

Cleves School

Newsletter - 03/02/23



It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and pupils have been enjoying our new literacy unit on Instructions. We have been looking at lots of different examples of instructions and identifying their key features. In addition, we have been learning about imperative (or bossy) verbs as well as creating suitable titles and aims for different sets of instructions. In maths, we have been continuing our work on length and have been adding and subtracting lengths as well as finding the perimeter of different objects through practical tasks. In preparation for our falafel tasting and making next week in DT, we have been discussing the importance of health and safety in the kitchen and food hygiene and pupils have been creating posters with key reminders. In RE, we have started our new topic- 'How does the story of Moses help Christians understand God?' Pupils have been learning about the story of Moses and the bulrushes and exploring the links with our topic on Ancient Egypt. We have been very busy in **Year 4** this week! We have started our brand new unit in Literacy, where we are writing a diary entry as the Iron Man. We have learnt a lot about his personality while reading the book in Whole Class Reading and uncovering the great adventure that unfolds in the novel by Ted Hughes. We all cannot wait to get started! As we now have come to the end of the book, it is also our chance to write a book review and give our opinion on the text. Our PAG lessons are also helping us improve our writing, as we are exploring figurative language and how this impacts the reader. In Science, we have completed our final electricity experiment. We made our own switches and debated what would be the best switch for a variety of appliances. Our knowledge of decimals is continuing, as we learn how to divide two digit numbers by 10 and 100. All our prior place value knowledge is really coming in handy! In P.E, our balancing routines are greatly improving as we are developing new techniques and skills. Now we have made our mazes in D.T, we have the opportunity to reflect on our work and evaluate what we are most proud of, and how we could improve if we were to do our project again. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and well done on all your hard work!

In **Year 5** this week we have finished our 'missing chapter' from Firework Maker's Daughter. The children created a problem for our characters and how they resolved it. Our Pop Art continues with

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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

This afternoon we hosted a handball competition which was attended by a number of our local schools. This is a partnership that has been developed by Cleves over recent years with the aim of increasing levels of sporting participation. Over 40 of our pupils took part today, representing the school for the first time and they had a great time. Over the coming months, there will be other opportunities like today and we hope by the end of the year every pupil will have had the opportunity to represent the school. Have a good weekend!

some digital work inspired by the repeated images of Andy Warhol. We are also coming to the end of our gymnastics unit and children have been finalising their routines in preparation for the final performance next week. In Science we have compared the geocentric and heliocentric models of the solar system and how scientists developed their ideas over time. Our Space work this week has been understanding the details of the Apollo 11 mission to land on the moon, in preparation for our next Literacy unit. **Year 6** have had a creative, hands on and fun week! We have been looking at pizza instructions in Literacy, analysing the features of a recipe and then followed these instructions to cook our very own yummy pizzas in DT. In Science we completed an investigation to create an explosive rocket, looking at how sodium acetate, water and carbon dioxide react together. As more carbon dioxide is produced, there is a build up of pressure and this pressure causes the rocket to launch!

ECO NEWS

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Water - Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Those two to three minutes without the tap on can save two to three gallons of water each day.



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.

Mufti day on Friday 10th February is for Water Aid. This is an excellent charity who are helping end the water, sanitation and hygiene crisis across the world. This is also going to be part of our Eco Award.

Children who want to do an eco poster on water, energy or transport will receive 50 house points. Please hand your poster to Miss Pisano before half term.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 Football

The year 5 football team played their first football match of 2023 against Manorcroft in the League Cup. This game had been postponed a number of times due to poor weather so it was a relief that it was finally going ahead. The cup competition is open to pupils in Year 5/6 and we found ourselves playing the Year 6 Manorcroft team. We knew we had to be at our best in order to compete!

We started well and found ourselves a goal ahead after a great move was finished by Luke with a simple finish. We had chances to extend our lead but it was Manorcroft who scored with the last kick of the half to level the tie. A great first half performance but we had to go again!

