

# Cleves School



## Newsletter - 05/01/24

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9/1 - Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop (3D, 3HB & 3M)
- 10/1 - Yr 5 Boys Football vs Stepgates
- 11/1 - Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop (3H, 3HA & 3J)
- 11/1 - Yrs 5/6 Boys A Football team vs Cobham FS (away)
- 12/1 - Yr 6 Dodgeball competition
- 12/1 - 6T Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 15/1 - Yr 5/6 A Boys Football Fixture vs St Pauls (away)
- 16/1 - Yr 6 Boys Football vs Brookfield
- 18/1 - Young Voices Concert
- 19/1 - 4E Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 19/1 - Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

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### THIS WEEK

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and that it's been a successful start to 2024! As you can see below, all year groups have fully immersed themselves into the new term and the children are really enjoying their new topic areas. Have a good weekend - the first of the year!

It's been a busy start to the new term in **Year 3** and we are very excited to be starting our new topic on Ancient Egypt and looking forward to our immersion days next week. We have been using atlases (both hard copies and online) to locate Egypt on a map and find key facts, including the capital city and geographical features such as the

River Nile and Sahara Desert. In literacy, we have begun our new unit on persuasive texts and have been looking at examples of leaflets for various attractions and identifying the key features. Next week, we will be creating our own persuasive text about Cleves School. In maths, we have been practising rounding 3 digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and learning the rounding rule. In science, we have started our new unit about plants and have been identifying the different parts of flowering plants and their function. In our whole class guided reading sessions, we have been exploring how different countries celebrate the new year. In our computing lesson this week, we have been discussing what we mean by an online reputation and how to behave sensibly and responsibly when we're online. It has been a great start to the new term in **Year 4** with the children coming back refreshed and ready to learn. This week we have started our new topic on 'The Ancient Greeks' with a look at the different city states that made up Greece at the time. In literacy we are linking our unit to the topic by studying the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and the children will be writing descriptive narratives based on the story over the next two weeks. We have now started a three week unit on multiplication and division in maths. Our initial lessons have focussed on factor pairs and how we can use these to multiply larger numbers. Science this term is 'Electricity' and this week we have focussed on what electricity is and the safety issues relating to electrical appliances. We will be continuing our Tackling Tables competition this half term so please do encourage your children to go on as much as possible. Times tables are the basis for many mathematical concepts and so are very important, not to mention the children will have their times table check in June. We have another busy term ahead and we look forward to teaching the children lots of new and exciting skills and knowledge.

It has been lovely seeing all of **Year 5** back in 2024!. Even though we have only been back for a few days there have been lots of exciting lessons happening in the year group! The children have started their new literacy unit focusing on poetry and in science, they have been looking at evidence to show that the earth is a sphere. Today year five have had their space immersion day where they have produced some brilliant space art, learnt about all of the planets in the solar system and have discovered the distance of each planet in space. A great start to the new year. Have a lovely weekend! It has been a lovely first few days back in **Year 6**, hearing about all of the lovely fun and festive things the children have been up to over the Christmas break. In class we have made a great start on our new and exciting Spring term units. These include our Spooky Stories unit in Literacy, Plastic Pollution in Topic, Reversible and Irreversible changes in Science and exploring decimals in Maths.

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## SPORTS CLUBS

### Cleves Swimming Squad

This term Cleves will be entering three different swimming galas and we are looking to create a swimming squad. If your child is a capable swimmer and is interested in representing the school, please can I ask that you submit their 50m times by [clicking here](#). The deadline for doing so is Friday 12th January 2024. Thank you.

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## HOUSE POINT TOTALS - AUTUMN

Please find below the house point totals for the autumn term. We will be presenting the house point cup to the winning house on Monday.

- 1st Warwick - 35,728
- 2nd Windsor - 35,265
- 3rd York - 31,487
- 4th Arundel - 30,727

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## ECO NEWS

### This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Pollination is a key ecosystem service. When populations of bees or butterflies dwindle, we lose important pollinators for the food we grow. As much as one third of global food production depends on insect pollination.



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## WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS RE-ACCREDITATION

As you may be aware we achieved the Wellbeing Award in 2020 and are now going through the re-accreditation process. This involves looking at whole school wellbeing and the targeted support we offer. Over the next few weeks we will be asking parents, staff and students to complete a survey. We really appreciate all your feedback and suggestions and this will feed into our planning for further initiatives.

You can find out more about the award here <https://www.awardplace.co.uk/award/was>

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Clarke, Wellbeing Lead [gclarke@cleves.co.uk](mailto:gclarke@cleves.co.uk)

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

In today's world, digital devices are everywhere – and they're always demanding some sort of attention – if we let them! For families, understanding and creating digital ground rules at home is an important step in educating children about their relationship with technology.

Please click on the image below to read the guide, which gives guidance on how to set digital ground rules.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Alfie (5S) who received a bronze medal, representing Cleves School, in the Wey Valley Christmas chess tournament. Well done to all the Cleves students that took part!

