

Cleves School

Sports Newsletter - 20th October 2023

Welcome to the first of our half termly sports newsletters. With so much going on at Cleves on a weekly basis, this newsletter attempts to capture everything that has happened over the last half term as well as looking forward to what is coming up before Christmas. Already this half term, we have had over 100 children represent the school in sports competitions and over 400 children are regularly attending one of our weekly extra curricular clubs. This is fantastic - well done! There are still lots of opportunities coming up in the next couple of weeks with further competitions and festivals organised through the local sports partnership which Cleves leads on and other partnerships in place with local schools.

PLATINUM SCHOOL GAMES MARK

We are delighted to announce that during the summer holidays we received confirmation that Cleves has once again been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition and PE provision across their school and local community. The Platinum Award is the fourth and highest level of the award scheme which celebrates schools who have shown consistently high levels of enthusiasm and commitment to school sport.



We are understandably delighted and proud to receive this award and I am sure you will join us in congratulating all the pupils and staff at the school who show dedication and commitment towards sport on a daily basis.

WWHSP

Once again this year Cleves is leading the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership. The aim of this partnership is for local schools to work closely together to increase the sporting opportunities for all pupils. The schools currently involved are Cleves, Walton Oak, Burhill, Cardinal Newman, Manby Lodge Infants, Oatlands Infants, Grovelands, Ashley, St



Charles and St James. This year, we hope to see many future benefits of working together, in particular even more opportunities for children to represent their school in local competitions and festivals. We will keep you updated with developments in future newsletters.

SPORTS CREW TRAINING

At the beginning of October, the Sports Crew took part in training carried out by Active Surrey and Miss Childs. They were taught many new games that they can then bring back to Cleves during their lunch time sessions. They were also taught how to become an effective leader and the necessary values one must have. As the year goes on they will be used in many different sporting events to help us improve and maintain the many sporting opportunities we provide to the rest of the school and wider community. Well done all!

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

The year 5/6 football teams have been training for a number of weeks now with all children in year 5/6 offered the chance to represent one of our teams. I am pleased to report that Cleves have organised for a B team league this year, with six schools taking part. This will offer all children even more opportunities to represent the school in football.

Two games have taken place so far this year and match reports can be found below.

Tuesday 17th October. Year 6 Boys vs Cheam Fields (County Cup)

Our first game of the season saw us travel to Cheam Fields in the Surrey County cup. Last year we were knocked out in the first round of this competition but it was a very different story this time around. From the very start of the game we were on the front foot, playing fast free flowing football and creating chance after chance. We raced to a 6 v 0 lead by half time and apart from a few moments of complacency in the second half we continued pounding the opponents goal. The scoreline ended 14 v 2 and a hugely impressive performance. We will have greater tests this season but it was a great start to the season as we progress to the second round. Well done to the boys.

Thursday 19th October. Year 5 B Team Boys vs Sayes Court (League Cup)

Yesterday afternoon, the Year 5 B team played Sayes Court in the League Cup. For many it was their first opportunity to represent the school in football and for their first game together, they should be extremely proud of themselves. In a very even first half, both teams had good chances to score. There was also some excellent goalkeeping and defending from the Cleves boys who worked extremely hard. At half time, Cleves found themselves one goal down but they weren't disheartened and continued to work hard in the second half. With five minutes remaining Sayes Court grabbed a second goal but at the other end we were still creating good opportunities. As the Cleves boys became tired, Sayes Court grabbed three quick goals in the final minutes and the score ended 5 v 0. However the Cleves boys should be really proud of themselves. They all worked hard, never gave up and played some good football. Well done!

NETBALL MATCH REPORT

One of the partnerships we have set up this year is with The Echelford Primary School in Ashford. Only yesterday, they brought across 15 of their Year 6 pupils to play 15 of ours in a netball round robin festival. The two schools had three teams each and competed playing high five netball. Each school played a very different style of netball with Cleves showing excellent footwork and positional play. Echelford however used many long effective passes and competed fully for each ball. It was an excellent learning curve for the Cleves children that took part and they can definitely take those observations into their netball going forward. Echelford won the tournament overall, winning the majority of matches, however I was very proud of all those Cleves netballers for showing a determination to succeed and to score as many goals as possible. It was a fun and exciting afternoon of netball.

Congratulations to Holly Smith 6A, Ella Korbel 6B, Nika Beyer 6A, Evie Swain 6T, Olive Rigby 6A, Ruby Reed 6P, Emily Booth 6C, Paige Frew 6B, Elise MacPherson 6F, Katie Dang 6B, Effie O'Connor 6F, Lucy Bonser 6B, Zoe Simpson 6F, Isabelle Liggett-Gregory 6C, Eva Duncan 6A, Pixie Williamson 6F.

CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS

On Monday 16th October, 30 year 5/6 children took part in the annual cross country relays which are kindly hosted by Notre Dame. This sees teams of six take it in turns to tackle the 900m course. Four schools took part; Cleves, Notre Dame, Grovelands and St Charles. It was a great afternoon of competitive yet friendly running which saw the Cleves runners perform exceptionally well. The training during the week is certainly paying off.

