

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 27/05/22



Have a great half term break and thank you as always for your support. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

It's been a busy week for **Year 3** running up to the half term break and we have finished uplevelling and typing up our polished rainforest sense poems. Children also had the opportunity to rehearse and perform their poems in their classes thinking about their use of intonation and volume. In maths, we have been reviewing some of the objectives from the last half term and have been concentrating on revisiting equivalent fractions, comparing and investigating fractions as well as identifying times on the 24 hour clock and calculating time durations. In science, we have been continuing with our topic on light and have been learning about how light travels and how it is reflected off different surfaces. As part of our new RE topic on 'How do people celebrate new life?' we have visited St Mary's church to learn about the Christian ceremonies of baptisms and christenings and important objects and symbols associated with these. We also had the opportunity to look at the beautiful stained glass windows, linking in with our topic around Easter when pupils designed their own stained glass windows. After half term, we will be thinking about the different milestones in our lives and also learning about how different religions and non-religious people celebrate new life. **Year 4** has had a very exciting end to an action packed Half Term! From Hooke Court to writing their own chapter in Literacy, it is clear everyone has worked extremely hard. In Maths we have been reviewing all our work on Decimals and tackling some challenging worded problems. We have come to the end of our work in Gymnastics, where we have all greatly improved from the start of the term. We have learnt fantastic new skills in Games, particularly focussing on teamwork. In Science we are continuing to learn about all Living Things. We have been researching endangered animals and working out what we can do to make the world a better place for them to live in. In Computing we are continuing to develop our coding skills using Hour of Code. We have also started our new Art

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6/6 - INSET Day
- 7/6 - Yr 5/6 Netball Festival at Burhill
- 8/7 - Yr 5/6 Girls' Football League Final
- 9/6 - Yr 6 Junior Citizenship Trip
- 10/6 - Yr 6 Junior Citizenship Trip
- 13/6 to 17/6 - Yr 6 Residential Trip
- 13/6 - Yr 5/6 Cricket League
- 14/6 - District Sports
- 17/6 - Yr 5 Cricket Competition
- 17/6 - 4C Class Assembly at 1.30 and 2.45

## THIS WEEK

Wow! What a week it's been with two incredible music performances, three cup finals and much much more. Please take time over a cup of tea or coffee to read about the fantastic achievements and performances from our pupils this week in, what is, a packed final newsletter. It's so great that things are back to normal again and life at Cleves is busy, varied and exciting.

topic, Weaving, where we have all made our own loom! We ended the term with a fantastic assembly by 3P where they taught us all about the Queen's Jubilee, ready for us to celebrate in the holidays!

This week **Year 5** has finally seen the construction of the world famous Moon Buggies. A tremendous performance by all with a mixture of style, substance and engineering to complete the mission. In topic, we have looked further into coastal erosion reflecting back on what we saw in the Isle of Wight. Science has been to do with the stages of growth of humans and the ageing process. We have been looking at conversions in Maths along with comparing volume and capacity. In Literacy, following the completion of the IOW / Spectrum recounts we have created poems based on the residential week. We have reached the end of another half term and are preparing the **Year 6** children for their busy final half term at Cleves. We have started writing a non chronological report focussed on evacuation during World War II. During science we have been looking at the impact of diet, drugs and smoking on our bodies ending our unit on the Circulatory System. Our focus during topic lessons is The Blitz, within the lesson the children researched what life was like in London and then created a letter to someone in the countryside explaining what was happening. In our Punctuation and Grammar sessions we have studied when punctuation goes wrong! We looked at signs where punctuation was incorrect or missing and how that changes the meaning of the text, some with hilarious outcomes. Our RE lessons have focussed on Judaism and this week we studied Jewish beliefs in which we looked at artefacts and images from Synagogues. The Year 6 Production rehearsals and are fully underway, well done to the cast who have already been learning lines. Over half term all children need to start learning the songs ready for full rehearsals. Finally with the Jubilee celebrations in full swing across the country, we have found out all about Queen Elizabeth II and the milestone events during her reign. We wish you all a wonderful half term and hope you all enjoy the long Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend with your families.

## MUSIC NEWS

### Young Voices Choir Perform To Over 20,000 At The O2 Arena!

80 children in Year 5 and 6 went up to the O2 Arena to perform in the Young Voices Concert on Monday. This was delayed several times because of Covid so it was nice to finally get a chance to perform to thousands in the audience. Cleves combined with over 8000 other school children to create the largest school choir in the world. They performed with some special guests such as, Beatbox Collective, Urban Strides, Natalie Williams and MC Grammar. The children performed incredibly and were one of the leading choirs in their section knowing all the words and actions and singing their hearts out. It was a long day and they kept their energy levels up right until the coach journey back to school where the whole coach fell into a deep sleep only to be woken up by sprightly teachers saying we are back at school! Much fun was had and I'm sure the children will remember the day for years to come.

We hope you enjoy a selection of some of the photos from the day. We will be sharing a video with the parents after half term and the full folder of videos and photos for you to enjoy but here are just a few.





## Cleves Summer Concert Gets Standing Ovation!

Our Summer Concert was the first concert in the performance hall with all of our musicians since Summer 2019! The children definitely made up for lost time and performed absolutely astonishingly! The concert started with the Cleves Handbell Group who walked in playing their bells to a piece that Mr. Kilhams wrote for them. They then performed two more pieces for the first time in the concert. A special mention to Lucy and Izzy in Year 3 who were performing with the handbell group for their first time in a concert.



Following on from handbells saw the Lower School Choir perform a piece that Mr. Kilhams wrote especially for the choir a few years ago using words by a Year 6, Amelia Kinghorn. The words talk about climate change and how we can save our planet if we do the right thing. The choir sung the words extremely powerfully and moved several people in the audience to tears. A special mention to the wonderfully talented Izzy and Mischa for stepping out and soloing. It was a moving moment and Mr. Kilhams was really proud of the choir and grateful that we could finally perform it after three years. They then continued to move the audience with their rendition of True Colours.



The Cleves Orchestra is small but they make up for the size in their determination and musicianship. This was the first time we heard the school orchestra in concert for over four years. Although we will be saying goodbye to lots of Year 6s, Mr. Kilhams is hopeful that it will continue to grow and they'll be performing in concert at Christmas. Following on from the orchestra saw four incredible Year 6 soloists take to the stage. Elizabeth Copperwheat, Eleanor Gilbert, George Martin and Nil Ada Simitchi. All performed with such perfection and as Mr Hodges said, "a way he could only dream of being able to do!" Mr. Kilhams was hugely impressed by all four soloists, it takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of all your friends and a full audience of parents and perform on their own so well done.



The last few years has been difficult for any performance to take place, understandably but one

thing that did spring out of the pandemic was the Cleves ukulele group. A keen group of Year 4s came together socially distanced with Mr. Kilhams at lunchtime and learnt how to play the ukulele. Those children are at the end of Year 5 now and are still going strong. They performed two pieces, one about the three little pigs and then Scarborough Fair. Mr. Kilhams was so impressed with their performance that he is already thinking of the next songs to arrange for them! This was quickly followed by the Year 4, 5 and 6 Steel Bands under the new direction of Lizzie Gilbert. A huge well done to all three steel bands for their second performance of the year. There are spaces in the year 5 band if anyone would like to join please contact Lizzie on [lizziegilbert@hotmail.com](mailto:lizziegilbert@hotmail.com). Mr. Kilhams was also impressed with how they have learnt new repertoire so quickly, particularly La Bamba and Joshua Fit The Battle Of Jericho.

The concert finished with the Upper School Choir singing their hearts out for the second time in the same week! They proved to everyone that even if they have a massive concert on Monday that they can still come out and perform like they did on Thursday, no problem! They performed, with actions, Mambo Italiano, The Lion King Medley and Sing From Your Heart. All pieces from their Young Voices concert. Mr. Kilhams absolutely loved the enthusiasm in their performance and there was such a great energy. The audience were clearly impressed but the standing ovation came when they joined forces with the Lower School Choir for one last big finale, Power In Me. The room exploded with applause at the end and Mr. Hodges didn't know if it was ever going to end.

Once again, a huge well done to all who performed.

You were all brilliant and should be immensely proud.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 5/6 Football - League Games

Last Friday the Year 6 team also played St Anne's in their last game of the season. After a close and competitive first half we unfortunately found ourselves a goal behind which was slightly against the run of play. At the beginning of the second half, we sprung to life scoring three quick goals inside the first 5 minutes to put us in firm control. St Anne's managed to get one back with a few minutes remaining but we hung on to earn a well deserved three points and finish our season in victorious style.

### Year 5 Boy's County Cup Football Final

On Tuesday afternoon, Cleves set out on their final journey of the football season with the highly anticipated Surrey County Cup Final. On arrival at Meadowbank Stadium, Dorking, the boys were eager to get started and get the ball rolling. The final kicked off with some fantastic battles and end to end play from both sides. Cleves dominated the possession and on numerous occasions struggled to make the final pin-point ball through. The lively first half ended at 0-0, with all the Cleves boys digging deep to stay in the fight. After some reflection on their performance, the boys set out for the second half with the goal to score fresh in their minds. Cleves flew out the blocks and managed to force a goal early on to break the deadlock. After the continuing solid defensive display, the Cleves defence seemed unbeatable. With the game beginning to open up, the boys took advantage of the space and with some quicker passing and layoffs, Cleves took another goal to put them 2-0 into the lead. Settling the game down, the boys kept possession and comfortably held onto the victory. The Cleves boys are now the 2022 Surrey County Cup Champions. A thoroughly deserved win and a huge congratulations to all the boys for the fantastic efforts through the game and for their performances all season!



### Year 5/6 Girls Football Finals

Our Year 5/6 girls' team didn't just have one final this week but two! An incredible achievement in itself!

On Tuesday 23rd May, the Year 5/6 Girls Football Team played their first cup final of the season - the ERPSSA Cup against Holy Family at Abbey Football Club. We started brightly with a goal within the first 5 minutes, but the tough team from Holy Family soon equalised and we struggled against their strength in midfield. We started the 2nd half 2-1 down and fought hard but conceded another goal before making it 3-2 with 3 minutes left. Unfortunately, time ran out on us and the girls ended up with silver medals but huge congratulations for a gutsy and impressive performance.



With renewed focus, we travelled to Dorking Wanderers FC on Thursday 25th May for the Surrey County Cup final against Cheam Park Farm. The girls played brilliantly and we scored 2 goals in the first half, one from a short corner and one direct

from a free kick from outside the area. To their credit, the girls maintained focus through a tough 2nd half, but always had the upper hand and scored another goal just before the final whistle and we became Surrey County Champions! Well done to the whole squad, but particularly Charlotte, Izzy, Jess H, Olivia, Kati, Marissa, Daisy, Catherine and captain Eva. We go again after half term in our final game in the League Final.



### Year 3 Indoor Football Festival

On Monday, eleven Year 3 pupils got the opportunity to take part in an indoor football festival against Burhill and Grovelands School. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon with some excellent football played from all the teams taking part. The Cleves team excelled themselves, winning the majority of their games and working exceptionally well as a team. Well done to all those who were involved

### Year 5/6 Cricket League

On Monday the Year 5/6 Cricket team took part in the local Elmbridge Evening league round 2. We played 2 matches starting with a fantastic win over Bell Farm. Some accurate bowling and strong hitting by all concerned. The second match (vs St Lawrence) was more challenging but still a strong performance. Thank you to all involved, some of the players representing the Cricket team for the first time. Squad: Benji, Harry, Ira, Josh, Matilda, Megan, Rory, Rosie, and Zach.

### Tag Rugby

Thursday saw a boys and a girls squad venture over to Old Cranleighans RFC to participate in their inaugural junior Tag Rugby Tournament. A fantastic afternoon, with superb rugby played by all, meant that Cleves came away undefeated in both squads. The commitment and skill level shown by all was a joy to watch. Thank you to all who attended and the parents who assisted and supported.

Boys: Aaron, Aiden, Alex, Colin, Etienne, Harry (Y6), Harry (Y5), Ivan, Josh and Sam.

Girls: Audrey, Beatrice, Claudia, Daniella, Kateia, Lucy, Meghan and Sophia



## Our Voice Matters

[Our Voice Matters](#) is a survey of everyone in Surrey aged 8-25. It's a chance for children and young people to anonymously tell us about the things that matter to them in a short, ten-minute survey covering things like mental health, the environment, social media and much more.

The results will be compiled into a report later in the year which will be shared widely across Surrey.

### Survey details

The survey will run until Sunday, 31 July 2022.

All those completing the survey before the closing date will be in with the chance of winning a £100 Love2Shop voucher!

Find the survey here:

<https://bit.ly/SurreyOurVoiceMatters>

## TRAVEL NEWS

In the last week we have recorded 2417 travel journeys with an active score of 84%. Year 3 have led the way with 740 and Year 5 following, in second place (619).

We look forward to completing our pedestrian training with the lower school after half term.

### 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.

## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety article is all about cross platform sharing.

In 2017, having been alerted to large quantities of videos which – at first glance – were geared to pre-schoolers but in fact featured disturbing images, YouTube pledged to purge itself of “content that attempts to pass as family friendly, but clearly is not.” Almost as quickly as platforms like YouTube can remove these videos, however, others are being uploaded in their place.

Many of these clips evade automated filters by using child-friendly search tags. Others are deliberately designed to resemble normal episodes of, say, Peppa Pig, but include violent or sexual content. Our guide this week examines the potential dangers when inappropriate content begins to be shared across different platforms.

To view this online guide, please click on the image below.



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Erin Bielawski has recently completed her Grade One LAMDA exam passing with a distinction. Well done Erin!

Henry King also completed his Entry Level LAMDA exam passing with a merit. Well done Henry!

Well done to Edie Daley, pupil of Lauren Twilley

who took her Grade 1 Piano exam recently. Edie achieved a distinction (89%) which was very well deserved.

Great work Edie!

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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures of Y3's trip to St Mary Oatlands as well as a fantastic piece of Year 4 artwork.

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## ART EXHIBITION

I am very pleased to invite you all to my Art Exhibition of African Animals.

The exhibition is from Wednesday 1st June until Sunday 12th June inclusive (starting in Half Term week). I will be open from 10am-4pm on those days. No booking required, just pop in any time.

The venue is:

Robert Phillips Gallery  
Riverhouse Arts Centre  
Manor Road  
Walton on Thames  
Surrey KT12 2PF

It would be lovely to see you there and please spread the word to family and friends.



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