

Cleves School

Newsletter - 21/04/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 24/4 - Yr 4 to 6 Panathlon
- 24/4 - Yr 5/6 Cricket Fixture
- 24/4 - Yr 6 Mock SATs Week
- 25/4 - Yr 4 Residential Trip Departs
- 28/4 - 3P Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 5/5 - 3D Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 8/5 - Yr 6 SATs Week
- 9/5 - Yr 5 Residential Trip Departs
- 12/5 - 3M Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)

THIS WEEK

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to find some time to relax and recharge the batteries. As you can see below, the children have been fully immersed into their summer term topics. Next week also sees our first residential trip of the year with Year 4 off to Hooke Court. Thank you in advance to all the parents who are giving up their time to help on the trips over the summer term - without your help these trips simply would not take place.

Finally, I am delighted to report that Miss Simmonds got married over the Easter holidays and has returned as Mrs Cannell. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and her husband.

Have a good weekend!

It's been a busy first week back in **Year 3** and we have immersed ourselves in our new literacy topic on the legend of St George and the Dragon. We read the story and discussed the key characters and events before pupils acted out important parts of the plot to further develop their understanding. We have also used a trailer from the tech demo 'Epic Citadel' to explore a medieval town and used this to generate ideas for our writing and using effective adjectives to describe the setting. In addition, we have been practising writing simple, compound and complex sentences using a clip from Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty' showing Prince Charming fighting Maleficent the Dragon. In maths, we have been focusing on fractions and exploring equivalent fractions, using a fraction wall and bar models to help us identify equivalent fractions as well as comparing fractions with the same and different denominators. Next week, we will be ordering fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. Our new topic this term is Rainforests and our first lesson has been learning about latitude and longitude and how they help us to locate specific places in the world and the difference between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. In science, we have begun our new topic on Light and pupils created mindmaps demonstrating their existing knowledge and ideas. We talked about different sources of light and how light helps us to see. Welcome back **Year 4!** We have had a fantastic start to the summer term and cannot wait to see what it brings! We have started a new Literacy topic, studying riddles and kennings poems. We have all enjoyed working out different riddles and using our prior knowledge of figurative language to write our own. We have also begun learning about the incredible Celtic leader Boudica in History. We have been understanding her story and how she must have felt when the Romans invaded. In Maths, we are continuing to learn about geometry, focussing on symmetry and translations. We have all been incredibly excited about Gymnastics in P.E! We have been using a variety of equipment this week, such as springboards and vaults. We have been working together as a team and helping each other master the skills needed to use the equipment. As a class, we have all started reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. It is an amazing story about a young boy travelling around the world with his parents and beloved dog Stella. We cannot wait to see what happens next

for Michael and the adventures he will get up to. We all cannot contain our excitement for next week as we head off to Hooke Court, or have an action-packed week at school filled with lots of fun activities and trips! So everyone must have a restful weekend as we get ready for the best week ever! Well done again on a great week Year 4!

Year 5 have begun their new Geography unit on Landforms this week, learning about the structure of the Earth and tectonic plates. We have also started a new unit in Literacy based on Treasure Island focused on building character through description and dialogue. In Science, our studies for the next few weeks will be on gears, levers and pulleys. We are building up to our upcoming residential by looking at an information text on the Isle of Wight in our whole class reading lessons. This half term we will be developing running, jumping and throwing activities in indoor athletics and starting some outdoor track and field events, cricket and tennis in games lessons. **Year 6** has had a wonderful start to the summer term. All of the children have come back well rested and ready to work hard. This week we have started our new topic on World War II which the children already seem so interested in, asking lots of questions and sharing their prior knowledge on the topic. During literacy we have started a third person evacuee narrative linked to the book Friend or Foe. In maths we have been focussing on statistics and some students have been practising using protractors. Our new art topic is focussed on the work of Franz Kline and over the next few weeks we will be creating our own work inspired by this incredible artist. During Science this week we have been looking at blood as part of our new topic The Circulatory System. Next week is mock SATs week, please ensure your children have a good breakfast, are in school on time and have the resources they need including a water bottle.

ECO NEWS

Eco Club have collaborated and created an Eco Code for Cleves based on our 3 topics on water, energy and transport. This will be displayed on our Eco board in the library and in everyone's classroom.



