

Welcome to our autumn term Sports Newsletter — and what a great term it has been!

The last few months have seen Cleves pupils competing, training, leading and supporting one another across an impressive range of sports and activities.

Across the autumn term alone, 225 pupils have represented Cleves in competitions, festivals or fixtures, with opportunities fully equal for boys and girls across all sports. Participation reflects this balance, with pupils from Years 3 to 6 proudly wearing the Cleves colours across the term.

Alongside this, hundreds of pupils attend one or more extra-curricular sports clubs each week, showing fantastic enthusiasm, commitment and enjoyment of physical activity. The continued buzz around sport at Cleves has been wonderful to see.

### **WWHSP - WORKING TOGETHER**

Cleves is proud to continue leading the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership (WWHSP), which brings local schools together to increase sporting opportunities for all pupils.



**WWHSP**  
Walton, Weybridge, Hersham Sports Partnership

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

This partnership has already delivered a huge number of inclusive festivals and competitions this term, allowing large numbers of pupils to represent their school in a supportive, well-organised and enjoyable environment.

A particularly pleasing aspect of this work is the leadership it provides for our pupils. Members of our Year 6 Sports Crew regularly help organise and officiate events, gaining confidence, responsibility and valuable leadership skills along the way.

### **MINI OLYMPICS**

As part of the WWHSP programme, Cleves hosted the first Mini Olympics events of the year for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

These festivals are lively, inclusive and full of energy, with pupils competing against other local schools in a wide range of multiskill relay activities. Four Cleves classes have already taken part this term, showing excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

We also continue to host a Year 2 Mini Olympics each term, where our Year 6 Sports Crew take on leadership roles — explaining and demonstrating activities, encouraging younger pupils and helping events run smoothly. These events are always a highlight of the term and a brilliant example of pupils supporting pupils. Many more Mini Olympics events are planned for the spring and summer terms.

## SWIMMING SQUAD

It has been a hugely positive start to the swimming season.

This year's Cleves Swimming Squad has been finalised, with 34 pupils selected across Years 3 - 6, following interest from over 80 children — a fantastic increase on previous years.

The girls squad recently competed at a swimming gala hosted by Notre Dame, where pupils showed excellent technique, determination and team spirit throughout.

Thanks to our continued partnership with ACS Cobham, the swimming squad benefits from free access to their swimming pool for regular training sessions.

Looking ahead, Cleves will be taking part in a swimming league for the very first time in the spring and summer terms — an exciting step that will provide more regular competitive opportunities for our swimmers.



## FOOTBALL

Football has been exceptionally busy this term, with over 50 pupils representing Cleves across multiple teams.

### Year 5 Boys

The Year 5 boys have made a strong start to the season, recording:

- Two Surrey Cup wins with a quarter final against St George's in January
- An agonising defeat on penalties against Ongar Place in the League Cup
- Two league wins and one draw

Their teamwork, improvement and positive attitude have been excellent to see.

## Year 6 Boys

- Opened their Surrey Cup campaign with a superb 6–1 victory over St Mary's Oxted.
- Competed in the AFC Wimbledon and Fulham tournaments, progressing through to the finals days in January.
- Won the Elmbridge and Runnymede District tournament and will represent the area at the Surrey finals in January
- Made an excellent start to the league season with two convincing victories - 6 v 1 and 5 v 1
- B team played Echelford School in a highly competitive fixture



## Girls' Football

Girls' football continues to go from strength to strength at Cleves.

- The girls' team have excelled at the **Chelsea and Fulham tournaments**, progressing to finals in **January and March**.
- They have also progressed in the **Surrey Cup**, winning their opening round **4–0**, and remain unbeaten in the league.
- They lost on penalties in the final against Cardinal Newman in the Elmbridge and Runnymede District competition
- The Girls' B Team has also been in action this term, playing their first fixture against Echelford School.

It has been a pleasure to watch this group develop — this is an exceptionally talented, hardworking and exciting group of players, and the future of girls' football at Cleves is incredibly bright.



## **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.

Our special Santa run was very well attended on Tuesday and it was great to see so many Christmas accessories.

Well done to everyone and thank you to the many staff and parents volunteers who give up their time on a Tuesday morning to ensure the children can run outside of the school grounds safely.

Merry Christmas everyone!



## ESPORTS & F1 – A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

One of the standout experiences of the term was a visit to ACS Cobham's Esuites F1 facility, made possible through our strong partnership with the school.

Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a competition at Cleves, with winners earning the opportunity to visit ACS Cobham and experience the state-of-the-art Formula 1 racing simulators, sponsored by Williams F1.

During the visit, pupils explored:

- Teamwork and communication
- Reaction speed and focus
- Strategy and problem-solving
- Links between sport, technology and engineering

This was an unforgettable experience for pupils and a fantastic example of how sport can link with STEM learning. A further visit is already planned for the spring term.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT

Participation in extra-curricular sport remains extremely high. This term, pupils have taken part in a wide range of teacher-led clubs, including football, tag rugby, hockey, pickleball, netball, trampolining, fitness, sprinting, sportshall athletics, running club, dodgeball and physifun.

This is complemented by a broad offer from external providers, including football, futsal, gymnastics, dance, cricket, basketball, tennis, judo, karate and golf.

We have a different range of clubs planned for the spring term with Year 3 pupils also being offered access to lunchtime clubs. Information about these clubs will be sent out after Christmas.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The spring term is already shaping up to be another exciting one, with competitions and festivals planned in:

- Dodgeball (including girls-only events)
- Panathlon
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Tag rugby
- Sportshall athletics
- Netball
- Football
- Primary Fitness Games — a brand-new competition for Cleves

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Arabella who recently competed in the South East Regional Championships for gymnastics and won silver.



## 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

## **AND FINALLY...**

A huge thank you to all staff who run clubs, referee matches, support fixtures and give up their time so generously. Their commitment makes this level of provision possible.

Thank you also to parents for your continued support — whether through transport, encouragement or cheering from the sidelines.

It has been a hugely enjoyable autumn term of sport at Cleves, and we cannot wait to share what the spring term brings.

Mr Smith -Sports Coach