

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 24/02/23



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 27/2 - 3D, 3J, 3HB to British Museum
- 27/2 - Yr 5/6 Girl's Football vs Cardinal Newman
- 1/3 - Year 6 Lion King Trip
- 3/3 - 5G Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 3/3 - Yr 5/6 Football vs Grovelands
- 3/3 - Yr 5 Girl's County Cup vs Cheam
- 5/3 - Border League Cross Country
- 6/3 - Yr 5/6 Girl's Football vs Walton Oak
- 6/3 - Yr 6 Football vs St Ann's Heath
- 9/3 - Yr 6 Sportshall Athletics County Finals
- 9/3 - Yr 5 Football Tournament
- 9/3 - 4C and 4R Butser Farm Trip
- 10/3 - 3HB Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 10/3 - Yr 5/6 Football vs Cardinal Newman

## 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 - the first signs of spring!

This week has seen a busy return to school with lots going on in every year group. The newsletter is also full this week with plenty to report on from before half term.

Have a lovely weekend!

It's been a busy week in **Year 3** and we have jumped straight into our persuasive literacy unit by looking at a range of persuasive texts and identifying the key features. We have also been planning and writing a persuasive leaflet for Year 2 pupils explaining why Cleves is such an amazing school and why they should come here. In maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division and solving problems, using concrete and visual resources. We have also been practising multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using partitioning and the formal written method. In science, we have started our new topic on rocks and have been learning about the three main types of rock (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic) as well as making observational sketches of some different rock samples, using hand lenses, and then grouping them based on their properties. In history, we have been learning about the importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptians and how it helped their civilisation to thrive. During the week before half term, we also made and tasted falafel and tzatziki as part of our DT topic. The pupils collaborated brilliantly in their groups to follow the recipe to chop, mix and mash their ingredients before tasting their cooked falafel. They also evaluated their food and compared it to shop-bought ones. We would like to thank all of the parents who came in and helped with these sessions - it was greatly appreciated! What a fantastic first week back **Year 4** have had! We have a very busy and exciting term coming up and we are off to a great start! We are coming to the end of our Literacy unit where we have been writing diary entries in the point of view of Ted Hughes' beloved character, the Iron Man. We have been using a different style of informal writing to ensure our diaries are not only believable but authentic. In Maths, we have finished our work on decimals and now starting to focus on developing our prior learning of multiplication and division. Now we have a great undering of the ancient Greeks, we are exploring pottery and designing our own vases. This links with our new, exciting P.E topic of Olympic

Greek Dance. This week we choreographed a sword fight in our groups. We are now studying the fascinating Friedensreich Hundertwasser in art, exploring his architecture and inspirational design ideas. We are experimenting with coding in Computing as we use the Lego software to build rovers. Congratulations everyone for a great first week back! Have a wonderful weekend!

**Year 5** had a busy first week back after half term. In literacy, we have finished writing our Apollo 11 recounts and will be typing this up next week. We have finished our fractions unit in maths and are moving on to learn about decimals and percentages. In whole class reading, we are exploring two poems, both called 'Sick' and considering their similarities and differences. The first poem is a humorous story about a girl's determination for not attending school and her imagination in creating lots of unimaginable symptoms and illnesses to excuse her. We have continued to learn about key figures in space exploration, focusing on Tim Peake and life onboard the International Space Station. In PE, we have started Lacrosse and in Active 30:30 we are practising our balancing with the stork challenge. In DT, we have started our Moon buggy unit, where we will design and create a buggy which will be able to travel 8 metres independently. Finally, in science we have started learning about forces and focused this week on gravity. 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.

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## ECO NEWS

### This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

**Energy** - Wear extra layers rather than putting the heating on in your home and turn the heating off when it is not needed. For every 1C a thermostat is turned down, yearly energy bills fall by up to £80. Therefore, putting on a thick wool jumper will save up to £320, as a household would save around 4 x £80.



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.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Sportshall Athletics Winners

On the Monday before half term, we took part in the annual district Sportshall Athletics competition at the Walton Xcel. The team made up of predominantly Year 6 pupils have been practicing every Thursday morning from 7.50am since November and were therefore very much relishing the opportunity to compete.

It was a great morning of running, jumping and throwing and I am pleased to say the team were victorious, narrowly beating St James. They now progress to the Surrey County Finals on 9th March. There is a team photo at the top of the newsletter!

Congratulations to all that took part.

