

We find ourselves at the end of the academic year and what a successful year it's been in terms of sport at Cleves. In our final newsletter, there's once again lots to report on and celebrate.

### SPORTS CLUBS

Our summer term before school, lunchtime and after school extra curricular sports clubs have proved to be once again very popular. Sports offered include tag archery, cricket, athletics, physifun, pickleball, mountain biking, badminton, volleyball, rounders, netball, hurdles and high jump, yoga, rugby, fitness and trampolining. Uptake has been extremely high with over 400 children attending each week. Thank you to parents and carers who have reminded their children to attend these each week. With so much going on on a daily basis, your support is greatly appreciated.

In total, club attendance numbers are as follows for this academic year

- Year 3 - 154 (108 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 4 - 178 (108 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 5 - 138 (92 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 6 - 140 (103 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)

The total number of children attending at least one block of sports clubs this academic year is 610 children. Huge congratulations, these are really impressive figures!

### COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVALS

The total numbers of children who have represented the school in a competition or festival this academic year is as follows

- Year 3 - 180 (53 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 4 - 161 (101 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 5 - 162 (65 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 6 - 136 (82 who have represented the school more than once)
- Total - 658 pupils out of 720 in the school. All children have been offered the opportunity to represent the school in sport this year. Congratulations to you all!

### SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM MARK

I am delighted to report that Cleves has recently achieved the school games platinum mark, the highest award possible. This is the sixth consecutive time we have achieved the award which recognises the commitment and excellent provision in place at the school. The School Games Mark is a government led award scheme which was first launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Every year, schools can apply to be considered for bronze/silver/gold award marks from the Independent School Games Authority. The School Games adjudicators, judge each school against stringent criteria, in the areas of sports: participation, competition, staff and clubs, before determining the suitable award level.



We are proud to have consecutively maintained the highest level, the Platinum Mark Award. The Platinum Mark is only awarded to a handful of schools nationwide who have shown consistent dedication to sport and activity in their region. Congratulations to everyone who contributed towards this award.

## **DISTRICT SPORTS**

Back in June, the annual district sports took place at Walton Xcel, a competition that saw 15 schools from across the district take part. Due to its size, Cleves annually enter two equal ability teams into the competition and this gave an impressive 94 children the opportunity to represent the school. With the teams selected back in May, the children spent the five weeks leading up to the competition practicing during the school day, after the school day and during the half term holiday. This practice certainly paid off as all of the children excelled on Tuesday and there were impressive performances all round with many individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes. Both teams made every relay final with the baton changes spot on.

At the end of the competition when the results were read out, there was much celebration with Cleves 1 finishing in 1st place overall and Cleves A finishing in 3rd place. In the year group competition we also managed to win the year 3, year 5 and year 6 competition.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, our athletes behaved and conducted themselves brilliantly and their performances really stood out and drew many positive comments from other schools and parents.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support and helped with transport. It was much appreciated. District Sport Champions 2024!







## FOOTBALL FINALS

This half term has finally seen the conclusion to the football season with a number of finals taking place.

Back in May, our year 5 boys team were crowned Surrey County Champions defeating Cheam Park Farm in the final at Dorking in a really entertaining contest. This was a successful conclusion to their season having won the district tournament at Royal Holloway and finishing runners up in their league.



Also back in May, we had the district league cup final which saw Year 6 Cleves A team taking on Cleves B team. This was a first for the school and considering there were 25 teams who entered the competition, to end up with the two Cleves teams in the final, was extremely impressive and quite an achievement. Cleves A ran out 5 v 1 winners but both teams should be proud of getting to the final and all the players conducted themselves well.





The Year 6 boys team were also crowned league champions in June. The format of the finals saw Cleves play St Ann's Heath in the semi final, a team they had beaten in the cup earlier in the season. Despite dominating the early exchanges, we struggled to get our noses in front and had to wait until just before half to take the lead. The second half saw us continuing to dominate and we scored two further goals to win 3 v 0 and progress to the final.

In the other semi final, Cardinal Newman also beat Ashley 3 v 0 to set up a fitting final against the two best teams in the district. Cardinal Newman had beaten us on penalties in the tournament earlier in the year so we were looking for a more positive result this time round.

The first half was extremely competitive and we had a number of excellent opportunities to take the lead, only to be denied by the excellent Cardinal Newman keeper. Cardinal Newman also showed their threat and half time the game was finely poised. However, the second half ended up being a very different game as the Cleves fitness, desire and intensity of their football saw us wear down our opponents. In the 15 second half minutes, we scored an incredible 5 goals to be crowned league champions and achieve the double! 5 v 0.

A huge well done to the boys for an extremely impressive end to the season, scoring 8 goals and not conceding any. League and Cup champions for 2024.



At the end of May the year 5/6 girls were also crowned league champions. The five top teams in Elmbridge and Runnymede played for league glory in a round robin tournament. Cleves were undefeated in all 4 matches played not conceding a goal all afternoon and in fact all season. Topping the results table at the end of the afternoon saw the girls lift the trophy. Congratulations!