We won each of the four races that took place with some impressive individual performances. A special shout out to Jacob who ran twice in the same race, the first leg for Cleves and then kindly stepping in to run the last leg for the St Charles team who were one runner short.

It was great preparation for the cross country season ahead. Thank you to Notre Dame for hosting and organising the event. Here is a team photo.



BORDER LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY

Every year, we enter a cross country league which is open to anyone at Cleves. The Border League takes place across four Sundays in the winter months in venues such as Guildford, Lightwater, Reigate and Maidenhead. It is a development league which aims to give young people an introduction to competitive cross country running but in a safe and nurturing environment. If you would like to register your child for this club and find out more, please click here.

MINI OLYMPICS

As part of the local sports partnership that is led by Cleves, we hold half term Mini Olympic competitions for our year 3/4 pupils. This provides them with the opportunity to compete against other schools but also experience the excitement of a competition in a safe and inclusive environment. A few weeks ago 4W and 4LG took part in the first mini olympics of the year with teams from Grovelands and Walton Oak also taking part. I am pleased to report that 4W emerged as overall winners. Well done to both classes who took part. There is a Year 3 competition next half term and then further competitions throughout the year.



YEAR 5/6 GIRLS TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Thursday last week the Girls Rugby squad attended a festival at Reeds Rugby club. A hugely enjoyable event saw the girls engaged in joint training with Ashley and Walton Oak finishing with 2 matches, which they won convincingly.

A collection of excellent running and passing meant that our girls were unstoppable in attack. Many thanks to all who attended. We look forward to the club growing over the coming weeks there is always room for more players.

Squad: Abigail, Georgia, Nicole, Rachel, Rajna, Rebecca, Riley, Sophia, Thaleia.



If you have a daughter who is interested in furthering your rugby within a club environment, Reeds Weybridge RFC has a thriving girls' section with one of the fastest growing sections in Surrey. Their current under 14s were crowned Surrey Champions last season. They are always looking for new players and welcome those new to the game. The under 10s and under 11s (Years 5 and 6) train every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7.15pm with matches or training on a Sunday at 9:30am

The focus at Reeds is on building girls' confidence through the game and application of the core values of rugby: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportswomanship. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to try it out, get in touch so they know to expect you: reedsrebelsrfc@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the WPA Foundation! Over the summer we were successful with a grant application for £2000 which has gone towards funding new running, jumping and throwing equipment. At Cleves, we strongly believe in the foundations of these core skills and this new equipment has already been used fully within our curriculum. Here are some photos of the new equipment modelled by our Year 6 Sports Crew.







RUNNING CLUB

We continue to have over 150 pupils attending our Tuesday morning running club every week which is fantastic. Just a reminder that we are once again challenging our pupils to run a marathon across the course of the year. All they need to do is attend 18 sessions before Easter (not consecutively) to be awarded with a medal at the end of the year.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Tuesday 10th October, a group of 11 year 4, 5 and 6 pupils joined a live zoom call with premier league footballer Antonee Robinson. The US international spoke about the importance of mental health and well being and answered questions. Charlie from 6P was very lucky to be chosen to ask a question which he did confidently. We hope to have another similar opportunity later in the year.



GOLF DAY

Back in September, four lucky Year 5 children visited Wentworth Golf Course to watch the BMW PGA Championships and took part in a Pobble writing workshop. They received a behind the scenes tour, watched some of the great action on the 18th hole and even took part in some golf activities themselves.

During the writing workshop, they had to imagine they were standing on the final hole to win the championships. It's safe to say they had a fantastic day!



YEAR 6 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CLUB

We are excited to announce that the Sportshall Athletics club will start for pupils in Year 6 on Thursday 2nd November. This will take place on a Thursday morning from 7.50 to 8.30am in the sports hall. This is one of the most popular and well loved clubs we run in Year 6 so I hope your child is able to attend.

To sign up for this club, please <u>click here.</u>

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/CONGRATULATIONS

Please do let us know if your child has received a sporting award or particular achievement so we can celebrate it in future

District Football

Congratulations to Oliver, Ramzy, Harry, Finley, Abi, Olive and Betsy who all made the Elmbridge and Runnymede District football teams for the coming season. A fantastic achievement - well done!

Athletics News

Congratulations to Eva and Martha from Year 6 who have been selected to attend the Surrey

Cross Country Development squad training day next Thursday. This is following their brilliant performance at the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships last March. We wish them the best of luck at what will be an exciting day!

Cricket News

Congratulations to Bailey and Blaise who were recently awarded 'Most Improved Player of the Year' awards from Weybridge Cricket Club in the U10/11 and U8 squads respectively.

In further good news, Bailey was also selected to attend trials for Surrey Cricket Club and has successfully gained a place on the Surrey CC training programme.



LIVE SPORTING EVENTS

At Cleves, we would like to keep a record of occasions when children at Cleves get to watch a live sporting event. If your child is lucky enough to see a game or competition of any sport, please can I ask you to complete the following form so we can keep a record. Please <u>click here</u> to complete the form.

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This rounds up a very busy first half term at Cleves in terms of sports. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place in the run up to Christmas.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach