

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, football, badminton, rounders, netball, strength and conditioning, 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 - 141 (78 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 4 - 158 (101 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 5 - 165 (86 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 6 - 155 (77 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 615 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 - 180 (98 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 5 - 145 (68 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 6 - 129 (76 who have represented the school more than once)
- Total - 634 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 seventh 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 98 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 2nd place. In the year group competition we also managed to win the year 3, year 4 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 2025!



## **FOOTBALL FINALS**

This half term has finally seen the conclusion to the football season with a number of finals taking place and significant success for our teams. In total we've had over 150 children represent the school in football this year which is fantastic.

Our achievements included:

- Year 5 boys league winners, cup semi finalists and tournament runners up
- Year 5/6 B team league winners
- Year 6 league, tournament and cup winners
- Year 5/6 girls league and cup runners up

Here are some match reports from games played this half term.

#### Y6 A Team - Boys Football League Play-off Finals

On Thursday 22nd May, the Year 6 A team were back in action after a lengthy period of no fixtures. Very excitingly, the boys were up against 3 other strong schools at Walton Xcel to battle it out for the league winners trophy! Cleves were up against Ashley in their first game and immediately pressed them and forced a goal early on. Cleves pushed on and added to the tally to score 7 goals in the opening game. Cleves then were drawn against Cardinal Newman in the final - a team we know well from many games over the last two years. Cleves started strong and dominated possession. They continued to move the ball across the pitch and pulled the opponents around to create space. After some fantastic teamwork, Cleves took a lead and then continued to add to their tally again. The game finished with a 6-0 win to Cleves. Another clean sheet, more exceptional team goals and a convincing win to seal the trophy and title of champions! The boys were outstanding throughout and were deserving winners. Our final game of the season comes after half term in the league cup final - where the team are keen to add to our trophy haul for the year! Mr Mulea

#### Year 6 A Team Boys Football League Cup Final vs Burhill School

After half term, the Cleves boys stepped out at Walton Xcel for the final time as a Cleves school team. The opponents were Burhill in the League Cup Final - a very highly anticipated fixture with hopes of lifting the trophy at the end. The fixture started with a high tempo and both teams were fired up. After some very quick movement and excellent deliveries into the box, Cleves snatched an opener from the teamwork. Soon after, the boys pressed high up again, finding a second goal from a very well worked through ball and excellent finish into the corner. Into the second half, Cleves held on and despite further chances, couldn't quite find the final goal to seal the win. Burhill pushed back and created several chances which nearly saw the start of a comeback. Towards the final few minutes, Burhill scored and the game became very tense. Clearing the goal line in desperation, the final whistle came and Cleves won 2-1. A fantastic way to end another fantastic season. Another trophy to add to the cabinet and all round superb performances from the boys. Congratulations to all of them for a successful and enjoyable season! What a team!



#### Upper School Girls Football Team - Cleves vs Cardinal Newman

It was a tough end to the season for the upper school girls football team.

On the last day of the previous half term, they played Cardinal Newman in the final of the league. After going a goal down early on, the girls were resilient and drew the game. During extra time, the girls took the lead but unfortunately in the dying seconds Cardinal Newman equalised. Despite some great goalkeeping and great penalties being taken, Cardinal Newman won the game and ultimately the league.



The girls then met Cardinal Newman again during the first week back, this time with both teams looking to win the Cup. Once again, Cleves were a goal down early on but managed to equalise. Cardinal Newman were clearly the better side and after a tiring second half, Cleves were defeated 6-1. As disappointed as they were, it was a well deserved victory for a very strong Cardinal Newman team.

