

Cleves School Arts Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

Welcome to our second Arts Newsletter where you can get a snapshot of what our children have been taking part in this term. We have had everything from a pop up art gallery to singing at the O2 Arena!

Art

Cleves Art Gallery

This spring term we have welcomed our very own art gallery! Every child in the school completed a piece of artwork which was framed and presented in the Sports Hall. It was incredible to walk around and take in all of the artistic talents of the pupils. We really hope that you enjoy the artwork that you have purchased. All the profits will go towards enhancing the arts resources in the school. Here are some photographs of the gallery, capturing the children's artwork in all its colour and creativity.



In anticipation of the gallery, an optional homework was set to be completed over the February half term. The children were asked to create an invite to be sent out to parents. A winning entry was chosen from each year and sent out to the parents within that year group. All of the entries were fantastic and

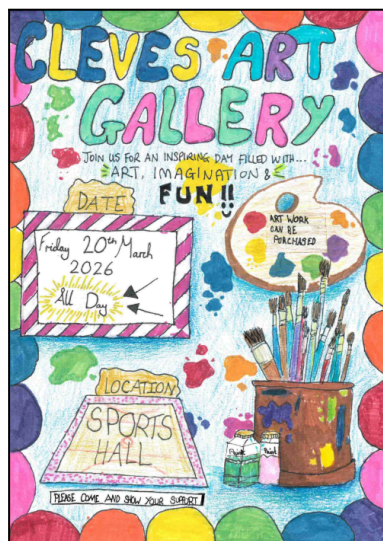
each entrant was awarded 5 house points each. The winning entries were awarded 20 house points. Here they are...



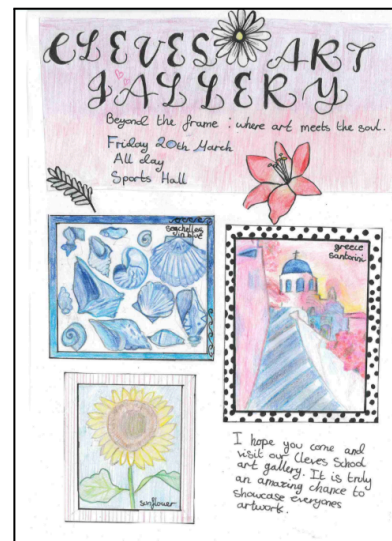
Nilaara 3M



Lin-Yan 4R



Sophia 5J



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Drama

Our Lower and Upper School Drama clubs have kicked off this term at lunchtime, giving pupils a fun, relaxed space to get creative! Through games and group activities, the members have been building their confidence and

teamwork while picking up key drama and oracy skills like voice, movement and expression. We've also been introducing the students to important drama vocabulary in a simple, engaging way. There's been lots of opportunities to use imagination, try out new ideas and explore storytelling. Most importantly, it's all about having fun and feeling brave enough to take artistic risks. Whether that's performing, improvising or just giving something new a go each week!

Design & Technology

It has been a busy Spring term full of different DT projects across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children so immersed in their learning and creating some truly wonderful pieces.

In Year 3...

As part of their Ancient Egyptians topic, year 3 were busy making falafels. They were excellent chefs for the day bringing their recipes to life. They all especially enjoyed the taste tests at the end!



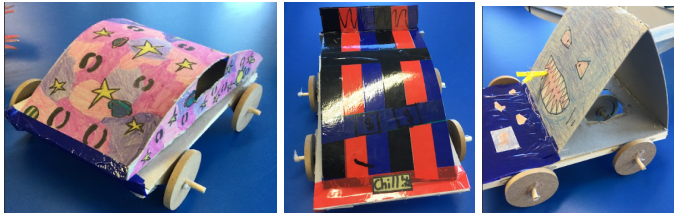
In Year 4...

The children have had some exciting activity days in year 4 this half term. As part of their Ancient Greek topic, the children made some Greek theatre masks. The children really enjoyed creating their designs out of clay and produced some fantastically expressive masks.



In Year 5...

Year 5 has shown off some excellent innovative skills making a space buggy! During this term's topic of Space, the children in year 5 have designed and created their own space buggy that is capable of travelling 8 metres. They have used and worked with a range of materials and included a working electrical circuit and switch.



In Year 6...

Year 6 has enjoyed their (delicious!) project of pizza making. First, they researched where different food ingredients come from and then planned out and wrote their own pizza recipes. The children really enjoyed doing this and the outcomes were very successful and tasty.



Music

Tuning Up Concerts

Congratulations to all the classes who took part in the Tuning Up concerts this term. They were hugely successful and enjoyed by parents. It has been especially challenging to learn so much in such a short term so credit to all of those children. Well done!

Young Voices Concert

This term kicked off with the fantastic and much anticipated trip to the O2 Arena for Young Voices 2026! The excitement was in abundance and our Cleves children turned up knowing all their words, their dance moves and remembering their various packed meals!

They sang their hearts out and performed brilliantly all day! It is such a long day of music making which is why they all fall asleep on the coach on the way home (children not staff!) They had the opportunity to sing with rising stars and session musicians who have toured with all the big names! But the real stars of the day were the children who didn't just sing well but respected the space and showed fantastic patience and kindness throughout the day.

Despite Mr. Kilhams being unwell for the trip he was incredibly proud of the children for learning all the songs in such a short amount of time and most importantly, loving their singing!

A huge thank you to all of the members of staff and parent volunteers who made this trip possible and so successful. A special thank you to Ms. Tao for all the organisation and for preparing the children, parent volunteers and everyone else so well for the trip!





Our School Orchestra Continues To Grow!

When children aren't singing their hearts out at Cleves they might pick up their instruments and play in the orchestra or one of our other extra-curricular groups. Our orchestra continues to grow with it being the biggest orchestra at Cleves for a good 15 years now! It is wonderful to give the children an experience of playing their instruments together and helps develop key ensemble, listening and leadership skills. Like last year, World Book Day happened to fall on orchestra rehearsal day so we took the opportunity to get a photo of everyone in their outfits with their instruments!



Ukulele Group Rising Stars!

In our ukulele group Mr. Kilhams has been setting some of the children the challenge of writing their own songs for the group to sing. It has been incredible to see Lucy (Year 6), Elise (Year 6), Jack (Year 5) and Megan (Year 5) rise to the challenge! The group are so excited to share both these songs in the summer concerts next term!

Easter Services

Congratulations to 3W, Ernie (Year 6), James (Year 6), Nella (Year 5), Edward (Year 5) for their involvement in the Easter Services. 3W led the services brilliantly teaching us about the importance of the Easter story. We also had solos from Bella and Edward in our second song and Ernie and James played the piano confidently as children were coming in and leaving the church. Thank you to all involved in making these so successful.

Musical Groups And Choirs

We have continued to see such commitment from everyone involved in our choirs and musical clubs. A huge well done to all children for their practicing and hard work this term. It has been a term of learning after our Young Voices trip with all of that learning coming to fruition next term in several concerts. We have the following to look forward to:

20th May - Cleves Annual Concert 1

21st May - Cleves Annual Concert 2

26th June - Elmbridge School Choirs Festival (Year 3 & 4 choirs)

4th July - The Pied Piper Concert (Year 5 & 6 choir)

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and come back refreshed and ready for more arts activities in the summer term!

Many thanks,

The Arts Team