

The second half of the spring term is often the busiest when it comes to sport and competition and this half term has been no exception at Cleves. It feels like there has been something going on every day with a range of competitions including sportshall athletics, football, netball, tag rugby, swimming, panathlon, mini olympics and cross country. What's more our extra curricular provision continues to expand with some exciting new clubs planned for the summer term and the opportunity for you to voice what you would like to see in place at the school.

This half term, an additional 89 children have represented the school in a competition or festival for the first time making it a total of 548 who have done so in this academic year. In addition to that, over 500 of our pupils have attended one of our extra curricular sports clubs this academic year. These are really impressive figures and I would like to congratulate all these pupils.

SURREY PRIMARY SWIMMING GALA

In the middle of March, eight of our year 5/6 swimmers took part in the annual Surrey Primary Swimming Gala at the Guildford Spectrum where they came up against the best schools in Surrey, many of which have their own pools. It was a hugely exciting evening of swimming where both the boys and girls teams swam brilliantly and certainly didn't look out of place. What's more, we have found out just this week that the girls have qualified for the regional finals in May. A fantastic achievement and a first for Cleves. They now face the best schools in Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and Buckinghamshire.

You can watch the girls swimming a fantastic freestyle relay by [clicking here](#). Cleves are in the lane, second from the top.

Well done to Martha, Kayla, Holly, Ella, James, Joe, Andrew and Alexander.



There will be a further swimming opportunity in the summer term for pupils in years 5 and 6 as ACS Cobham are hosting the annual Cobham Cup gala.

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 NETBALL FIXTURES

The Year 5 netball team have had a fantastic Spring term. We have played matches against Ashley Primary School and Cobham Free School. We have been training hard every Thursday morning, honing our skills and learning how to work together as a team. We had a lot of fun at our tournament against Echelford Primary School where we had the opportunity to play a variety of matches in a friendly environment. After lots of shooting practice we were then equipped with all the skills we needed for our tournament at Burhill Primary School, coming second overall. We have all had a great time this term, doing a sport we love with all our friends! Miss Christian



Year 6 Netball Match Report v Burhill School

Last Thursday, the Year 6 A team played their final netball league match of the season against Burhill School. As they had won all their matches so far this season, the girls were keen to keep up this winning streak. Cleves got off to a fabulous start scoring three goals in the first five minutes, with two from Macie and one from Belle. The team played some fantastic netball as their confidence grew they were intercepting all over the court and marking so well that Burhill could not get the ball up their end of the court. By half time the score was Cleves 6 - Burhill 0 with goals from Martha, Lucy and Amy. The second half was a closer game with Burhill starting to mark more effectively, however the final score was Cleves 7 - Burhill 1 with a fabulous goal from Lucy near the end of the match.

Congratulations to the whole team: Emily Booth 6C, Amy Van der Hoven 6F, Macie Sykes 6A, Martha Drury 6A, Belle Addis 6A, Amelie Russell 6T, Lucy Bonser 6B.



Netball Club has continued to be well attended with the girls thoroughly enjoying the experience of developing their netball skills. This will continue until May half term, with some new children

joining too. We also look forward to some B team matches and a B team tournament which will allow as many children as possible to represent Cleves.

The Year 6 Netball team have had a very successful half term despite the weather being against us. They completed their final two league matches, beating Cardinal Newman 5-0 and then Burhill this week 7-1 (see match report above). Having won their side of the league, a final will be played after Easter against Cobham Free to see who is overall winner of the league for 2024. So an exciting end to the season awaits!

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

You may remember from our last edition of the sports newsletter that our Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics team were crowned district winners at the annual competition at ACS Cobham in January. In March they attended the Surrey County finals, which saw them come up against the other 11 best schools in the county. It was a fantastic afternoon of competition which saw our athletes perform brilliantly in the various running, jumping and throwing events.

We were delighted to finish runners up but equally a little disappointed not to win, especially as the gap between 1st and 2nd was only 6 points. Such close margins! The staff have thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of children over the course of the year. They have worked so hard in training, sacrificing their Thursday mornings to prepare and improve their performance. Well done!



At the end of February, we also held a Year 5/6 sportshall competition at Cleves involving three other local schools. This gave another group of children the opportunity to compete and represent the school and just like the team above, Mrs Arpesella and I were delighted with their performance and how they conducted themselves. They were clear overall winners at the end of the competition and very much deserved their success.



Finally, we held a Year 3/4 competition at Cleves just this week which saw a group of 30 children take part in the events for the first time. They were joined by three other schools and it was a very enjoyable afternoon of competition.

PRIMARY PANATHLON

At the end of February, eight of our pupils from years 3, 4 and 5 took part in a Primary Panathlon which took place at Cleves and involved seven other local schools. This multi skills festival is a great opportunity for pupils to develop and learn a range of new skills in a safe but competitive environment.

I am pleased to report that one of our teams finished third and the other were overall winners! Congratulations to all that took part.



Twenty of our Year 5 pupils helped lead the event and what a superb job they did, attracting praise from all the visiting schools and the organiser. They acted and behaved well beyond their years demonstrating kindness, empathy and excellent communication skills. Well done!



