

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 27/01/23



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30/1 - Yr 3/4 Indoor Football Festival
- 30/1 - Yr 5 Football vs Manorcroft
- 2/2 - Y3 British Museum Trip 3M, 3H, 3P
- 3/2 - 4A Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 3/2 - Yr 5/6 Football vs Stepgates
- 6/2 - Yr 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
- 8/2 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs Stepgates
- 9/2 - Yr 5/6 Football Tournament
- 10/2 - Mufti Day for Water Aid
- 10/2 - 4HM Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 12/2 - Border League Cross Country
- 13/2 - Half Term

## THIS WEEK

Another busy week at Cleves as we move ever closer to half term and the prospect of lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather.

Have a good weekend!

It's been another jam-packed week in **Year 3** and we have been busy finishing and uplevelling our writing based on Lost and Found. Pupils then used the ipads to photograph their story map and to record themselves reading their resolution and ending. In maths, we have been focusing on measuring and converting between m, cm and mm as well as comparing lengths. In science, we have been focusing on magnets and planning and carrying out an investigation to compare the

strength of different magnets including circular magnets, bar magnets and horseshoe magnets. In RE, we have been discussing the Big Bang theory and the role of science in explaining how the world might have begun as well as sharing our own ideas. In DT, we have been learning about the EatWell plate and discussing the different foods that fit into each section to help us have a balanced diet. We have had a very creative and exciting week in **Year 4!** Inspired by Theseus and the Minotaur, we constructed our own mazes. We used saws, hammers, pins and wood to bring our designs to life. We worked brilliantly with our partners and produced fantastic pieces of work. In Literacy we have come to the end of writing our explanation texts on the digestive system. We have used lots of technical language and are officially experts on the subject! In Maths, we have started our new topic on Decimals where we have been exploring tenths and hundredths. During Science this week, we experimented with different amounts of voltage, to see how this would impact our bulb. We even drew the different circuits, using a variety of symbols. In P.E we developed our balance skills in gymnastics, and built on our previous knowledge to develop complex routines. We have finally met the Space Bat Angel Dragon in The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We cannot wait to see what happens next in this great adventure! Well done year 4 on a great week and have a wonderful weekend!

This week in **Year 5** we have been continuing our work on fractions, focusing on improper fractions and mixed numbers. In Literacy, children have chosen a problem that their characters have to overcome in their trek through the jungle as they write a 'missing' chapter from the 'Firework Maker's Daughter'. In our Space topic, we have learned about the history of satellites and space stations and in Science have learned why we see different phases of the moon. If you see the moon in the sky, ask your child what phase they can see - they can hopefully be able to tell you if it is waxing or waning! And finally, in Art this week, we finally put those cans to good use and created a class installation of 32 Soup Cans inspired by the work of Andy Warhol. **Year 6** have been hard at work again this week. We have finished off our Spooky Stories unit in Literacy, which we have thoroughly enjoyed and am sure the teachers will be having nightmares after reading! We have continued looking at the

importance of internet safety in Computing and as a result we have become 'internet legends'. We have had some very important discussions this week in PSHE regarding prejudice and discrimination, looking at the consequences of these and how to recognise when these may be taking place. We have also furthered our understanding of our Pollution unit in Geography, specifically looking at strategies we can put in place to tackle plastic pollution.

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## ECO NEWS

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

**Transport** - If you need to drive to your destination, try and organise a car share with a friend or family member. This can save you money, can reduce pollution from car emissions, gives you company, reduces local congestion and can save you time.



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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## PARENT FORUM

The date for the next Parent/Carer Forum is Friday 17th March at 9am. As before, we would ask that a representative from each class attends so we can gather feedback from across the school and year groups. It can either be a class rep or another parent/carers. More information and details of the agenda will be shared nearer the time.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 6 Dodgeball Tournament

On Monday afternoon, ten Year 6 children participated in a large dodgeball tournament which took place at Cleves. The afternoon saw Cleves play in gruelling 15 rounds of dodgeball in order to earn points for the overall leaderboard. The children competed against some very tough and determined opponents in an exciting afternoon of competitive sport. The children who represented Cleves, demonstrated fantastic team work, motivation and perseverance to continue to battle on in every game, whilst always supporting each other on and off the court. A huge well done to all those who were involved, for showing excellent sportsmanship and for representing Cleves in a perfect manner!

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## MORNING SPORTS CLUBS

Since Christmas, we have found that there are increasing numbers of children who are forgetting school uniform items when they are attending a morning sports club - particularly running club. Please can you encourage your child to check they have everything they need for the day before leaving the house. Thank you!

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## YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING GALAS

Final reminder! I am investigating the possibility of entering a couple of swimming galas this term. If you think your child might be interested, please click on the following link to find out more - <https://forms.gle/gHqD2WZW6DJVAFqr9>

If you have any questions, please contact me on [csmith@cleves.co.uk](mailto:csmith@cleves.co.uk) Mr Smith

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially – but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown along with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second.

Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our lives – and our networks. Check out our guide for advice on beefing up your household’s cyber resilience. In the guide you’ll find tips on a number of potential risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.