### Girls Football Round Up

The Year 5/6 Girls Football team played their first league match of the year on Friday 3rd February at St Cuthberts in Egham. One bad bounce from a rocketing kick from their keeper turned into an early own goal against us, but the girls knuckled down with some excellent play and scored 3 goals in quick succession. They could have scored several more but were denied by super goalkeeping and the half ended 3-1. The second half was much tighter, but the girls played probably the best football of the season with super skills both on and off the ball. The final score remained 3-1 thanks to some excellent defending.

On Wednesday 8th February the team played away at Stepgates, also in an ERPSSA League game. Again the girls quickly became aware of 2 fantastic players on their side and conceded an early goal.

But they kept their heads up and eventually earned an equaliser. The next 20 minutes or so was of a high level and extremely competitive. The team remained tenacious though and towards the end of the match (and with some 'inspired' managerial decisions from Mr Woods) they finally broke through for a final score of 4-1. Well done to all the girls who took part in either match.

On Thursday 23rd February 14 Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to St Charles Borromeo to play a friendly round robin football competition. Our girls, super keen but inexperienced, were playing against established teams but they played with determination and enthusiasm throughout. It was a pleasure to see them improve minute by minute through the 3 games they played. Well done to all involved!

### **Boys Football Round Up**

On Friday 3rd February, a team made up of Year 5 and 6 boys played a friendly football fixture against Stepgates on the Cleves field. The game kicked off to a flying start and there was a determined battle for possession across the pitch. The Cleves boys battled on and saw out the half with a slight lead. The second half began and it was more of the same all round. With a few lovely strikes Cleves managed to take control going into the final few minutes. With the seconds counting down, Stepgates hit the back of the net with a long range strike to seal a draw, with the game ending 3-3. A huge congratulations to all those who played and represented the school perfectly.

On Thursday 9th February afterschool, 3 Cleves teams, made up of Year 5 and 6 boys, entered into a football festival against Burhill and Grovelands. All 3 teams showed fantastic sportsmanship and determination throughout to battle on. The boys all played exceptionally well and in particular Cleves team 1, who progressed to the final against Grovelands. After the full 10 minutes had passed, it went down to a penalty shootout. Holding their nerve and with some fantastic saves, Cleves team 1 came out victorious and deservedly lifted the trophy! A huge congratulations to all the boys who participated and a special thank you to Mr Keirs too.

### **Border League - Stoke Park, Guildford**

On the Sunday at the beginning of half term, the latest Border League Cross Country event took place at Stoke Park in Guildford. We had about 60 runners and once again it was a very strong showing from our athletes with some determined runs. The course was particularly challenging with

lots of ups and downs and the competition was really strong as we competed against athletics clubs from across Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire.

Well done to everyone who took part but particularly to the following runners who finished in the top 10 in their individual year group races; Erin M, William D, Bert R, Eliza H, Etienne V and Theodore T.

In the team competition we finished 2nd in every age group which is fantastic!

The final race of the season takes place on Sunday 5th March in Reigate. It's not too late for your child to take part, please email me ([csmith@cleves.co.uk](mailto:csmith@cleves.co.uk)) if they are interested.

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## **TRAVEL NEWS**

### **Travel Plan**

#### **WOW Travel Tracker**

As a school this week we completed 2035 journeys (Mon to Thurs inc), this includes a 74% Active travel total.

Leading the charge were Year 5 with 599 journeys recorded. In 2nd place were Year 4 with 520.

#### **Cleves Travel Shop (online)**

We have a number of items available in the Cleves Travel Shop which are now available to purchase.

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.

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## **INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE**

With around 60,000 songs added to its online library every day, Spotify is a vast treasure trove of audio dating from some 19th century recordings through to giants of the download age like The Weeknd and Ed Sheeran. Factor podcasts,



audiobooks and videos into the mix, and the Swedish-based streaming platform quite literally offers something for everyone.

Not everything in Spotify's depths is universally suitable, however. The sheer mass of music and content on the platform mean that, naturally, not all of it is intended for younger listeners. With an audio chat service available and media reports of predatory activity, our guide highlights other aspects of Spotify which trusted adults ought to be in the loop about.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate lyrics, an audio chat function and recent reports of predatory activity.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Emily Booth, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her first Piano exam recently. Emily achieved a merit (83%) which was very well deserved. Great work Emily!

Sammie in Y6 wants to raise money for people with cancer such as her nan (who has recovered from cancer but still having treatment). When her nan lost her hair, it left a big impact on Sammie and she's been wanting to shave her head for a long time in order to raise money and awareness.

Sammie is taking part in 'Brave the Shave' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support on Thursday 9th March. If you would like to donate to Sammie's fundraising page please click on the link

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/sammie-conolly>

## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES...

This week we have pictures of Y3's falafel making.



## HOUSE POINTS

Windsor	2342
York	2254
Arundel	2098
Warwick	2063