

Cleves School

Newsletter - 28/3/25



Thank you also to everyone bringing bicycles and scooters to school who have been walking them safely into school through the bungalow and field gates. This arrangement will continue next week and until the uneven path at the front of the school is made safe.

Have a lovely weekend.

As **Year 3** approach the final stretch before the Easter break, the children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects. With the warmer days arriving, we've been making the most of our outdoor learning opportunities while also keeping up with our exciting lessons in the classroom.

Outdoor Learning Day: This week, the children had a fantastic time during our OLD, where they worked together to build dens for our little choo choos. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and creativity in action. Remember, shhh... don't let the secret out! In Maths we've started our lessons on Time, focusing on different ways to remember the number of days in each month. The children also completed their Spring assessments which will help us identify any areas that may need revisiting before we move forward. In Literacy we have continued exploring the story of George and the Dragon, with the children developing their understanding of the text and engaging in related activities. This week, our spelling focus was on the /oo/ sound, which can be spelled in different ways: oo, u, oul. The children worked with words such as look, book, should, would, and put: sorting them into the correct columns and identifying patterns. In Art, check out our wonderful completed cartouches in 'This Week in Photos'. In Science our topic on plants and seed dispersal continues, with the children investigating how different plants spread their seeds to grow in new places. In RE, we have been discussing how belonging to a group helps us develop our identity, encouraging thoughtful conversations about the importance of community and belonging. As we near the Easter break, the children are beginning to feel a little tired, and a well-earned rest is just around the corner! We hope you enjoy the sunshine

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 1/4 - Sportshall County Final
- 1/4 - Year 5 Boys Football - Burhill - home
- 2/4 - Easter Service St Mary's 1:30 and 2:30 5J
- 3/4 - Year 6 Boys Football - St Annes - away
- 3/4 - Year 5 Residential Info. Evening - 6pm
- **4/4 - 1:45 End of term**
- **22/4 - First day of Summer Term**
- 24/4 - Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival
- 25/4 - Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament
- 25/4 - 3LG Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 25/4 - Zoolab - Year 3
- 28/4 - Egg Hatching Programme - Living Eggs
- **29/4 - 2/5 - Year 4 Residential**
- 29/4 - Swimming Gala
- 1/5 - Natural History Museum 3M & 3A
- 2/5 - Natural History Museum 3HM & 3LG
- 2/5 - 3J Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45

THIS WEEK

Well done to all the children who have performed in our Tuning Up performances this week. It has been lovely to see all the progress you have made in a few short weeks. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

and the longer, lighter days ahead. Finally, we want to wish all our wonderful mums, grandmas, and carers a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday! We hope you have a lovely day filled with love and appreciation. Another action packed week in **Year 4** has passed as we start to look forward to Easter, wrapping up our learning about Lent in RE, creating fact files. This week in Literacy we analysed a non-chronological report, ready to write our own on the Ancient Greeks. We have learnt more about the food they ate, their clothing, their hobbies and what their homes were like. In Maths, we have learnt about tenths and hundredths as decimals, whilst in PSHE we have been learning about how to spend and be sensible with money, exploring budgeting. In PE, we have enjoyed choreographing dance routines inspired by the Ancient Greeks and this week we added some modern Greek dancing into our routines, which was certainly fun! The children have explored how sound travels over a distance in Science and in History we have learnt about the fall of the Greeks and the rise of the Romans. Lastly, in Art we have sketched our final designs of our architecture inspired by Hundertwasser, ready to create our final pieces next week.

This week, **Year 5** had a visit from acclaimed author and retired concorde pilot John Tye! The children came out of their talk inspired - maybe we have some future pilots in our classes. Within Literacy, we have been building towards writing an explanation text about surviving in a remote location. The children will choose to write about an arctic landscape, rainforest or deserted island. They decided to write about a shelter, making a rescue signal, finding useful items and food & water. These are going to be fantastic to read next week! During Science, we looked at the human life cycle and the stages of development we go through. We are coming towards the end of our DT unit, where the children have been putting their finishing touches on their buggies they have made. Some now, will have had the motorised unit added and the children have been using their coding skills to get their buggy moving. The rest of the buggies will be finished next week. Another great week in **Year 6** this week! In Art we have been exploring a range of environmentally friendly artists that use plastic to create interesting sculptures and models. We have been using these artists to help inspire us as we start to think of our own ideas for our own plastic

sculptures. We have also started our new Literacy unit on the fantastic book Floodlands by Marcus Sedgwick. In this unit we will look at the concepts of flashbacks and will incorporate a flashback into a creative, detailed narrative.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We continue with celebrating great behaviour and standards across the school in our Celebration Assembly.

