

Cleves School

Newsletter - 23/02/24



This week has seen a busy return to school with lots going on in every year group. Please remember that children must be in their classrooms by 8:45 ready for morning registration and to begin lessons. Also if you haven't done so already, please ensure that your child's pencil case is restocked and ready for this term's fun learning. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend - fingers crossed for less rain!

It's been a ROARSOME week in **Year 3** and pupils are really enjoying our literacy unit on non-chronological reports all about dragons! We have been learning about different dragons by watching clips from the movie 'How to train your dragon' and sharing extracts from the books by Cressida Cowell. In addition, we have been looking at examples of non-chronological reports from the books - 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them' and 'Dragonology - The Complete Book of Dragons'. Pupils have been identifying the key features of non-chronological reports, uplevelling examples and organising information using subheadings and paragraphs. Next week, we will be creating our own dragons and drawing and writing a report about them. In maths, we are focusing on multiplication and have been multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, using the formal method of multiplication and concrete resources to support us. In science, we have been finishing our topic on plants by learning about seed dispersal and the different ways that seeds are dispersed, including by water, wind, animals and self dispersal. In RE, we have started learning about the stories of Moses which link to our topic on Ancient Egypt. This week, we learned about the story of Moses and the bulrushes and created a story map of the main events. Our topic on 'How does 'ibadah' (worship) show what's important to Muslims?' will now be studied in the summer term. In art, we are experimenting with different sketching pencils to create texture and, next week, we will be sketching our own cartouches before making them in clay. We can't believe we are now half way through **Year 4!** The children have finished their diary entries as the Iron Man at the point in the story where he was lured into a trap by Hogarth. In maths we have started our new unit on time. We ask all parents/carers to support this topic by encouraging

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 26/2 - Yr 6 Boys Football vs Manorcroft
- 27/2 - PTA Meeting
- 28/2 - Year 6 Lion King Trip
- 29/2 - Yr 5 Boys A Team Royal Holloway Football Tournament
- 29/2 - Yr 6 Home Netball Match vs Burhill
- 1/3 - 5F Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 5/3 - 4W and 4E Butser Farm Trip
- 5/3 - Yr 5/6 Sportshall County Finals
- 5/3 - Internet Safety Seminar with Teresa Hughes - Performance Hall (6:00pm)
- 6/3 - Girls Football vs St James
- 7/3 - 3HB Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 8/3 - World Book Day
- 11/3 - Girls Football vs St Judes
- 12/3 - 4L and 4M Butser Farm Trip
- 12/3 - AFC Wimbledon Tournament
- 12/3 - Yr 6 Netball Tournament at Holy Family
- 13/3 - Yr 5/6 Boys B Football Team vs Ashley
- 14/3 - 4C and 4LG Butser Farm Trip
- 15/3 - Year 5 Outdoor Learning Day
- 15/3 - 4M Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)

THIS WEEK

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term. It's been great coming back to slightly lighter mornings and evenings.

your children to look at the clocks and watches around your home and identify the time at different parts of the day. Our whole class reading this week was linked to our Greek topic with a focus on a non fiction text investigating the Greeks at sea. This half term in science we have started studying 'Sound'; we began by looking at how sounds are made and how we hear them. Another new unit for this half term is Abstract Architecture. This week we introduced our focus piece 'Ireland over the Balkans' by Friedensreich Hundertwasser and started creating work in a similar style. We combined all our work together to create a class montage.

Year 5 have had a good first week back after half term - learning about gravity in Science, and even carrying out an experiment to see how it works. In Literacy, we have been finishing off our Apollo 11 Moon landing recount, with pupils ensuring there is a great deal of emotive language and powerful vocabulary included, in order to really convey the scale of the achievement! Computing has seen us becoming computer programmers, learning how HTML works, and beginning to have a go at using it ourselves. In DT, we have started to learn about Space Buggies so that later on in the term we can build our own! We had a great week back this week in **Year 6!** We have started our new unit in Literacy on formal letters where we will be writing a formal letter of complaint. We have also started our new book this term in Whole Class Reading which is called Floodlands which links nicely to our focus on sea levels rising in Geography. Finally, in Maths we have started our measurement unit looking at area and perimeter.