GIRLS TAG RUGBY

We were delighted to join Cobham Free School at Cobham rugby club for an introduction to contact session last week. With a variety of experiences with contact, the session was divided up into ability groupings and a very productive outcome ensued.

Eventually matches were played in a 5 vs 5 format. A fantastic time for the girls and one which very few primary schools will experience. Huge thanks to Martin Davidson for initiating the session we look forward to more in the future.

Squad: Abigail, CeCe, Georgia, Heidi, Lara, Martha, Penelope, Rajna, Sophia, Thaleia.

Mr Thomas

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the following Year 5/6 pupils who took part in the annual Surrey Primary Cross Country Championships in Reigate over the February half term; Martha, Bailey, Finlay, Andrew, Will, Roland, Owen, Freddie, Adam and Jacob.

They all ran brilliantly and included some top 10 finishes! The results from the event can be viewed here - <https://ssaa.org.uk/>

We then had a large number of children take part in the final Border League Cross Country event at the beginning of March which took place in Reigate. This was the final of four races that take place during the winter months and has seen nearly 80 Cleves children from Years 3 - 6 take part. Once again, there was a very strong showing from Cleves with many top ten finishes including a 2nd (Bert Rigby) and 3rd (Sebby Scott) in the Under 9s boys race.

At the prize giving ceremony at the end the Under 9s boys were announced as overall winners for the season with the under 9s girls, under 11s boys and under 11s girls securing third spot. These

are excellent results considering we are the only school team taking part. Individually Bert and Sebbi were recognised with overall 2nd and 3rd for the season.

Well done to everyone who has taken part this year!

RUNNING CLUB - MARATHON CHALLENGE

Just this week, we awarded our first Marathon medals of the year to a total of 92 pupils. Pupils have to attend our weekly running club on 18 occasions during the year in order to have run the distance of a marathon. Well done to those you received medals. If you are just a few sessions missing then there will be an opportunity in the first half of the summer term to cross the line and receive a medal.



RUNNING CLUB - SUMMER TERM

From the beginning of May, our weekly running club will switch over from long distance running to shorter distances. The club takes place on a Tuesday morning at 8am and is open to all year groups

The sessions will focus on sprinting and short relays and we will make use of the track on field once it's marked out. The club is always hugely popular so if your child would like to attend and hasn't done so already this year, please sign them up by [clicking here](#).

LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

This week we will be publishing the new lunchtime and after school club timetable for the summer term with the opportunity for you to sign your child up. Clubs on offer will include cricket, rounders and athletics but also brand new clubs such as pickleball. If you are not sure what that is, please check it out by [clicking here](#).

We want to hear from you though if there is anything that you would like to see at Cleves? Whilst we cannot guarantee we will be able to offer it as a club, we will do our best! Please email me at csmith@cleves.co.uk with your ideas.

DISTRICT SPORTS - 11TH JUNE 2024

District Sports will once again be taking place this year and we will be entering two teams, giving approximately 100 children the opportunity to take part from across all year groups. The competition will be held on the running track at Walton Xcel on Tuesday 11th June and will see a range of running, jumping and throwing events. Trials for these will take place during your child's PE and Games sessions next half term with the team being selected in mid May, allowing time for the team to train and prepare. This is the biggest competition of the year and one we always look forward to.

ARCHERY TAG CLUB

Our lunchtime archery tag club has been hugely successful this term and has seen over 45 children have the opportunity to give the sport a go. I am pleased to say that we have secured further funding for the summer term so hopefully even more children will get the opportunity to give it a go.



SURREY YOUTH GAMES

This half term the children had an assembly taken by Lewis Razey from Elmbridge Borough Council. He spoke about a fantastic FREE opportunity that is open to all children at Cleves which is called the Surrey Youth Games.

Registration is open and it would be great to have lots of Cleves children involved.

Please [click here](#) to find out more.



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Local to you, after Easter
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"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent

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FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

It's been another really busy half term of football at Cleves with lots of children representing the school across our many teams. The staff members who look after these teams have written a short summary of their achievements.

Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival

Just last Thursday, twenty of our Year 3/4 girls took part in a football festival held at Cleves against Grovelands. Both schools entered three teams into the festival which saw the girls play five friendly 5 a side matches out on our school field. Many of the girls have been attending the Wednesday lunchtime girls football club each week so it was a great opportunity for them to play some competitive matches in a safe and fun environment. The girls were brilliant and it was a

pleasure to see them grow in confidence as the afternoon went on. They looked great in their Cleves kit and I hope they all enjoyed the experience.



Year 5 A Team Boys Football (Mr Mulea)

What a brilliant second half of the season the Cleves Year 5 A Team are having. The team has gone from strength to strength and has continued their fine form from Christmas time. Within the league, Cleves have continued their winning streak and have excelled as a team. The teamwork and desire on show in every training session and match has been fantastic to see, with the overall commitment to the team being incredibly impressive. The team are clearly enjoying scoring multiple goals a game, which was highlighted by the win at the Royal Holloway tournament back in February. The boys flourished in the competition and finished the tournament with an impressive goal difference. As we are now approaching the final part of the Year 5 season, the Cleves boys have a Semi-final fixture in the county cup to still play, with the chance of lifting what would be an impressive trophy in their first season playing together. A huge congratulations to all the boys for their effort, desire and competitiveness this term!



