

Cleves School

Newsletter - 06/01/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 10/1 - Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop
- 10/1 - Yr 5 Football vs Manorcroft
- 12/1 - Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop
- 13/1 - 6T Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 16/1 - Yr 6 Football vs The Hermitage
- 16/1 - Yr 5/6 Girl's Football vs Ongar Place
- 19/1 - Young Voices Concert
- 20/1 - 5N Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)

THIS WEEK

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope you all had a good Christmas break and that it's been a successful start to 2023. 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!

It's been a busy return in **Year 3** and we are enjoying our new narrative unit based on Oliver Jeffers' book, Lost and Found. We have watched the film of the story as well as read the book in class, discussing how the boy might have felt when the penguin unexpectedly arrived on his doorstep! We have been using our inference skills as well as creating a story map to outline the key events. In maths, we have been learning the rules for rounding 2 and 3 digit numbers to both the nearest 10 and 100. In RE, we have started our new topic 'How did it all begin?' and have been looking at creation stories from different religions. Over the topic, we will be exploring creation stories from

different cultures as well as non-religious views and the role of science and the 'Big Bang theory'. Our new topic this term is Ancient Egypt and in geography we have been locating Egypt on a map and using online atlases to answer questions. A quick reminder that we have our Ancient Egypt immersion days next week - more details can be found on Google Classroom on the Cleves Hub. Welcome back **Year 4** - we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We have a very exciting term ahead as we have started our brand new topic - The Ancient Greeks. We are doing lots of fun activities this term all linked to our topic. We have started our Literacy unit on the Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur, where we are writing our own descriptive narrative about Theseus' mighty battle inside the labyrinth. Then in D.T we are designing and making our very own maze inspired by the myth. Our new Science unit, Electricity has gotten off to a great start as we have been understanding how electricity works and creating our own safety posters to put up around the school. We have also started looking at a new book in Whole Class Reading, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, where at the end of the term we are building our own iron men! Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in cardboard boxes, it is highly appreciated. Well done everyone on a fantastic first week back, all your teachers are very impressed with how you have settled back into school life. Have a great weekend everyone and well done again!

It has been lovely seeing the **Year 5s** back in school, eager and ready to learn. We have celebrated our Spring Term topic of Space with a full Space immersion day on Friday. We found out about the planets in our Solar System and the distances between them. I am sure the children will be excited to tell you about our planet fruit walk! We also looked at evidence that the Earth is round in Science and even did some Space inspired Art. In addition, we have begun learning about Islam in RE and are focusing on poetry in our new Literacy unit. We have also enjoyed reading the beginning of Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman in our whole class reading lessons. We will use this text as a basis of our literacy later in the term. Happy New Year from the Year 5 team! It has been a lovely first

week 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 at 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.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We had over 350 applications for our new spring term lunchtime clubs which is fantastic. You should have now received confirmation emails regarding whether your child has a place in a particular club as well as details of what your child needs to do. Please kindly spend time this weekend explaining to your child what club(s) they are doing and where they need to go.

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 - 31,323
- 2nd Arundel - 27,869
- 3rd York - 27,705
- 4th Windsor - 27,617

MUSIC NEWS

CALLING ALL CLEVES MUSICIANS

Each week we have had the privilege of tuning in to our very own school radio assemblies and listening to our Year 6 presenters tell us what is going on at the school and the all important house point totals. One thing we are looking to add this term is to see if we can have pupil performances broadcast as well. We were hoping to do this live but it is looking like that might be too tricky to orchestrate so... we are looking for recordings of children playing a piece on their instrument which is no longer than 2 minutes.

The recording has to be in MP3 format and then sent to Mr. Kilhams on jkilhams@cleves.co.uk. Please make sure children introduce themselves before playing by saying something along the lines of "Hello my name is *name*, I am in Year *X* and I am going to play *name of piece*" If this is something your child/children are interested in then please get them perfecting their piece at home and then send it in to Mr. Kilhams and maybe one week they will hear themselves on the radio!

ECO NEWS

This week's Eco Tip from the Eco Team:

Water - Try and reduce your shower by one minute. You could put a timer in the shower reminding you to keep your showers under a certain length of time.



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.

PARENT FORUM

Following feedback from the parent forum last term, we have updated this term's curriculum maps to include dates so parents and carers know when certain topics are being taught. These dates might occasionally change if there are any unforeseen circumstances but should give you more of an idea when topics are coming up in addition to the information included in the weekly newsletters. Where objectives are ongoing (eg reading) dates aren't included. You should be receiving the curriculum map for your child's year group shortly.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. This guide pulls together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

In the guide, you'll find tips such as double-checking your news sources, taking breaks from being online and not sharing personal information.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Effie O'Connor, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her first Piano exam recently.

Effie achieved a distinction (95%) which was very well deserved. Great work Effie!

Also, Yanki Y3 has recently passed his piano exam at Merit level. Well done Yanki!