Eco Code 2022/2023



- E**nsure you are reducing your **energy** use
- C**hoose green methods of **travel**
- O**nly use the amount of **water** you need
- C**are for our environment
- O**ur future depends on us making a difference
- D**on't ignore the climate crisis issue
- E**ducate yourself and encourage everyone on the importance of looking after the environment

We are now in the process of completing our Eco application for the renewal of our green flag award. Wish us luck!

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Water - Collect rainwater in a bucket to water plants with or invest in a water butt. The average UK roof collects enough rainwater to fill an average of 450 water butts per year. Using a hosepipe in your garden costs on average, £1.50 an hour- by using the water from the waterbutt instead could potentially be saving you hundreds of pounds per year. This could also mean that a 1 person household could save around 6778 litres of water, and a three person household could save 20,336 litres of water per year.



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.

EASTER SERVICE

Just before our Easter break we had our Easter services in St. Mary's Church Oatlands. 5K led the services brilliantly and we had our very own orchestra perform as well. We also were treated to solo performances from Rose and Sophie in Year 6. Children learnt all about the Easter story from 5K's presentation.



SPORTS NEWS

Year 5/6 Swimming Gala

On the Thursday before the Easter holidays, seventeen of our year 5/6 pupils took part in the inaugural Cobham Cup. Six schools took part in the gala and competed in a range of relays and sprints. I am delighted to report that Cleves finished in third place - securing bronze medals. Well done to everyone who took part - it was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of swimming and thank you to ACS Cobham for hosting and organising the event.

Boys Yr 5 Football

Before Easter, the Year 5 boys were in cup action against Burhill in the district year 5/6 cup competition. Having beaten Manorcroft Year 6 in the last round, they faced yet another tough opponent in this quarter final clash. Cleves took the lead early on but were soon pegged back in what developed into a really tense and tight encounter. In the second half, Cleves scored first but again Burhill quickly equalised and with 5 minutes to play it was a game that could have gone either way. Fortunately the boys' hard work and determination paid off, finding two further goals to win the tie 4 v 2. They now progress to the semi finals to play Ashley in a few weeks time.

Girls Yr 5/6 Football

On Monday 27th March, the Girls Yr 5/6 football team played their final league fixture at home against Walton Oak. They played with confidence and intent and were soon 2-0 up. A third goal followed without the opposition troubling our defence and further pressure forced an error to go 4-0 up. A further goal in the second half sealed the deal and we remained undefeated in the league,

conceding only 2 goals all season! Well done to all the girls in the squad and those who played so well on the day.

Year 6 Netball

On Thursday 30th March, the Year 6 Netball team played their final league game of the season. At the time, Cleves were joint leaders so a win in this final match would see them win the league. The team were a little apprehensive before the match because of this extra pressure, but that was soon forgotten as they had to concentrate and work hard to keep up with St Anne's. At the end of the first quarter the score was 3-2 to Cleves, but it definitely was the most competitive match they had played so far. However as the match progressed, all the Cleves players got into their stride with a 8-3 lead at half time with goals from Marissa, Emily and Martha. Cleves had to dig deep to keep their lead, intercepting mid court and marking closely to retain possession. By the end of the match the scoreline looked like a more comfortable win than it was, with the team coming away with a 16-3 win with more goals from Harrison, Imogen and Beatrice. Many congratulations to Eliza, Marissa, Beatrice, Imogen, Martha, Emily and Harrison.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report provides a comprehensive picture of how young people used and interacted with the internet in the preceding year. It's a fascinating snapshot of what games and apps young people are currently favouring, how long they spend online and how tastes change at certain ages.

While some of Ofcom's latest findings will probably come as scant surprise (YouTube being by far the most popular platform among under-18s, for instance), other conclusions may raise an eyebrow or two. This guide presents some of the report's most eye-catching facts and figures in an accessible infographic format.

In the guide you'll find statistics and trends such as the current most popular platforms for young

people and the proportion of children in each age group who play online games.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Sophia in Y5 who entered the Elmbridge Literary Competition and although she didn't win, she was given a "Highly Commended" in the 8-11 year old short story category and her story was published on their website.

<https://www.rcsherriftrust.org.uk/elmbridge-literary-competition> There were only 2 children given "Highly Commended" and nine others were given "Commended. Well done Sophia!

In the Easter break Annabel in Y4 and her dancing team were placed 1st at Ruislip/Northwood festival and 2nd at Slough Arts Festival with their group modern dance. They were awarded qualifying marks and now move on to the regional stage at the All England Dance competition. Well done Annabel!