ECO NEWS

Plant as many plants, flowers, and trees as you can to encourage biodiversity - Biodiverse gardens support a greater number and range of insects, bees and butterflies. Planting just a few more pollinator-friendly plants can make a real difference in fighting climate change and species loss.



SPORTS NEWS

Y6 Netball Match Report v Bell Farm School

Just before half term, the Year 6 A team played

their next league match against Bell Farm School. This was a hard fought match, playing amongst the drizzle and against a highly competitive opposition. Cleves however played with much determination and by the end of the first quarter we were 1-0 up with a goal scored by Rachel. The girls began to get into their stride, marking so well that Bell Farm hardly had a shot on goal. At half time Cleves were winning 5-0 with Macie gaining in confidence and scoring from all around the D, with Katie supporting superbly. The rest of the match was much tighter, Bell Farm scored a goal and we managed to get one more, the final score was therefore 6-1 to Cleves.

Congratulations to the whole team: Bailey B, Macie S, Issy L-G, Ciara P, Belle A, Katie D, Rachel W & Lucy B.

Sportshall Success

Congratulations to Sam, Daniel, Luke, Martha, Olive and Bailey who, during the half term, represented Surrey in the regional sportshall competition that took place in Burgess Hill. They performed brilliantly and both the boys and girls were crowned overall winners. Congratulations!



Surrey Primary Cross Country

Well done to the following Year 5/6 pupils who took part in the annual Surrey Primary Cross Country Championships in Reigate over half term; Martha, Bailey, Finlay, Andrew, Will, Roland, Owen, Freddie, Adam and Jacob.

They all ran brilliantly and included some top 10 finishes! The results from the event can be viewed here - <https://ssaa.org.uk/>

Primary Panathlon

Yesterday, eight of our pupils from years 3, 4 and 5 took part in a Primary Panathlon which took place at Cleves and involved seven other local schools. This multi skills festival is a great opportunity for pupils to develop and learn a range of new skills in a safe but competitive environment.

I am pleased to report that one of our teams finished third and the other were overall winners! Congratulations to all that took part.



Twenty of our Year 5 pupils helped lead the event and what a superb job they did, attracting praise from all the visiting schools and the organiser. They acted and behaved well beyond their years demonstrating kindness, empathy and excellent communication skills.



PTA NEWS

Please join us at 7pm, on Tuesday 27th Feb, in the sportshall classroom. Everyone is welcome.

TRAVEL NEWS

WOW Badge design competition

We have one week to go until the deadline (**Friday 1st March**) for your amazing designs for this year's competition.

Link to the template if you need - [LINK](#)

1. Once you have designed your badge, please use a black fineliner to outline the details.
2. Complete the box in the left hand corner detailing why you chose your design and your name.
3. **Mr Thomas will complete the school details - bottom right.**

Online Travel Shop

In order to assist students with their visibility on the way to school we sell a number of items in our online travel shop.

The items will be delivered to the children in their classrooms following an order.

NB: Both parts below are required to be completed

1. Please complete the order online - **using the Google Form** - [Cleves Travel Shop link](#)
2. Use the **Parentpay system** to pay for the items ordered.

STATIONERY SHOP

The stationery shop will be running again next week. This is for essential items only. The children will only be allowed 1 of each item. It will run Tuesday and Thursday break times outside 4L / by the table tennis tables.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Check out *Highlights Magazine* Be Internet Awesome special edition issue and content for kids, families, and educators. Here, kids can explore the Be Internet Awesome lessons through a fun, educational, and activity-packed magazine, take the online safety pledge, and practice the skills needed to be a safe, confident online explorer.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Sam (6F) for passing his Grade 3 guitar exam. Well done!

Congratulations to Mia (4W) who won 3rd place at the King Edmond Acro Cup and 2nd place at the Spelthorne Acro Cup. Well done!

Congratulations Eric (5S)! Eric and his Team qualified to Premier League National Futsal U10 finals that took place at St George's Park National

Football Centre, eliminating on the way teams like Chelsea and Crystal Palace! They came 5th in the country beating Manchester City!

Congratulations to Henry (6T) who did well in his Judo competition and got a bronze. Well done!



HOUSE POINTS

Please see below for this week's house points:

Years	3	4	5	6	Totals
Windsor	2520	359	462	1024	4365
Arundel	2398	458	489	812	4157
York	2891	209	697	951	4748
Warwick	2951	596	355	1151	5053