

Cleves School

Newsletter - 30/09/22



they get so much from them too. As you can see from the diary dates above, there is a lot coming up. Please particularly note the dates and times for the autumn term Parent Consultations. More details regarding how to book appointments will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Have a good weekend!

It's been a very EGG-SCITING week in **Year 3** with the arrival of a batch of eggs and some chicks. Pupils have been observing the eggs daily and recording their observations, including the temperature of the incubator in which the eggs are kept as well as detailing which eggs are hatching. We have also had the addition this year of a brood of chicks which are rotating around the year 3 classrooms every couple of days for pupils to observe and make comparisons between the newly hatched chicks and the week-old chicks. This links in with our literacy unit on explanation texts where we have been learning about the life cycles of both chicks and frogs as well as our science topic on All living things. In addition, we had a brilliant visit from Zoolab at the end of the week who brought in a range of different minibeasts for us to look at closely and handle (if we wanted to!) The children were absolutely fascinated and it was great to hear them using their scientific knowledge and talking about the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. In maths, we have completed our unit on place value and started our work on addition and subtraction focusing on number bonds to 20 and representing these in fact families, part whole models and bar models as well as finding 10 more or 10 less than different 3 digit numbers.

Year 4 has had a wonderfully exciting week! We are coming to the end of our Place Value topic in Maths. This week we focussed on rounding, counting in 25s and negative numbers! We have started our new unit in Literacy, where we have been studying playscripts and showing off our amazing acting skills! We learnt how to read coordinates in Geography, exploring maps and discovering what was around our local area. Our knowledge of Claude Monet continues to grow as we learnt about new artists from the Impressionist movement and compared their work. We have started to create our own lilies out of tiles, so we

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5/10 - Harvest Service 5M (1.30 & 2.30pm)
- 7/10 - Harvest Collection
- 7/10 - 5F Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 7/10 - PTA Discos
- 10/10 - World Mental Health Day
- 10/10 - Yr 3 Outdoor Learning (3D, 3M, 3P)
- 12/10 - Yr 5 Hampton Court Trip (5K & 5M)
- 12/10 - Yr 3 Outdoor Learning (3H, 3HB, 3J)
- 12/10 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs Cheam
- 13/10 - Yr 5 Hampton Court Trip (5N & 5C)
- 14/10 - Yr 5 Hampton Court Trip (5G & 5F)
- 14/10 - 6P Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 17/10 - Yr 5/6 Cross Country Relays
- 19/10 - Parent Consultations (4.00-8.00pm)
- 20/10 - Parent Consultations (4.00-6.00pm)
- 21/10 - Yr 6 Outdoor Learning

THIS WEEK

This week has been full of outdoor learning days and trips with Year 4 taking the short trip down to the River Thames and Year 5 building worm hotels. What's more, some of Year 6 had their Victorian immersion day on Monday and it was great to see the effort the children (and adults at home) had gone to. The week then ended with Year 3 being visited by Zoolab which just added to the excitement following the arrival of the chicks at the beginning of the week. These days and activities are what makes the curriculum at Cleves so broad and varied and we know from talking to pupils that

are prepared for printing next week. In P.E, we practised our jumping skills, focussing on the high, long and triple jump! Finally, we all took part in the exciting River Trip! We all had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about locks, weirs and some local history. It was a brilliant first trip of the year and thank you to all the adult helpers who joined us, we couldn't have done it without you!

This week in **Year 5**, we have had a very fun and action packed week, with Outdoor Learning being a clear highlight! We spent our Outdoor Learning days discovering more about worms and looked at them very closely to identify the different body parts. We then made our own wormeries to study them in class and watch how they move through tight spaces! We have also continued on with our thrilling Literacy unit on the Battle of Bosworth. We have written up our dramatic recounts and have thoroughly enjoyed expressing our thoughts and feelings as if we were one of Henry's soldiers on the gruesome battlefield! Within Science, we have looked closely at some more materials and have tested some this week to find out their stretchiness and elasticity. Within Art, we have further progressed with our portraits and have focussed on the proportions, shapes and shades of colour for our facial features. This week in **Year 6** we have started our new 'Pick Pockets' literacy unit in which the children will write a news report about a pickpocketing incident. They will then be given the opportunity to film a collaborative report using the green screen. In maths, we have applied our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solving reasoning and word problems. We have continued learning about the British Empire, looking at why it was so successful and the benefits and negatives it produced. In art, the children have carefully and thoughtfully designed their repeated pattern tile based on the works of William Morris and in science we have learned how to classify plants.

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

At Cleves, we have entered a number of cross country competitions during the course of the coming year, one of which is the Border League. This is an inclusive league involving athletics clubs and schools from Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire and sees four events taking place on a Sunday in November, December, February and March. If you think your child might be interested in taking part and representing the school, please email Mr Smith for more information - csmith@cleves.co.uk

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Remember the heatwave back in July? Temperatures topping 40° in the UK, wildfires in mainland Europe and severe droughts across the continent. It's clear evidence of how much global warming has started influencing the weather in this part of the world. Climate change has been described as "the fight of our lifetime", and it's a battle we have to win.

The Great Big Green Week is an event designed to inspire people to stand up for nature and tackle climate change together. In support, our guide this week is all about how we can each do our bit to help the planet by re-using or recycling unwanted digital devices such as old smartphones, computers and tablets.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



PARENT VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

A reminder that Mr Thomas is holding a Safeguarding Training session next Tuesday 4th October at 8.50am in the Performance Hall for parent volunteers. If you would like to add your name to the register, please email Mrs Stephenson dstephenson@cleves.co.uk.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On the 10th October we would like to celebrate World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow to school to accessorise your school uniform. This helps us show young people that how they feel matters, and help us create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

A reminder that there is wellbeing and mental health guidance on our website. <https://www.cleves.co.uk/our-school/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Holly Smith who won bronze in the 100M Backstroke in Crawley last weekend. Holly swims for Staines Swimming Club and this is her first medal at an external competition.



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures from Y3's Zoolab visit and some of the chicks that have hatched.

