

Cleves School

Newsletter - 03/11/23



THIS WEEK

I hope you all had a good half term and have returned rested for what is normally the busiest and most exciting half term of the school year. As the weather starts to change, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a coat. Despite it being a shorter week for the pupils there has been so much going on with trips out and special days. Read the year group news below to find out more.

We are also really excited for fireworks night on Sunday! We hope it will truly go off with a bang! A huge thank you to the many parents who are volunteering their time. We look forward to seeing you all there and fingers crossed for dry weather!

Have a good weekend.

It's been a great first week back after half term in **Year 3** and we have started our new literacy unit on playscripts with a familiar story, Fantastic Mr Fox. Pupils had lots of fun acting out a scene from the play based on Roald Dahl's novel before identifying the key features such as the layout and stage directions. Next week, pupils will be planning and writing their own scene before rehearsing and performing it in front of the green screen for us to film and watch. In maths, we have been focusing on money and have been identifying different coins, converting amounts in pounds and pence as well as adding and subtracting amounts using part-whole models amongst others. In RE, we have started our new topic on 'How can artists help us understand what Christians believe and do?'. We have been discussing what art is and giving examples of different artforms before looking at examples of art that gives us messages. Pupils have then been looking at examples of artwork of Jesus and discussing what the artist might have been wanting to communicate. In our topic lessons, we have been identifying human landmarks and matching up the UK countries they can be found in and facts about them. The children have returned refreshed and ready for a new term in **Year 4**, which started with a busy week! Four classes have enjoyed their trips to the science museum, which has kick started our new science unit on teeth and the digestive system. In Literacy, we have enjoyed getting into character with some role play with a very strict old

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5/11 - Fireworks Night
- 7/11 - Yr 5 Boys Football vs Cardinal Newman
- 7/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs St Charles
- 9/11 - Yr 6 Height and Weight checks
- 9/11 - Yr 6 Boys Football Tournament
- 10/11 - Remembrance Service Pupils - 10.30
- 10/11 - Yr 6 Dodgeball Fest. vs Esher Church
- 13/11 - Odd socks day. Anti Bullying week
- 13/11 - Girls Football vs St Dunstan's
- 14/11 - Yr 6 Height and Weight checks
- 14/11 - Prospective Parents Evening - 6pm
- 14/11 - Yr 6 Football
- 16/11 - Yr 5/6 Hockey Competition
- 17/11 - 6A Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 17/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football vs Burhill
- 21/11 - Yr 6 Football vs St Anne's Heath
- 23/11 - Y4 Science Museum - (4L/4M)
- 23/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- 24/11 - 6C Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)

Rama and some obedient loom workers. We have written our own endings to Paradise Carpet, creating an escape plan for the troubled boys. In maths, we have started a new unit and have learnt about the conversation between kilometres and metres. In PE, we have begun our unit on badminton. Interestingly, in whole class reading we learnt about the many different versions of Walton Bridge. In Art, we have all now printed our lily pads onto our fabrics and they are looking excellent!

This week in **Year 5** we have started our brand new literacy unit on a Tudor Spy - ask them about the crime that occurred! They have been using their knowledge from the trip to Hampton Court Palace to write sentences describing the Great Hall and kitchens - it's like we've all gone back in time. In maths, we continued our unit of multiplication and division by introducing squared and cubed numbers. We finished the week with our Tudor day - thank you for all your help in purchasing and making outfits. The children all looked great. They were immersed in various aspects of Tudor life from playing sports, tasting food and being creative. What a great start to the second half of the term, **Year 6** has gone straight back into a busy week. In Maths, we have started our unit on fractions with the children completing fluency and reasoning questions involving equivalent and simplifying fractions. In Science, Y6 have started their unit on Evolution and Inheritance, learning how animals and plants have adapted to their environments via natural selection - it was great to see so many 'light-bulb' moments in the classroom! In addition, in Literacy, children have completed their biography on Marcus Rashford and enjoyed using the Seesaw app to record their biography. You will be able to listen to these when scanning their QR codes at our next meetings. In Whole Class Reading, we have begun reading 'Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe'. Finally, we are coming to the end of our Art unit based on William Morris with some classes completing their block printing or clay work.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country - Good Luck!

Good luck to the 60 plus runners who are taking part in the first Border League Cross Country Competition at Maidenhead on Sunday. We look forward to reporting on how they've done in next week's newsletter.

On Thursday afterschool, the Year 5 A team played in their first game of the season against a Year 6 Walton Oak team in the league cup. With anticipation for the game high, the boys were keen to start the game strong and get an early goal. Not long after kick off, Cleves managed to take an early lead after numerous chances. The boys showed fantastic teamwork and continued to battle and press continuously. Walton Oak struck back late in the half to equalise and the boys went off at half time with the score 1-1. The second half soon kicked off and Cleves were straight back on the attack. After some fantastic teamwork, Cleves took the lead and then soon saw themselves a few goals ahead. The game ended 5-2 to Cleves and the boys showed outstanding desire to see the game out. What a brilliant performance for the first time playing together and in some tricky conditions on the pitch. Congratulations to the whole team and onto Round 2!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Dates for your diaries!

The year 3/4 nativities will take place on the following dates this year at the church at St Mary's.

- Year 4 Nativity - 6th December at 6pm
- Year 3 Nativity - 7th December at 6pm

If your child is in the lower school choir, they only need to attend on the night of their year group.

The year 5/6 Christmas performances will take place on the following dates this year in the Performance Hall

- Year 5 - tbc
- Year 6 - tbc

Tickets will be limited to two per child and further details will follow nearer the time.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

In previous years, pupil's Cleves accounts wherever accessed would detect and inform Cleves of concerning key words. It has now been brought to our attention that we are no longer notified if pupils use their login outside of a Cleves school device.

Therefore, we would like to remind you that when a child is using a personal device on a school login

outside of Cleves, we are unable to filter or monitor the content.

If you have a home google account we advise you to use family links.

To add a school account for a family link user, please see attached guidance:

<https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/9900467?hl=en-GB#:~:text=Select%20Settings%20>

STATIONERY SHOP RETURNS

The school council members will be running an essentials stationery shop.

When?

Break time: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Where?

In the playground by the table tennis tables , near 4L

Prices:

Glue sticks £1

Pencils 20p

Friction Pens £1.50

Whiteboard pens 30p

Ruler 20p

Rubber 10p

If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time.

Thank you.
Miss Childs

ODD SOCKS DAY



As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we at Cleves are taking part in Oddsock Day on Monday 13th

November. This is an opportunity for all children to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and to celebrate who we are.

We look forward to seeing lots of odd socks on Monday and celebrating our uniqueness!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Louise from 4L, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her Step 1 Piano exam recently.

Louise achieved a distinction (86%) which was very well deserved.

Great work Louise!