The winning classes this week are as follows:

Best Uniform	4E
Best Lunchtime Behaviour	4FA
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	3J
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	4M
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	5M
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	6A

Of these, 4FA were chosen as Class of the Week and have enjoyed eating first all week. Well done 4FA!

PATH CLOSURE

From **Monday 24th March**, we will be repairing the pathway that leads from the front entrance to the GAP entrance, therefore the path will be closed and out of use until further notice.

If your child attends GAP, please collect them from the multimedia room. After entering the school gates, take the right hand path before you reach Reception and follow it round to the playground, where you will see the entrance to the multimedia room.

Please note that the bike and scooter racks will now be placed with the existing racks along the path by the car park and near the Year 5 block. If you cycle or scoot to school, please **ONLY** use the bungalow gate or the field gate entrances where there is easy

access to secure your bikes and scooters.

If your child attends Early Risers, please ensure they disembark at the front gate and **walk** to the cycle racks to put their bikes/scooters away before going to Early Risers.

LUNCHES

Please remember to check your Scopay account in advance as there is a 72 hr lock on the system so for any days where a lunch has not been ordered, we will expect that you send in a packed lunch on that day.

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance along with evidence of the appointment to the Welfare Officer via **absence@cleves.co.uk** and Class Teacher. Where possible (emergencies being the exception) such appointments should be kept to a minimum as many doctors and dentists offer surgeries outside of school times. However, if appointments have to be made during school hours, it is expected that the pupil will return promptly after the appointment. If for some reason this is not possible, parents should contact the Welfare Officer to discuss before making the decision not to return to school.

SPORTS NEWS

An incredible week of sport at Cleves with an amazing 163 children taking part in a festival or competition and nearly 40 of our children involved in leading. Events and sports have included football, netball, dodgeball, pentathlon, swimming and, tomorrow morning, cross country.

We have a bumper sports newsletter being prepared for next week so here is just a summary of what has taken place this week.

Swimming

Yesterday saw the first of two swimming galas at ACS Cobham which involved swimmers in year 3, 4 and 5. It was a brilliant afternoon with Cleves finishing 2nd overall. Congratulations to all that took part.



Panathlon

Also yesterday, Cleves hosted a panathlon multiskills festival with schools from all over the district attending. There were two sessions and we entered a team into each. I am pleased to say that we were overall winners of the first session and runners up in the second. Congratulations to those who took part.



Twenty of our year 5 pupils also helped with leading

the festival and they did a brilliant job and were praised by the organiser for their maturity and excellent leadership skills. Well done!



Dodgeball Festival

On Monday afternoon, we teamed up with the Leo Academy Trust to host a Year 5 dodgeball festival which involved 14 of our pupils who have yet to represent Cleves this year. With four other schools attending it was a hugely enjoyable afternoon which included a skills rotation followed by a number of games. Well done to those who took part!



Year 5/6 Boys Football Festival

The long awaited Year 5/6 football festival finally took place on Wednesday having been postponed three weeks ago. This involved nearly 50 of our boys from across years 5 and 6. We entered 5 teams into the competition and were joined by teams from Grovelands, Burhill, St James and Bell Farm. Well done to all the boys but particularly the Cleves team who were narrowly beaten by Grovelands in the final.



District Cross Country

Good luck to our cross country team who are taking part in the district competition tomorrow morning at Notre Dame School. We look forward to reporting on how they get on in next week's sports newsletter.

Year 5 and 6 Netball

On Tuesday, 8 Year 6 children travelled to Holy Family school in Addlestone to take part in a netball rally. The team played three games against Grovelands, Burhill and St Anne's Heath. The team never gave up and showed great resilience when falling behind and gave it their all. They were unfortunate not to get through to the semi final stages of the competition. Well done to all involved. Players: Jaxon, Emily, Isla, Abi, Annabel, Izzy, Georgia and Penelope

On Wednesday, Year 5 played Walton Oak Primary in a netball match. We didn't win, but all played really well and were a great team. (5-2)
Players: Alba, Chloe M, Amara, Lucas X, Eloise M, Leah S and Elodie.



Girls Football

The year 5 and 6 girls football team have had an eventful week. On Monday, they played their final league game against Bell Farm. A very tough match which was probably, on balance, a draw. However, despite being a goal down, the girls came out 2-1 winners.

