

Cleves School

Newsletter - 25/02/22



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2/3 - Year 6 Lion King Trip
- 3/3 - World Book Day
- 7/3 - Parent Online Webinar - Children Mental Health
- 8/3 - Tag Rugby Competition
- 9/3 - Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
- 10/3 - Year 5 Football Competition
- 11/3 - Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
- 11/3 - 5C Class Assembly at 2.45pm
- 15/3 - Parent Internet Safety Workshop 6pm

THIS WEEK

I hope you all had a good half term and your child has enjoyed their return to school this week. It's certainly been a busy one as we take the next tentative steps back to full normality. Year assemblies have restarted and, as you can see above, we are resuming our class assemblies. Don't worry if your class missed out on their assembly, we are in the process of rescheduling them.

Have a good weekend!

It's been a busy week in **Year 3** and we have continued with our literacy unit on persuasive writing. We have been using comparative and superlative adjectives to describe London Zoo and

try to persuade our readers to come and visit this must-see attraction. In addition, we have been learning about the use of rhetorical questions as a persuasive device and have been planning and writing our hot tasks persuading people to come to our school. We have uplevelled our writing and will be producing our leaflets, using the chromebooks. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of multiplication and division facts to compare statements using $<$, $>$ and $=$ and solve related problems using arrays. We have also been practising multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number using both the partitioning method and 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 - and have also been comparing samples of rocks by looking at their properties. In PE, we have begun our gymnastics unit and have been experimenting with making different shapes and understanding the terms 'straight, tuck, pike and straddle' as well as experimenting with different levels. Our topic lesson has focused on the River Nile and why it was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. We have also been learning about their farming calendar and what happened during the three key seasons. After the half term break, the children in **Year 4** quickly settled down to their learning. In literacy we completed our diary entry based on the exciting last chapter of the 'Iron Man'. Monday saw the start of a new unit in maths about multiplication. In art we also started a new unit about the artist Hundertwasser. The children will use their learning to create their own Hundertwasser style collage. This week in science we started learning about sound and used a number of musical instruments to understand how sound is made. The children learnt about and designed Greek pots as part of their learning about the Ancient Greeks. We also started our unit in PE about improvised dance in the style of the Ancient Greek games. Year 4 also competed in Inter House games.

In **Year 5**, we have had a great first week back after the half term break. The children have settled

well into their new maths classes and it has been super to see them collaborating with other children from across the year group. In Literacy, we have been continuing with writing our Apollo 11 mission recount, which we started before half term, and are looking forward to recording as a voiceover next week. Our SPACE topic is also continuing and we have been finding out about what life as an astronaut is like from Tim Peake. We have started a new and exciting 'Forces' topic in Science, beginning with learning about Aristotle and Galileo's ideas on gravity. In DT, we have also started a new 'Bridges' unit which will result in the children designing and constructing their own bridge to a given success criteria. This week we focused on the features of beam and arch bridges and then the children created moodboards of different types of bridges from around the world. Finally in computing, we have started a new coding project. **Year 6** has had an excellent return week, coming back enthusiastic and ready to learn. This week in Literacy, pupils looked at the structure and language of a formal letter, planned and wrote a letter to a supermarket of their choice regarding plastic pollution and possible strategies to overcome this. In maths, we have been looking at converting measurements including imperial and metric measurements. In Science, they completed an investigation into how light reflects. In Geography, year 6 have learnt about the process of global warming and key effects on oceans. In PE, before our anticipated visit to see Lion King, pupils will be putting together a dance based on the movements of different African animals. In Music, children loved learning how to play the djembe drums.

SPORTS NEWS

Border League Cross Country

Huge congratulations to the 61 pupils from Cleves that took part in the latest Border League Cross Country Competition at Stoke Park over half term. To say the weather was unkind is somewhat putting it lightly as the runners were faced with driving rain and very gusty winds. Despite this, the Cleves runners were fantastic with lots of top ten finishes and many personal improvements since the last competition. The training is certainly paying off!

There is also a team competition based on the best 4 finishers from each school/club. I am delighted to say the positions were as follows

- Under 9s Girls - 2nd
- Under 9 Boys - 1st
- Under 11s Girls - 4th
- Under 11s Boys - 1st

As you can see we did rather well!

The last event in this competition takes place on 6th March in Reigate so not long to wait and fingers crossed for better weather!

Year 6 Football

On the final day of the last half term, the Year 6 football team played Cheam Common in the Quarter Finals of the Surrey County Cup. Despite us starting brightly and having the better of the early exchanges, the game became increasingly challenging for the Cleves boys as Cheam exerted their physical presence on the game. The game ended up 5 v 1 in Cheam's favour which led to some dejected faces at the end. We look to learn from this experience and come back strongly in the second half of the season.

Congratulations!

And finally...

Congratulations to Lucy Richards and Suna Heyl who represented Surrey in the regional Sportshall Athletics Competition over the half term holiday. I am pleased to report that they were second overall which is a fantastic achievement.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Just a reminder, children will be allowed to come dressed as their favourite book character so please do start planning! World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan

As a school we recorded **2157** total journeys in the last 5 school days (11th Feb to 24th Feb)

- Year 3 - 512
- Year 4 - 540
- Year 5 - 631
- Year 6 - 474

Congratulations to **Year 5** who are at the top of the tree this week. As a school we have achieved **82% active travel** out of all of those journeys which is fantastic.

The first set of Active Travel badges were given out before half term and the second set should be out shortly. Congratulations to those who have achieved these.

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 -**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10jHGGO1dMjKtqh68MmW9Tex1rqrkIRLA/view>
2. Use the parentpay system to pay for the items ordered.

WORLD THINKING DAY AND FOUNDERS DAY

Thank you to all of the children that wore their Brownie, Guide, Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform on

Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of them and all the badges. Elsie and Henry GoodFellow have written a small piece explaining what Thinking Day and Founders are.

World Thinking Day by Elsie Goodfellow

The first World Thinking Day was celebrated in the USA in 1926. They chose the 22nd February because it is the Birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell who were the creators of girl guiding and scouting. On thinking day we think about being a part of an organisation that is all around the world. We raise money to allow people to join in all over the world. The theme this year is Our World, Our Equal Future. We will be thinking about how we can help our planet. At our pack (1st Oatlands) we are going to be thinking about the use of plastic and will be making skipping ropes out of carrier bags. We will also be going on a walk along the river and will take photos of our environment and think about how we can improve it.

Founder Day by Henry Goodfellow

The 22nd February is also known as Founders day. It is a day for Scouts and Guides to renew their promises together. There are more than 30 million boys and girls in more than 200 countries who are part of the Scouting movement. Each year on Founders day, Scouts around the world share messages with one another.

MUSIC

LAST CALL FOR UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR - 19th MARCH

Thank you to those who have let Mr. Kilhams know whether your child/children will be performing on the 19th March concert in Weybridge, further details will be given out next week to all those that have said they can attend. This is the last call for anyone who has not signed their child/children up yet. All details have been sent out and you should have received a letter from Mr. Kilhams.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Oscar in Y5 who achieved his Chief Cub Silver, the highest award in Cubs. Well done Oscar!



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures of children who participated in World Thinking Day & Founders Day.

