

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 03/05/24



I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Remember it is Bank Holiday on Monday so we will all be back to school on Tuesday.

It's been another action-packed week in **Year 3** and we have been really excited to have the chicks in our classes during the week. This has also given the children the opportunity to closely observe them and also to hold them too! In addition, we have been classifying different living things into groups in science as well as learning about the seven life processes (or Mrs Nerg!) In literacy, pupils have been uplevelling their explanation texts on how a frog changes during its life cycle and publishing their best versions in their special writing books. In maths, we have been focusing on identifying different angles, including acute, right and obtuse angles as well as practising measuring and drawing lines with a ruler. Pupils have also been identifying horizontal and vertical lines and next week we will be focusing on parallel and perpendicular lines and 2D shapes. In RE, we have been continuing our unit on Islam and learning about a mosque and why it's an important place for Muslims. In our topic lessons, we have been identifying the different continents on a world map, learning about where the major rainforests are in the world and some key facts about them. In PE, we have been practising our basketball skills and in Games we have been focusing on different areas of athletics such as running and jumping. **Year 4** have had a wonderful week which has included a fabulous 'Beat goes on' workshop. A big thankyou to Mr Kilhams for organising this for us. We have also completed our Riddles and Kennings unit in literacy. The children wrote their own riddles which they recorded and added to seesaw. We had great fun working out what their riddles were about. In maths we have started our new unit on fractions, continuing on from our fractions work earlier in the year. We have focussed on fractions of shapes and amounts. In science, we have continued our unit of Living Things by grouping plants using a classification key and creating our own. The children have really enjoyed our whole class reading unit on Kensuke's Kingdom. Michael Morpurgo is a fantastic author and we encourage the children to discover some of his other incredible books to read. Year 4 have put their learning from last week into practice during our topic by studying the Roman

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6/5 - Bank Holiday
- 9/5 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football Festival
- 9/5 - 3J & 3M National History Museum Trip
- 9/5 - Yr 5 Residential Medical drop off
- 10/5 - 3M Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 13/5 - Yr 6 SATs Week
- 14/5 - Yr 5 Residential - Isle of Wight
- 16/5 - Yr 4/6 Girls Biathlon Event
- 17/5 - 4C Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 20/5 - Book Fair
- 21/5 - Fete in the Field 5pm - 7:30
- 22/5 - Yr 5/6 Netball Festival
- 22/5 - Lower School Concert
- 23/5- 3HA & 3HB Nat. History Museum Trip
- 23/5 - Upper School Concert
- 24/5 - 3D Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 24/5 - Yr 3-6 Handball Festival

## THIS WEEK

We welcomed May this week. The children continue to work extremely hard and produce fantastic work. Year 4 had an exciting week with their body percussion workshops and the Year 3s continued to monitor the chicks closely.

Please can we ask you to continue reflecting on your child's school uniform as there are still a number of children wearing boots or multicoloured hair accessories. There is a copy of our school guidance below.

Legacy. Finally we are having a big push on times tables as we edge closer to the multiplication test in June. Please encourage your children to complete Tackling Tables at least 3 times a week and any other times tables games they enjoy. Time tables are a crucial skill to many elements of maths which is why children need to know their times tables up to 12x12.

**Year 5** have had a very busy week and have thoroughly enjoyed all of our learning! During our Literacy unit, we have come to the final few lessons on completing our narrative about our pirates and have even included some dialogue between the despicable, cruel pirate and the polite, kind and young Jim Hawkins. We have moved on with our decimal numbers in Maths and have now started a new unit on Measurements, converting between metres and kilometres. Year 5 have had such fun in DT this week, where we have spent lots of time studying different types of bridges and some of us have even had a go at building our own bridges made from straws. We hope to perfect them next week and see if some can hold more than 1kg! During our Games lessons, we have now finished our current rotation with a final lesson working on our game situations for tennis and cricket and even practising the relay event around our track on the field. Our computing lessons have focussed on Google Forms and we have had great enjoyment in creating new forms and quizzes to send to our peers to answer. We created topic based questions with a variety of types of questions to test each other's knowledge! **Year 6** has had another very exciting week! We have started our second chapter of our third person descriptive narrative about two characters who are being evacuated to the countryside in World War II. We have introduced more characters showing the contrast in all the different personalities. We have been looking at different artists in Art, creating a fantastic piece of work inspired by Franz Kline, Jackson Pollock and Kazu Shiraga. We are all thoroughly enjoying abstract expressionism as we can express ourselves differently! Even though we are all busy preparing for SATs coming up we have still managed to squeeze in a fun immersion day! We all came in dressed up as though we were being evacuated and had a great time immersing ourselves in all the activities. Have a great weekend Year 6 and well done for all your hard work!

