtraction. We have had a fantastic week and the Year 4 Team wish you all a restful weekend!

What an excellent week in **Year 5!** We have completed our first piece of writing in our special writing books. All the teachers are very proud of the quality of the children's work and their imaginative descriptions. In maths, we have continued with place value and looked more at numbers up to a million as well as rounding. In science, an experiment with water and different materials allowed us to discuss and compare which materials are suitable for different uses. We have finally completed our first round of spelling tests - well done to all the children for completing their spelling homework. Our Tudor portraits continue with children now practising drawing different features of the face, including the eyes, nose and mouth. In French, children were recapping answering questions about themselves. C'etait superb!

Year 6 have had another super busy week with their learning! We have been very impressed with the standard of writing from the children as they have written their first hot task, a descriptive narrative linked to 'Street Child'. In maths, we have continued with our place value unit this week focusing on rounding and negative numbers. Continuing with our very interesting Victorian topic, we have begun learning about 'The British Empire'. First, we reflected back on our learning about Tudor exploration in year 5, and then how this developed into global trade and into the colonisation of countries which became the British Empire. The children have also enjoyed developing their observational drawing skills by sketching natural objects as part of our William Morris art unit. Finally, we have concluded our 'World Cup of Books' competition and these are the winning books:

6A - 'Wonder' by R J Palacio

6B - 'The Polar Bear Explorers' Club' By Alex Bell

6C - 'Time Travelling with a Hamster' by Ross Welford

6F - 'Wonder' by R J Palacio

6P - 'Wonder' by R J Palacio

6TS - 'Roof toppers' by Katherine Rundell

The children will now have the opportunity to read all the books in the competition over the course of the year. Have a great weekend, The Year 6 Team!

MORNING DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK UP

Thank you and well done to all the children that are walking in on their own in the morning. With the start of more clubs, please remember to talk with your child in the morning so that they know where they are to be picked up or if they are attending a club.

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>

PE/GAMES

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

Every year, we enter a cross country league which is open to anyone at Cleves. The Border League takes place across four Sundays in the winter months in venues such as Guildford, Lightwater, Reigate and Maidenhead. It is a development league which aims to give young people an introduction to competitive cross country running but in a safe and nurturing environment. If you would like to register your child for this club and find out more, please complete the following form by [clicking here](#)

RUN A MARATHON

This year at running club, we will once again be running our 'Run a Marathon' challenge. If your child attends running club on 18 occasions throughout the year, they would have run/walked the equivalent of a marathon. At the end of the year, they will be presented with a medal to recognise their achievement. Therefore, it is vitally important that your child signs in every week.

MUSIC NEWS

CLEVES REMAINS A MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

We have had notification this week that we continue to hold our Music Mark status as a school. We are so proud of all the hard work that has gone into retaining this award.

Big thanks to all our musicians at Cleves and all our singers for getting involved with all our clubs and helping Cleves flourish musically.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that on Monday, the photographer will be visiting Cleves to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure the children come to school looking smart and smiley!

UNIFORM AND EARRINGS

Just a reminder that earrings are not part of our school uniform. If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer holiday and can't yet take them out, they should be covered with tape before they come to school. Once safe to be removed, earrings should not be worn.

Also, a reminder that all hair bands should be navy blue or black. Thank you for your support

MEDICATION

Thank you to all parents who have brought in their child's school medication. If you still need to bring this in, please drop it into reception.

Please note that all medication must be in the original box as dispensed by the pharmacist.

You will also need to complete the necessary forms.

SNACKS

Please remember we have asked that neither snacks or packed lunches should not contain nuts or sesame, which includes hummus. It is a great healthy snack but we have children severely allergic to sesame.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime it must only be fruit or vegetables.

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via absence@cleves.co.uk and Class Teacher. Where possible (emergencies being the exception) such appointments should be kept to a minimum as many doctors and dentists offer surgeries outside of school times. However, if appointments have to be made during school hours, it is expected that the pupil will return promptly after the appointment. If for some reason this is not possible, parents should contact the Welfare Officer to discuss before making the decision not to return to school.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored tablets and how to talk with your child about their device. This week's explores laptops. It includes conversation starters and top tips.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Ellie W, Benji M, Megan W, Evie G, Eliza D and Edward H (pupils of Lauren Twilley's LTP music). All the children passed their piano exams over the Summer with amazing results. We are very proud of you all. If you would like to enquire about piano lessons, please email ltpmusiclessons@gmail.com

Edward H (5S) took part in a running challenge on Saturday 14th September to help raise money for the charity Sophie's Stars. He completed 4 x 5km runs (20km or more than 12 miles!) in Bushy Park, Teddington, to support local dad Ali Griffiths in his successful bid to run 12 x 5km in 12 hours. A fantastically tiring day saw over £3,800 raised for Sophie's Stars! Well done Edward!

<https://sophiesstars.co.uk/12-in-12-challenge/>

HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative weekly house points for the start of this term:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	2303
Warwick	2030
York	1718
Arundel	1919

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are only three weeks into term and already so much has taken place. Thank you to all those of you that introduced yourselves to me at the Year group information evenings over the past fortnight. It was lovely to see the interest in school and have the opportunity for me and Mrs Green to tell you a little bit about ourselves.

It was wonderful to see the Y3 and Y4 children at the welcome service at St Marys Oatlands and I was so impressed by the super singing as well as the articulate way the children spoke during the

service. I'd like to thank the church for being so welcoming, Mr Kilhams for doing such a fantastic job with the organisation and Mrs Cannell for looking after the children who were speaking. It was also touching to see so many parents joining us.

Well done to Mr Woods and the Y4 team who have already taken the children on a trip for their river topic. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that supported us.

I should also thank those parent volunteers that have ensured we can reopen the library at lunchtimes. It really does take the support of the community to be able to run the provision that we do.

My apologies if I've forgotten to thank any of our other valued and valuable volunteers.

During the information evenings I shared some of the ways that parents and carers can support the school by getting involved, including the Board of Trustees and the PTA. The PTA does a brilliant and increasingly essential job raising funds to support the work we do at school. With budgets becoming ever tighter and costs getting higher we are having to reflect very closely on the provision here at Cleves. My aim, and that of my Board of Trustees, is to ensure that as a minimum we can continue to deliver everything we deliver now for Cleves' children and can avoid difficult decisions that run counter to that. I am confident from what I have learned already that all of you will support us fully in this.

Have a wonderful weekend all.

Warm regards

Jim Usher
Headteacher