Year 5/6 A Team Girls Football (Mr Woods and Mrs Flaherty)

This term has continued to be another extremely successful term for the Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team. In the league, the girls have dominated and have won all 5 of their group games (with one left to play) and all without conceding a goal. Their goal difference is an incredible 25 goals scored and 0 conceded. The team then took part in the Pokemon cup in early January. This was a follow on from the Royal Holloway tournament, which we won, and had the best teams from Surrey, all searching for a place in the regional finals. Unfortunately, the extremely high quality of opposition prevented us from moving onto the next round, however Mr Woods and Mrs Flaherty were incredibly impressed by the teamwork and resilience of the girls. In the Surrey County Cups, the Year 5s were sadly knocked out in the semi finals by St George's, whilst the Year 6's are yet to face Cheam Park Farm in their semi final.

As we move into the summer term, the league final beckons as well as semi finals in both the ERPSSA cup and Surrey County Cup. This could also then lead to potentially two more cup finals...let's hope that the girls can make it 3 trophies. The football on display this year has been some of the best seen at Cleves and the teamwork and sportsmanship on display is a pleasure to see. A huge congratulations to all the Year 5 and Year 6 girls who have represented the team and we wish you the best of luck for the remaining fixtures!



Year 6 A Team Boys Football (Mr Smith)

The Year 6 A team continues to have a hugely successful season. As it stands at the time of writing, they have reached the semi finals of the Surrey County Cup where they are due to play Whitgift. They have also reached the league cup final following a hard fought extra time win against Manorcroft and a cup classic against Stepgates which saw them emerge 2 v 1 winners. In the league, the boys have won every game this season, topping their group and playing some great football. They will now face a playoff after Easter to determine who will be overall league winners.

Finally, in the middle of March, our Year 5/6 football team travelled to Swindon to take part in the South of England finals with the prize of a Wembley appearance at stake. They were joined by 10

other teams, all representing league 2 teams from the southern half of England. The boys were given a brand new AFC Wimbledon kit to wear as we represented the South London side. The boys gave everything they had for the duration of the tournament. Having lost the first group game to a very good Walsall side, they went on to beat Sutton, Forest Green and Swindon to secure a runners up spot in the group and place in the semi finals. In this they came across Crawley who had won the other group.

It was a very tight game of football which Crawley probably had the best of the play and chances. They took the lead just before half time but the Cleves boys didn't give up and won a penalty just before the final whistle which Ramzy confidently dispatched. The game then went to extra time but with no further goals, it was a penalty shootout which decided the game. Agonisingly, Crawley edged this 3 v 2 and progressed to the final. The boys should be very proud of themselves and whilst understandably disappointed I don't think they could have given any more.

Well done to all the year 6 boys who have represented the team this season and good luck to them for the remaining games.

Year 5/6 B Team Boys Football (Mr Smith and Mr Mulea)

The year 5/6 B team have had an exceptional season. They are currently unbeaten in the league with one game remaining. A draw or win against The Hythe after Easter will see them as league champions. In the last six weeks they have secured wins against Walton Oak, Ashley and Burhill.

What's more the Year 6 B team have managed to reach the League Cup semi final where they will play either St James or Ashley. If they win that they face a mouthwatering tie against the Year 6 A team in an all Cleves final.

Finally, the rearranged Year 5/6 B team festival will take place on the field at Cleves on Thursday 18th April 2024. Confirmation details will be sent out straight after the Easter break.

WWHSP PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

With Cleves taking the lead on the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership, we have continued to host, organise and lead a number of sporting festivals this half term. This has included a year 3 mini olympics competition which 3HA and 3HB took part in as well as a year 2 mini olympics which was attended by six of our local schools. Both mini olympics competitions were led brilliantly by our Year 6 Sports Crew. There has also been a year 3/4 and 5/6 sportshall competition and a year 3/4 girls football festival.



In the summer term there are many more competitions and festivals planned which include

- The rearranged year 5/6 B Team football festival
- Mini Olympics for years 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Year 5/6 Girls B team football festival
- Year 5/6 Girls B team netball festival
- Year 3 Football festival

I look forward to reporting on these in future newsletters

Finally, you may remember in my last sports newsletter that I reported on a number of our pupils who had been selected to represent Surrey following success at a local sportshall athletics competition in January. This included pupils from all the WWHSP schools. I am pleased to say that in the regional competition Surrey were overall winners! Well done to Martha, Bailey, Olive, Luke, Sam and Daniel - a fantastic achievement.



FIELD IMPROVEMENT WORKS

I am pleased to report that the second part of our field improvement works should commence next month with a complete reseeding. This is as a result of the school securing a second round of funding from the DfE. This is much needed work and will hopefully result in a much better playing surface in time for next autumn.

LIVE SPORTING EVENTS

Just a reminder, 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 [click here](#) to complete the form.

This rounds up a very busy spring term of sporting action. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place for the remainder of the school year.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach