

Cleves School

Newsletter - 06/10/23



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9/10 - Yr 3 Outdoor Learning (3D, 3J, 3H)
- 10/10 - World Mental Health Day
- 11/10 - Yr 5 Hampton Court Trip (5H & 5N)
- 11/10 - Yr 3 Outdoor Learning (3HA, 3HB, 3M)
- 12/10 - Yr 5/6 Girls Tag Rugby Festival
- 13/10 - Yr 5 Hampton Court Trip (5S & 5M)
- 13/10 - 6P Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 13/10 - PTA Discos
- 16/10 - Yr 5/6 Cross Country Relays
- 17/10 - Y6 Football vs Cheam Fields
- 18/10 - Yr 5 Hampton Court Trip (5F & 5J)
- 18/10 - Parent Consultations (4.00-8.00pm)
- 19/10 - Parent Consultations (4.00-6.00pm)
- 19/10 - Y5 Match vs Sayes Court
- 20/10 - Y6 Outdoor Learning - 6B 6P 6F
- 20/10 - Y6 Victorian Day - 6A 6C 6T
- 30/10 - INSET Day
- 5/11 - Cleves Fireworks

THIS WEEK

This week we have celebrated Harvest. Well done to 5M who gave a great performance in the Church on Wednesday. It is always lovely to be able to come together and hear the children sing. This was followed by our Harvest collection today. Thank you all for your generosity in donating items, particularly at this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated and the church will ensure that these find their way to the local food banks.

Have a good weekend!

It's been a very busy week in **Year 3** and we have continued to enjoy our literacy unit based on the short film 'Piper'. We have been using images from the film to write descriptive sentences using adjectives and have written these up into our special writing books. In maths, we have started our unit on addition and subtraction and have been focusing on number bonds to 20, adding and subtracting 10 and 100 as well as looking at what happens when we cross the tens boundary. In whole class guided reading, we have been looking at extracts from 'How to train your dragon' by Cressida Cowell. In art, we are concentrating on animal prints and have been looking at examples of work by the artists Magritte and Dali and discussing the techniques they've used and having a go ourselves. In topic, we have been learning about grid references and using maps to find different locations. Another fantastic week in **Year 4**. We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our playscripts in literacy. In maths, we have started our unit on addition and subtraction. After our river trip last week, we have spent some time applying our learning from lessons and linking it to the features we saw during our river walk. In science, we have made videos explaining the water cycle process, focusing on using all our scientific vocabulary. In PE and games, we have enjoyed focusing on perfecting our footwork patterns and running relays and obstacles. In art, we are nearly ready to start printing. We have been admiring Claude Monet's water lilies work and have been using various different techniques to sketch and paint our own versions.

Most **Year 5** children have now completed their excellent 'Battle of Bosworth' recounts which include dramatic tales of hand-to-hand sword fights. We have just begun our next unit - it will involve writing about one of Henry VIII's wives. Along with our topic lessons about the Tudors, we will be learning more about royal life during our upcoming trips to Hampton Court Palace. Math has

continued, with the children focusing on more difficult addition and subtraction activities, such as working out missing digits in calculations. In science, classes have investigated thermal conduction by observing how butter melts with different materials! Finally, it was a successful visit to the church for our special Harvest service where we all enjoyed watching 5M's brilliant class assembly! **Year 6** have had another great week. In maths, we have been learning about multiples, factors, prime numbers and squared and cubed numbers as part of our new multiplication and division unit. Within literacy, the children have produced very impressive pieces of writing as the outcomes of our 'Pickpockets News Reports', where they were able to successfully switch from formal to informal language. In science, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about microorganisms which they made models of using sweets, biscuits and icing sugar! The children have also learned about several key figures of the Victorian era including Charles Dickens, Charles Darwin, Lord Shaftesbury and Emmeline Pankhurst. Finally, we have finished the week on a high with 6A, 6C and 6T enjoying the weather during they Outdoor Learning Day and 6B, 6F and 6P experiencing life as a Victorian child.

ECO NEWS

A big congratulations to our new 2023/2024 Eco Council members!

They will be helping and guiding Cleves through the Eco Schools programme for our Green Flag renewal. The programme not only positively impacts our planet, it also benefits children in building teamwork and leadership skills whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

The Eco Council will complete an environmental review to help decide what areas Cleves can improve on and what actions to take on these identified areas. We will then keep the school updated via newsletters, on the school radio, announcements in assembly and general notices. The Eco notice board is located in the library so keep checking it for updates!

YEAR 6 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES VIDEO CALL

On Friday, a group of Year 6 children were given the opportunity to get involved in a Global Perspective initiative where they were able to find out about school life directly from children living in South Africa. They were able to exchange their perspectives about school life in each other's countries. Well done to all the children for taking part. This was a great success and such a wonderful opportunity!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the school number. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

Please note the online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **11th October 2023**

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

TikTok is a social media platform that allows users to express themselves through dancing, lip-syncing, comedy sketches, makeup tutorials, and by telling stories about their lives in short videos that can be shared with others in the TikTok community. Videos are between 15 seconds and three minutes long. There are also a range of TikTok influencers who create videos which get viewed millions of times. To sign up for TikTok, you must verify that your age is over 13.

Safety advice

TikTok's safety centre has advice and guides on the content that is and isn't allowed on the app. They also provide information on the tools and controls that users can utilise to manage their experience within the app.

This Guardian's Guide is designed to provide an overview of TikTok and the many tools and controls we've built into the product to keep our community safe. The guide also provides general information on common internet safety concerns.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



MUSIC NEWS

HARVEST SERVICE

5M shared the story of harvest with the school this week over with our friends at St. Mary's Church. They all told the story brilliantly and even got to eat a doughnut in the process!

We were also treated to a performance by the Junior Choir for the lower school service and the Senior Choir for our upper school service. Both choirs performed brilliantly.

As we came in and left the church we were serenaded by Edie and Myla in Year 6 and also Angela in Year 4 - congratulations girls for your wonderful performances on the piano.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

It is World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. The children will all have come home today with Mental Health themed homework for this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Eric Murnieks in 5S who achieved his Blue Peter Sport badge this week for skiing and being a part of his football team at Fulham FC! Great work!

THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

A photo of this morning's Food Bank donations, thank you so much!