Recently, the girls played Cardinal Newman in the district cup final. The match was a terrific battle from start to finish and was easily the girls most challenging match of the season. Both sides showed amazing spirit and determination but could not find a shot on goal. However, right before the half time whistle, Cardinal Newman scored. The second half remained competitive and we threw everything at it, but sadly did not manage to equalise. Well done to all the girls on a fantastic season!

And finally, very well done to the Year 5/6 B team who won their league this season. They were unbeaten throughout and played some great football. This team saw over 30 children taking part, every one of them playing their part! Congratulations.

## **CRICKET**

We have had record numbers of both boys and girls enjoying their cricket at the clubs this year and we would like to thank them all for their continued support. The standards across the board are increasing every year with some very talented cricketers. The boys enjoyed a very good hardball series showing some excellent skills at the start of the season. The softball cricket series were very successful with amazing teamwork, disciplined bowling and great batting. The Girls Y6 made it through to the semi-finals with some excellent performances The Y6 team romped through their group with 3 clear victories but came up against a very strong outfit in the semi-finals. The Y5 Boys lost in the Final by the narrowest margin in a thrilling display of cricket. Mr Thomas





## YEAR 6 QUAD KIDS

At the end of June, our Year 6 athletes took part in a Quad Kids athletics competition at ACS Cobham. This saw all ten athletes from each school take part in a 75 sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and vortex howler throw. Athletes earn points for each of the events with the highest scoring team being the overall winners. I am pleased to say Cleves were clear winners in the afternoon with some great individual performances. Huge congratulations to the team!



## NETBALL

On Thursday 6th June, Cleves played Cobham Free School in the Elmbridge League Final with both teams having won their side of the league tables. It was always going to be a really tough match as Cobham Free have an excellent reputation for their netball abilities so extra preparation took place in order to be ready to fight for the win. And what an exciting match it turned out to be! The teams were very evenly matched with the score neck and neck at each quarter and by half time Cleves was winning 3-2. The Cleves team were playing the best they had ever played, intercepting, using all their energy to mark continuously and fighting for every ball. At the end of the match Macie shot an amazing goal to even up the score 6-6. Extra time then began with the scores remaining even at 7-7 and then 8-8, with Macie continuing to score some nerve racking and challenging goals. The referee then shouted Golden Goal and within a minute Cobham Free had scored the winning goal. Cleves were gutted not to win as it was such a close and well competed match, but they should be so proud of their performance as a team and individually.

Huge congratulations to the girls!





## RUGBY REVIEW

This year has continued to develop the rugby offering here at school including clubs for year3/4/5 Girls Rugby and the Year 6 Boys club. We have enjoyed a great deal of success across the year reaching the semifinals of the Hurst Park mixed tag tournament before Christmas. In the New year our performances improved vastly with victory at the Leo Academies Girls Tournament and then a wonderful set of results at the OC's tournament where we were undefeated in both the Boys and Girls teams winning 6 and drawing one of the 7 matches played. A fabulous season with much to improve on next year. Mr Thomas

## CONGRATULATIONS

A huge well done to the 22 Year 6 runners from Cleves and St Charles who took part in the now annual 'Run to St Charles' event only yesterday. They were joined by Mr Nelson, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Duncan and a number of parents who took part in the 4.2km run. This event is a celebration of their time at Cleves and their commitment to running and athletics. It was a perfect morning for running and an event that was enjoyed by everyone.



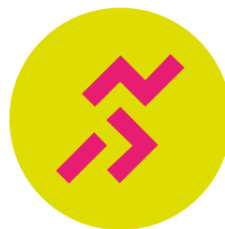
## SPORTS DAYS

In the middle of June, we held our annual sports days over two days. The weather was extremely kind to us and this led to two very enjoyable days. Every child takes part in sports day at Cleves. The first part of the event sees them score points for their house in a carousel of activities before traditional races which are held on the track. Thank you to the many parents who supported this event which saw Windsor house crowned overall winners.



## WWHSP PARTNERSHIP

With Cleves taking the lead on the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership (WWHSP), we have continued to host, organise and lead a number of sporting festivals this year. This not only gives pupils the opportunity to represent their school but also gives a number of our pupils the opportunity to lead and officiate at these events.



# WWHSP

Walton, Weybridge, Hersham Sports Partnership

The WWHSP partnership has grown and developed significantly this year with the following numbers taking part in WWHSP competitions/festivals and events from local schools in this academic year.

Manby Lodge - 90 pupils

Ashley - 360 pupils

Cardinal Newman - 36 pupils

Burhill - 330 pupils

St Charles - 150 pupils

Grovelands - 360 pupils

St James - 60 pupils

Walton Oak - 60 pupils

Bell Farm - 50 pupils

Oatlands School - 45 pupils

Cleves - 509 pupils

This is a total of 2050 pupils across 11 schools which is fantastic!

What's more, at the beginning of July, we entered a team into the Surrey Quad Kids competition at the Guildford Spectrum which took place one Wednesday evening. The team was made up of pupils from St Charles, Ashley, Cardinal Newman, Bell Farm and Cleves and I am pleased to report the team were overall winners, the first time we have ever won this competition. A great opportunity for our more able athletes.



This rounds up a very busy summer term and year of sporting action. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place in the next academic year.

Mr Smith - Sports Coach