The second half saw us play our best football of the season. The work rate was relentless. We didn't give Manorcroft any time on the ball and we looked dangerous every time we went forward. Ramzy and Charlie scored two quickfire goals early in the second half and the tie was put to bed with a second strike from Ramzy. At the other end some great defending and saves from Dan ensured Manorcroft were kept out. The 4 v 1 scoreline was thoroughly deserved and we progress to the quarter finals where we are likely to play Burhill. Well done everyone - an excellent performance!

Year 6 Netball Match Report

This week, Year 6 played another league match against Ashley School. This time it was a home match which meant we had time to properly warm up and had lots of parental support. Cleves got off to a convincing start, scoring 3 early goals all coming from Imogen. Our previous matches meant we had useful competitive experiences and so we really overpowered our opposition and by half time the score was 8-0 with goals from Olivia. With our comfortable lead, the children relaxed into the game, not allowing Ashley to even get to our half of the court. The game ended 13-0 to Cleves with

more goals from Annabel, Libby and Emily. Congratulations on another great win: Libby, Annabel, Imogen, Olivia, Beatrice, Emily, Jessica, Marissa.

PARENT 1 HOUR BRIEFINGS

We are considering offering a number of parent 1 hour briefings on a range of topics. Please can you indicate on the form below the briefings that you might be interested in attending and the time of day and format that is most convenient to you. We are not at the stage of collecting names yet, we just want to establish if this is something parents are interested in.

The form can be found here - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdyf0kmfFyLhktz2pX0TKQFHf5yJzxqprUOXQ3x-MWRRqwOw/viewform?usp=sf_link

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan:

February sees the return of the much anticipated WOW travel tracker. Each day the children check in on the whiteboard with their method of travel and in return, based on their environmental choices, they receive badges. To encourage more walking, think about parking further away from the school and walking for at least 5 minutes. We will publish the data every 2 weeks so you can track the progress.

As the children will now clearly be more active on their way in. The travel shop is still in action so please keep the orders coming.

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.

We are still awaiting delivery of the 7-9 vests. We will keep you posted on this.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Just a reminder that break time snacks should only consist of fruit or vegetables. It appears items such as crisps and cakes have crept in recently and these are not appropriate to be eaten at break time. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that ankle boots are not part of the Cleves school uniform. If the weather is wet/cold or slippery, children are allowed to wear wellington boots to school and change into their school shoes.

GARDENING CLUB

Due to the weather being either too wet, or too icy we have been working inside for most of this half term. We decorated hyacinth jars and planted bulbs which are starting to grow. We have also been working on designing and planting miniature gardens, now on display in the Cleves garden. Next term we are looking forward to getting back outside, where the garden is starting to come to life and our spring bulbs are beginning to emerge.



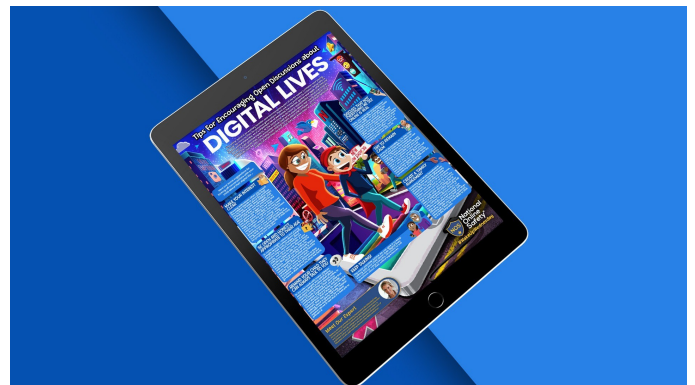


INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what’s happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often don't extend to youngsters’ online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online.

It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. This guide has some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations and help create a family agreement.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



HOUSE POINTS

Please see below for this week’s house points.

Arundel - 2291

Warwick - 2052

Windsor - 1999

York - 1758
