



Welcome to the first of our half-termly sports newsletters.

With so much going on at Cleves every week, this newsletter aims to capture all the sporting highlights from the past half term.

In the last seven weeks alone, 132 children have represented the school in sports competitions, and more than 400 pupils are regularly attending one of our weekly extra-curricular clubs. This is fantastic — well done, everyone!

There are still plenty of opportunities to come before Christmas, with more competitions and festivals organised through the local sports partnership, which Cleves proudly leads, alongside partnerships with other local schools.

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 sporting opportunities for all pupils.



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Walton, Weybridge, Hersham Sports Partnership

The schools currently involved are: Cleves, Walton Oak, Burhill, Cardinal Newman, Manby Lodge Infants, Oatlands Infants, Grovelands, Ashley, St Charles and St James.

We're looking forward to another successful year of collaboration, giving even more children the chance to represent their school in local competitions and festivals. We'll keep you updated on developments in future newsletters.

MINI OLYMPICS

As part of the local sports partnership led by Cleves, we host Mini Olympics competitions each half term for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. We also host a Year 2 event for our local schools to attend.

These events give children the opportunity to compete against other schools in a fun, supportive, and inclusive environment.

A few weeks ago, 4H and 4P took part in the first Mini Olympics of the year, alongside teams from Grovelands, Walton Oak, Ashley, and Burhill. Everyone showed brilliant teamwork and enthusiasm — well done!

A Year 3 competition will follow next half term, with more events planned throughout the year.

CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS

Yesterday, Cleves entered two teams into the Cross Country Relay Championships at Bedfont Lakes, competing against ten other schools.

Each team comprised six runners, racing in the order Year 6, Year 5, Year 4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, with every athlete tackling a challenging 1.4km course.

Our athletes were outstanding, delivering twelve brilliant individual performances to secure victory in both the boys' and girls' races — an incredible achievement!

A special mention goes to our Year 4 runners, who were competing in the event for the first time. Their composure, determination and positive attitude were particularly impressive.

A huge well done to everyone involved — a fantastic team effort and a proud moment for Cleves! The training certainly makes a difference.



RUNNING CLUB

Our Tuesday morning Running Club continues to go from strength to strength, with around 200 pupils attending each week — a fantastic turnout!

As in previous years, we're challenging pupils to run a marathon across the course of the school year.

Any pupil who attends 18 sessions before Easter (not necessarily consecutively) will receive a special marathon medal.

If your child would like to start coming along, you can sign them up by [clicking here](#).



YEAR 6 QUAD KIDS COMPETITION

Back in September, the annual Year 6 Quad Kids competition took place at Walton Xcel Sports Hub. The event was originally scheduled for the summer term but had to be postponed due to the hot weather. Eight schools entered teams of five boys and five girls, with every athlete completing a 75m sprint, 600m run, vortex howler throw and standing long jump. Points were awarded for each performance and combined to produce an overall team score.

It was a fantastic afternoon of athletics, with the Cleves athletes impressing throughout. At the end of the competition, Cleves were crowned overall champions by more than 100 points!

There was further success as Chloe and Osian were named the competition's highest-scoring girl and boy respectively. A clean sweep for Cleves!



FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Our Year 5/6 football teams have now been selected and all squads have been training hard on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtime.

Some teams have also played their first fixtures of the season with a round up of how they've got on below.

Year 5/6 Fulham Foundation Cup

At the beginning of October, the Year 6 boys A Team Football travelled across to Motspur Park - the home of Fulham's training ground - for a 6-a-side tournament. The team battled it out in a group of 5 to finish in a qualifying place for the next round. The first few games of the day were tough, with Cleves battling hard to find a point. The following fixtures for the boys played out a lot smoother and saw the boys rack up their goal tally to 8+. Through quick passing and terrific pressing the boys found their feet and won their remaining games. With the results going our way, Cleves finished the morning qualifying for the next round in January. A huge well done to those who represented the school and bring on January's tournament! Mr Mulea

Then, this week, the girls football team took part in the tournament at Fulham. It was the first time that the girls had played together and they really played well. Unfortunately on this occasion, they fell short of qualifying for the next stage of the competition, having won 2, drawn 2 and lost 1. Nonetheless, a great achievement!

Their commitment, desire and teamwork was evident throughout every game and their determination and energy pushed them to the very highest level, in a competition where the standard was very high. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow and develop together as a team over the coming academic year. Well done to all the girls who participated. Mr Woods

Year 5 Football Team

The Year 5 boys' team played Hurst Park in a friendly match back in September, their first match together. Hurst Park provided an excellent first test, with both teams battling to cope with a very hard playing surface. From the first whistle, the Cleves boys looked to move the ball confidently, create space and work hard for one another. This resulted in several excellent chances, but the finishing touch initially eluded them due to a lack of composure at key moments and some fine goalkeeping from the Hurst Park goalkeeper. During the second quarter, Cleves began to match the physicality of their opponents and the breakthrough soon arrived through an outstanding long-range strike from Henry. A second goal followed from Agastya after some excellent build-up play, before Rowan completed the scoring with a neat finish into the bottom corner. It was an excellent first outing for the team, with plenty of reasons to be excited about the season ahead.



This week, the boys faced Boxgrove School in the first round of the County Cup. From the outset, it was an extremely physical and closely contested encounter, with neither side able to gain the upper hand during the first half. Both teams created half-chances, but it was a rather fortunate cross from Boxgrove, which looped over Rory's head, that gave the visitors a 1–0 lead at the break.

At half-time, the boys were encouraged to adopt a slightly more direct approach, and this paid off almost immediately. Rowan was brought down just outside the penalty area, and his excellent delivery to the back post was tapped home by Jenson to bring Cleves level.

With the momentum now firmly in their favour, Cleves began to take control, creating several opportunities to take the lead. Unfortunately, despite enjoying the better of the second half, it was Boxgrove who struck twice in the closing stages to secure a 3–1 victory and progress to the next round.

It was a tough result for the boys, who played some excellent football and, for large periods, were arguably the better side. We were unfortunate to face such strong opposition so early in the competition, and I would not be surprised to see Boxgrove progress a long way in the tournament.

For our Year 5 boys, there were some valuable lessons to take away from the game. In particular, we need to learn to match the physicality and intensity of strong opposition, while ensuring that our excellent passages of possession lead to more clear-cut goalscoring opportunities.

Despite the disappointment, there is a great deal to be positive about. The boys have already made significant progress as a team, and performances like this will only help them develop further.

Well done, boys. There is plenty to look forward to! Mr Smith

Cleves Championship is coming!

We are excited to announce the launch of the Cleves Championship, a brand-new football league for boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 who are part of our B teams.

Taking place every Friday lunchtime, the competition will see teams battle it out in a series of league matches, with our first champions crowned at Christmas. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the winning teams before a brand-new championship gets underway in January.

The league is designed to give more children the opportunity to enjoy competitive football, develop their skills and experience the excitement of playing as part of a team.

One of the key expectations is commitment. Players who sign up must be prepared to attend every week, support their teammates and show determination, even when results don't go their way.

Teams will be selected over half term, with the first matches kicking off in the first week back.

We can't wait to get started and see who will become our first Cleves Champions!

LASER RUN FESTIVAL

Following the success of the Swim, Run and Shoot Festival in July, Notre Dame and Cleves joined forces once again in September for a Laser Run event involving 40 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Hosted by Notre Dame, the event provided another opportunity to strengthen the excellent sporting partnership between our two schools. Pupils took part in a series of individual and relay races, with each race requiring them to run 200 metres, hit five green lights on the laser targets within 50 seconds, and then repeat both disciplines.

Laser Run provides a unique test of physical and mental ability. Competitors must demonstrate speed and determination while running before quickly regaining their composure and control for the shooting element. Our pupils were excellent throughout, producing some incredibly close and keenly contested races alongside some very impressive shooting. Many successfully hit all five green lights well within the 50-second limit.

We hope to provide further opportunities for pupils to experience Laser Run throughout the year, introducing a range of different formats and styles of competition. Well done to everyone who took part!





YEAR 6 DODGEBALL TRIALS

Trials are underway for this year's dodgeball team and will continue after half term. There is a local WWHSP festival to look forward to as well as a girls only district competition and the south-east competition which takes place in Redhill in January.

If your child has missed out in signing up for the trials, please email me at csmith@cleves.co.uk

SWIMMING SQUAD AND ACS COBHAM GALA

During this half term, our Year 5/6 swimming squad has been selected following a series of trials at ACS Cobham. It was fantastic to see so many children putting themselves forward, reflecting the growing popularity of swimming at Cleves. It is also particularly encouraging to see so many of our pupils developing their skills and competing for swimming clubs outside of school.

We are now in the process of organising trials for our Year 3/4 pupils, which will take place after half term. We look forward to giving even more children the opportunity to represent Cleves in the pool!

ACS Cobham Gala

A huge congratulations to our fantastic swimming team, who finished an impressive second overall at the swimming gala held at ACS Cobham on Tuesday 6th October.

Three schools took part in the gala – ACS Cobham, Esher Church School and Cleves – with some incredibly competitive racing and exciting finishes throughout the evening. Our swimmers represented Cleves brilliantly, demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.

A special mention must go to those children competing in their very first swimming gala, who rose to the occasion superbly.

There were some outstanding individual performances, with nine of our swimmers securing medals across the different age groups:

Under 9s

- Deniz – 1st place, Backstroke
- Beatrice – 3rd place, Breaststroke

Under 10s

- Jenson – 2nd place, Backstroke
- Henry – 3rd place, Freestyle
- Rory – 1st place, Butterfly

Under 11s

- Mafalda – 3rd place, Breaststroke
- Ethan – 1st place, Backstroke
- Artemis – 3rd place, Backstroke
- Jessica – 2nd place, Freestyle

There was also plenty to celebrate in the relay events, with Cleves securing a number of victories.

Our Under 11 swimmers were particularly impressive, producing some fantastic performances throughout the evening, both individually and as a team.

Finishing as runners-up was a tremendous achievement, especially considering Cleves was the only school competing without its own swimming pool!

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support and cheer on the team. With further galas and training opportunities planned throughout the academic year, we look forward to building on this excellent start.



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 [click here](#) to complete the form.

SOCIAL MEDIA - CLEVES SPORT

Did you know that we have a Cleves Sport Twitter handle? You can follow us at @ClevesSport

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