

Cleves School

Newsletter - 29/04/22



charities to choose. If you know of any particular local need linked to the Ukraine crisis, please do let us know.

Have a lovely long weekend.

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we are fully immersed in our literacy unit on the legend of St George and the Dragon. This week, we have been writing a description of the besieged town and castle, using Epic Citadel as a visual stimulus. We have been concentrating on using really descriptive vocabulary to describe what St George might have seen and heard as he entered the town. In addition, we have been practising changing sentences from the third person to the first person and planning our recounts where we will be imagining we are St George and, next week, will be writing about our battle with the beast. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions and have been ordering unit and non-unit fractions, adding and subtracting fractions as well as solving fraction problems. In science, we have begun our new topic on light and have been discussing the following questions; What is light? Where does light come from? What are sources of light? How does light travel? In RE, our new topic is 'Why is praying important to Christians?' and we have focused this week on learning about what prayer is and why people might pray. We have also looked at when and where Christians pray and discussed examples of Jesus praying from the Bible. **Year 4** have had an absolutely fantastic week at Hooke Court! We all had the most amazing time being with our friends and learning lots of new things! When we first arrived we split into groups to learn about Viking ships. We built our very own Longships and then raced them in the lake. One was even set on fire! After our delicious dinner we learnt all about rockets and forces in preparation for our last day. The next couple of days were filled with building our own shelters, competing in tribal games where we used face paint to scare our enemies and a barn dance. We even made our own Saxon jewellery, practised weaving and made some delicious

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4/5 - Yr 4 Ultimate Frisbee Competition
- 6/5 - 3K Class Assembly at 2.45pm
- 6/5 - Yr 6 Hardball Cricket Competition
- 6/5 - Yr 5/6 Girl's Football v Ashley
- 9/5 - Yr 6 SATs Week
- 10/5 to 13/5 - Yr 5 Residential Trip
- 13/5 - Yr 3, 4 and 6 Mufti Day
- 13/5 - 3J Class Assembly at 2.45pm
- 16/5 - Yr 5 Mufti Day
- 17/5 - Fete in the Field (5pm - 7.30pm)

THIS WEEK

This week saw the long awaited return of our residential trips with Year 4 heading down to Dorset to Hooke Court. The various reports I have received during the week indicate they've had a great time and will be returning very tired. For those who chose not to attend, they've had an equally busy and exciting week which has included a trip to Walton Firs Activity Centre today.

Finally, I just wanted to provide you with an update on our Ukraine fundraising challenge. I can confirm that the total money raised was an incredible £11,774.28. Well done to everyone who has contributed to this fantastic total. We will now consider what to do with the money and which

delicacies. We also had an incredible Viking battle showing off our fierce battle tactics, witnessed a Viking wedding and shared stories around a campfire. If that wasn't exciting enough, before we came home we launched our rockets and couldn't believe just how high they went! Thank you so much to all the parents who helped make this trip one we will never forget! This week, the **Year 4 (Non-Trippers)** children who did not go on the residential trip have had a great time learning about the Romans. On Monday, they made Laurel Wreath Crowns (just like Julius Caesar wore!) and started working on a play about the Romans. On Tuesday, the children wrote stories based on a Roman battle. Then in the afternoon they all dressed up in Togas and performed their play. On Thursday, they made pottery, Roman shields and tried some Roman recipes. Finally, today the group went to Walton Firs to try some outdoor team working activities. Overall, it has been a very exciting week!

This week **Year 5** have continued their journey into the world of pirates, looking in particular into how to develop the character of their own pirate through description. In Maths we have been working with decimals, up to 3 decimal places, and looking at their addition and subtraction. We have begun the exciting process of moon buggy design by retrieving knowledge about electrical circuits while in science we were comparing the life cycles of differing types of animals. The Landformations topic has progressed through the development of knowledge around mountains, how they are formed and where specific ranges are throughout the world. Finally on the sports field we have begun a rotation of Cricket, Tennis and Athletics as our summer sports. A huge well done to **Year 6** this week for their sensible behaviour and resilience whilst completing Mock SATs week. Thank you to all the parents/carers for ensuring the children arrived on time with the resources they needed for the week. All the students worked incredibly hard and showed how well prepared they are for SATs week in a couple of weeks. As well as Mock SATs, the children have continued to write their first person narratives linked to Friend or Foe and reviewing the use of dashes and hyphens in PaG lessons. During maths lessons we have been studying angles, in particular identifying missing angles using protractors and knowledge of angles. In History, we have been

plotting World War II on a timeline and identifying other significant events in history. In PE we have started our athletics unit and in games we have started our summer term sports of cricket, rounders and tennis. After such a busy week, we wish you all a restful weekend.

SPORTS NEWS

District Cross Country Competition

Last Saturday morning saw the annual District Cross Country Championships take place at Notre Dame. We have 36 runners taking part and both collectively as a team and individually they did extremely well.

In the under 9s girls, Bailey Bird was 2nd, Martha Dury was 4th. In the under 10s boys, Etienne Victor was 1st, Luke Duncan was 4th and Harry Myserson 6th. In the under 11s boys, Rory Campbell was 1st, Zachary Gaskell was 5th. There were also many more great runs!

In the team competition, Cleves were 3rd in the under 9s girls, 2nd in the under 9s boys, 1st in the under 10s boys, 3rd in the under 11s girls and 1st in the under 11s boys. Huge congratulations to all that took part.



Year 5/6 Cricket League

On Monday, the year 5/6 Kwick Cricket team got the season off to a fantastic start with two victories in the Elmbridge league. Our mixed team saw off

the opposition of Notre Dame and Cardinal Newman to start the season with a bang. Well done to all involved.

Aiden, Elliot, Josh, Marissa, Nicci, Nyah, Sophie and Zack.

Panathlon Festival

On Monday, eight of our pupils took part in a panathlon festival held at Cleves. They were joined by 5 other schools in taking part in a range of specially designed competitive challenges and games. I am pleased to say that we were runners up and received a lovely glass trophy which is on display outside the welfare office and shown below. Congratulations to all that took part and well done also to the year 5 children who helped run the event - you did an amazing job. If you would like to find out more about what a panathlon is, please visit the following website -

<https://panathlon.com/about/>



INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety article is all about group chats.

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and

bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members. To download the guide, please click on the image below.



HOUSE POINTS

The weekly totals as of Friday 22nd April 2022 were:

- 1st - York **1635**
- 2nd - Windsor **1340**
- 3rd - Warwick **1312**
- 4th - Arundel **1150**