## UNIFORM

As I am sure you are aware, we consider smart uniform to be key in upholding the Cleves values of respect and high aspirations. Please do ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. You can find the requirements on [this page](#) of our website.

Please note specifically the following:

Unacceptable items:

- trainers (except for sport)
- no ankle or other boots
- sports/trainer socks
- any jewellery (except watches [not smart watches])
- earrings must not be worn at any time
- Hair should be neat and tidy and tied away from the face using a plain navy hairband or Cleves scrunchie.

## ECO NEWS

### 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 4: Quality Education

Ensure quality education and learning opportunities for all. If things do not improve, by 2030, 84 million children across the world will not be in education. See if you have any textbooks, stationery or old computing devices you can donate to support peoples education.



### 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 5: Gender Equality

Gender equality is when all people, regardless of their gender, have the same opportunities, rights and benefits and are treated with respect in all parts of their lives. The conditions women have lived in throughout history have meant that the fight for equality is focused on giving them the same rights as men. Only 13% of the world's land is owned by women. Women continue to be paid less for similar jobs and have less access to education. Remember everyone is equal. Think about how you can spread this important message.



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## TRAVEL NEWS

### Online Travel Shop

In order to assist students with their visibility on the way to school we sell a number of items in our online travel shop.

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.

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## SPORTS NEWS

What a week of sport it's been at Cleves! Here is a brief round up with a fuller report at the end of term in our sports newsletter. Well done to everyone who has been involved.

### Year 6 Boys Football

Last Friday after school, the Year 6 B team were back in action in the next round of the league cup. The semi final game against St James started with a fantastic battle in the middle of the pitch. Both teams were pushing hard and had multiple chances. Cleves settled into the game and started to dominate the possession and create several chances. The boys fired several shots towards their goal and after many more opportunities, Cleves found a breakthrough to take the lead. The boys kicked on and continued the pressure until the final whistle. An excellent 1-0 victory for the team and one that now sets up a grueling league cup final game against Cleves Year 6 A team. Well done to all those involved! An amazing achievement to have a Cleves vs Cleves final!

### District Cross Country

Last Saturday saw the annual district cross country competition take place at Notre Dame and involve 15 other schools from across the area. Nearly 40 of our athletes took part and it was a hugely successful morning for Cleves.

In the team competitions, we were overall winners in the Under 9s boys, Under 10s boys and Under 11s girls whilst we were also runners up in the Under 11s boys.

Individually, everyone ran brilliantly with the Cleves children really standing out. The training has clearly paid off. However, particular well done to the following children who achieved top 10 finishes

- Under 9s Boys - Sebbi 1st, Bert 2nd, Leo 4th
- Under 10s Boys - Will 3rd, Freddie 6th, James 6th, Josh 7th, Adam 9th
- Under 11s Girls - Martha 1st, Bailey Bird 3rd, Bailey Burnand 4th, Eva 7th, Olive 9th
- Under 11s Boys - Joe 6th, Andrew 9th

Congratulations to everyone who ran!



## Swimming Gala

On Thursday evening, 18 of our pupils in Years 5/6 took part in the annual swimming competition, hosted by ACS Cobham. It was a fantastic evening of exciting races with the Cleves swimming squad excelling!

The results were very close at the end but I am pleased to say we secured an impressive 3rd place, securing bronze medals. In the year group results, the Year 6 team managed to finish in joint 1st place! Huge congratulations to the team and well done to those who put themselves forward for representing the school in something a little bit different. I hope the swimming team will grow in strength and numbers next year!



## Girls Cricket Competition

The Year 5/6 girls cricket squad played 2 fantastic matches on Monday against Feltonfleet and St. Georges. The girls showed wonderful skills with both the bat and the ball to run both teams very close in the starburst tournament. There was clear improvement over the 2 games and we very much look forward to the next opportunities.

Squad: Abi, Bailey, Belle, Cece, Issy, Kayla, Martha, Tara

## Sports Leadership Programme

Over the last seven weeks, I have been trialing a sports leadership project with a group of year 5/6 pupils. The classroom based sessions have been looking at a range of topics including mental toughness, the importance of communication and body language, self talk, decision making and leading by example. Yesterday, in the last of the sessions, the pupils were visited by professional footballer Cameron Green who spoke about many of the above topics. It was a really interesting and engaging session and I think the group took a lot from it. The children then got to ask their own questions before posing for a group photo.



## Year 4, 5 and 6 Girls Biathlon

Notre Dame is hosting a biathlon on Thursday 18th May for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6. Note that Year 5 are on their residential trip on this date so only those not attending the trip can sign up.

This will take place after school from 3.45pm until 5.30pm

Year 4 girls will swim 50m and then run 600m whilst year 5/6 girls will swim 100m and then run 600m. The girls will come out of the pool after their swim, walk to the transition area where they will put on their school PE top and trainers and then complete the run.

It is a timed event as opposed to all the girls swimming/running against each other at the same time. It is a very relaxed and supportive event but the girls do need to be able to swim and run the above distance.

Places are open to 8 girls in each year group, so please can I ask you to complete the following form to express an interest in your child attending. The deadline for completing the form is Monday 6th May where I will then confirm if your child has been selected. Places may need to be drawn out of a hat if demand is high. The form can be found by [clicking here](#).

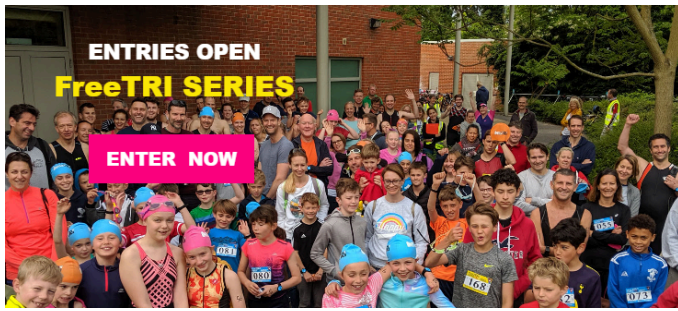
## Lunchtime Clubs

Our lunchtime clubs are now fully up and running with a number taking place each day. Whilst we give messages in school, please do try and remind your child on the morning of their club so that they don't miss out. All the details of what they need to do is on the original email which confirmed that your child had a place.

## Walton FreeTri Series: Entries Open

In the last couple of years, I know that a number of our children have taken part in the Walton FreeTri Series. It is a great introduction to triathlon in an inclusive and relaxed environment.

For more details, please click on the image below



### Girls Cricket

Weybridge Cricket Club are looking for girls in year 3/4 to join their club and try out cricket. I know a number of Cleves girls already attend so if your child is interested, information is shown below.



### HOUSE POINTS

Please see below for accumulative house point total for the Summer term:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	7723
Arundel	7238
York	10492
Warwick	10080

### INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

This free online safety guide shares guidance on what parents & carers need to know about Whatsapp.

Please click on the image to read the guide.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Amy (6F), who took her Grade 3 ballet exam at the end of March at the Royal Academy of Dance in London. She recently received her result and did very well receiving High Merit for her exam. Well done, Amy!

### THIS WEEK IN PICTURES....

#### Y3 Chicks