Mr Woods would like to thank all the girls that have represented Cleves this year, especially the Year 6s and we wish them the best of luck as they move to secondary school. We hope that many of them continue to play for their school or local team. Mr Woods

## **CRICKET**

Back in June, Cleves entered the Year 5/6 District Girls Cricket competition held at Cobham Avorians. With the Year 6 girls on their residential trip, we entered a team of just Year 5s and it was a hugely enjoyable afternoon of cricket. Our first game saw us face Burhill who we beat by over 20 runs and managed to not lose a single wicket. We then played Claygate, St James and Hurst Park and despite losing each of them narrowly, I couldn't have been more impressed with the girls. Particularly well done to those girls who hadn't played competitive cricket before. I was really impressed with just how quickly they picked it up and the progress they made across the afternoon. Well done! Mr Smith





## League Matches

A wonderful end to the official cricket matches this year saw both teams achieve success in the local School's League. The boys completed a well earned victory against Burhill, to progress through to the final with a very commanding batting display racking up over 100 runs in the process. The final saw a competitive fixture against Ashley. Cleves were always on top with another fine display with both the bat and the ball. The final margin of victory was 50 runs - capping a fabulous display.



On the following day, the girls headed to Notre Dame for a Final match against Burhill. Having narrowly lost to them earlier in the competition the girls were keen for success this time round. A very controlled batting display saw Cleves score over 50 runs but the bowling/fielding really stole the show, regularly taking wickets to keep the opposition in check. In the end a victory by 19 runs - well deserved champions.



## **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! Well done to Antonina who was the highest scoring girl across all schools



## **NETBALL**

In the middle of June, seven year 5 children represented Cleves in a netball rally at Burhill school. Despite the incredibly hot temperatures, all of the team played brilliantly well and came 3rd in the tournament. Narrowly missing out on second place by one point! Well done to all involved and to Miss Hunter for coaching them this year. The team - Lucas, Betsy, Eloise, Alba, Leah, Chloe and Elodie.

## **BIATHLON**

Huge congratulations to the 16 girls who took part in the Biathlon event at Notre Dame at the beginning of July. The girls took part in a 50m/100m swim followed by a 600m run. They had to manage the transition completely independently which included putting shoes on wet feet!

The girls should be extremely proud of themselves - despite the understandable nerves at the beginning they all did brilliantly well and it was a great experience for them.



## CONGRATULATIONS

A huge well done to the 13 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, Miss Hunter and Mr Keirs 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

A huge congratulations to all of our pupils for the four very successful sports days. All the Cleves staff were exceptionally impressed with the level of sportsmanship, determination and effort in every carousel activity and competitive race. We clearly have some very talented pupils in our school!

The results were as follows

- 1st Arundel
- 2nd Windsor
- 3rd Warwick
- 4th York

## GEORGIA CARMICHAEL VISIT

Back in June, we were very lucky to welcome a special visitor for the day. Georgia Carmichael, a Para GB rower, came to Cleves to deliver a fitness session to all 24 classes. Each session included some very intense circuits and exercises, which definitely put the pupils through their paces. Across the school, every child immersed themselves into her challenges and loved every minute. During a very inspiring assembly, Georgia spoke about her perseverance with her ongoing battles and amazing achievements so far, leaving us all even bigger fans. What a truly inspiring day we had! Be sure to look out for Georgia at the World Championships in September! Mr Mulea



## 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.



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 - 25 pupils

Burhill - 330 pupils

St Charles - 150 pupils

Grovelands - 360 pupils

St James - 90 pupils

Walton Oak - 90 pupils

Bell Farm - 30 pupils

Oatlands School - 90 pupils

Cleves - 520 pupils

This is a total of 2135 pupils across 11 schools which is fantastic!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Congratulations to Dominik from 4M who finished the BMX National Series in a brilliant 5th place. There were a total of 55 riders in his age group. He is now in training before flying to Copenhagen where Dominik will compete on 29th of July at the BMX World championships. Good luck Dominik and congratulations on your achievements.



## GIRLS RUGBY

Following the success of the final OC's tournament for the Girls Rugby, we wanted to share the following items in order that Cleves children have the opportunity to continue their sports even when not in School - Girls Rugby at Reeds

In addition, the following video also showcases the offering at Reeds RFC, which many of our children attend over the year: [Reeds Rebels Video 2025.mp4](#)

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