On Thursday, all the girls were involved against St George's, in both the Y5 and Y6 county cup semi finals. Another extremely tough match, where the girls had to dig deep and work hard together as a team. Sadly, after a brilliant performance the Y6 team lost 1-0, whilst the Y5 team put in a huge performance to take St George's all the way to penalties. Eventually the match finished 1-1 with Cleves losing 3-1 on penalties.

Well done to everyone involved. We now look forward to our cup semi final vs Burhill and our league final, after Easter.

Year 6 A Team Boys Football vs Bellfarm School

On Monday afterschool, the Year 6 boys A Team were back in action again with another league fixture versus Bellfarm School. With the league nearly drawing to a close, this game was exceptionally important if Cleves wanted to continue their pursuit of topping the table. The game started with a burst of energy and the boys were fired up for it. The battles across the pitch were extremely entertaining and Cleves managed to gain possession for long periods of time. Cleves attacked and pressed well and soon enough Bellfarm struggled and Cleves took the lead. Not long after, Cleves continued with the relentless press and found the net again to gain a further advantage in the first half. Cleves managed to secure the win with another two brilliantly worked goals in the second half, whilst also retaining the crucial clean sheet. A huge 4-0 win to Cleves means a spot back on the top of the table with our last remaining league game to be played next Wednesday. A huge congratulations to the boys who played and what an outstanding performance from the whole team!

Surrey Community Games

The Surrey Community Games, formally known as the Surrey Youth Games, are coming in the summer term and it is free to get involved. Please see the below poster for more information.

Free fun local activities and sports

For children and young people age 7 to 16

SURREY COMMUNITY GAMES 2025

Sign up at:



6 weeks of free training for beginners

Choose from boxing, cricket (girls), dance, football (girls), judo and tennis

Info at: elmbridge.gov.uk/surreycommunitygames



WELLBEING

Neurodiversity week was very successful, we have a couple of examples of the children's homework. They learnt about famous people who had some type of neurodiversity and used it to help them achieve.

Inspirational Neurodiverse Person

Name: Simon Biles

Date of birth: 14th March 1997

Neurodiversity: ADHD

Nationality: American

Occupation: Gymnast

This person is known for:

Simon Biles became an Olympic in 2020 and won two world championships gold medals at the age of 16. She has since gone on to win seven Olympic medals.

I find this person inspirational because:

She achieved seven Olympic medals and two world championships gold medals despite having ADHD.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Please see below for this week's Active Travel results. Well done all and keep it up!

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

Most Active

Year 3	Year 4
3LG 85%	4E 91%
Year 5	Year 6
SD 95%	6TS 89%

20th March - 27th March

EARLY RISERS UPDATE

If your child currently attends or will need to attend Early Risers after Easter, and you haven't already, then please complete the google form below.

[Early Risers Booking Form](#)

We will be running a Sensory Strategies parent workshop on the 9th May at Cleves in conjunction with Oatlands and Manby Lodge. If you would like to attend please fill out the form below.

Parent Workshop Form - Sensory Strategies 9th May 2025

Bug Barrel Competition

Congratulations to Jacob L and Heidi R whose Bug Barrel entries have helped us gain a place to exhibit at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2025.



SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the cumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	42157
Arundel	46928
York	41875
Warwick	45131

ECO NEWS

Leave Nothing Behind.

When visiting the beach, rubbish can get left behind or blown away. As beach crowds increase, so does the amount of rubbish.

Don't let your beach day contribute to the destruction of our oceans. Remember to leave nothing behind but your footprints - collect and properly dispose of your rubbish.



Rethink Waste Scheme

By subscribing to the scheme, residents of Surrey (adults and children!) watch the online videos, play the games, challenges and quizzes to learn about ways to reduce waste. By doing so, you collect points which you donate to your chosen school (Cleves please!) and the total number of points goes towards monetary prizes. At the end of the month, if we come in the top 3 schools, we will be allocated a portion of £3,000 depending on how many points we receive. We stay in the competition, which restarts each month, until we come in the top 3. We have been very close but have not quite made it yet. Let's make March our month! **This is the last of the Spring Term's programmes, there are no more rounds planned. Please donate points now!**

Please go to rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools and donate points to Cleves. Here is a [step by step](#) guidance.

STATIONERY SHOP

Break-time Stationery Shop

This term the Year 5 & 6 school council members will be running an essential's stationery shop.

Break time: Tuesday for Lower School and Thursdays for Upper School by 4L

Prices:

Glue sticks £1

Whiteboard pens 30p

Rulers 20p

Pencils 20p

Rubber 10p

Friction pen £1.50

If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time. They will only be allowed to purchase one of each item at a time.

THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS ...

Y3 Outdoor Learning







Y3 Cartouches



