

It has been another incredibly busy and successful term of sport at Cleves, with a huge number of pupils representing the school across a wide range of competitions, festivals and events.

Across football, athletics, swimming, dodgeball, cross country and a number of new competitions, the children have shown fantastic commitment, resilience and teamwork. It has also been particularly pleasing to see such high levels of participation across the school, with a large proportion of pupils already representing Cleves this year and many more opportunities still to come.

PARTICIPATION AND EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT

It has been fantastic to see such high levels of participation in sport across the school this year.

So far, a large proportion of pupils have already had the opportunity to represent Cleves in competitive sport. In Years 3, 4 and 6, around 70% of pupils have represented the school, while participation in Year 5 (61%) continues to grow as more opportunities take place throughout the year.

Just as pleasing has been the level of engagement in extra-curricular sport. Across the school, between 76% and 84% of pupils in each year group have attended at least one sports club, which is a fantastic reflection of both the variety of clubs on offer and the enthusiasm of the children.

It is also particularly encouraging to see that participation is very evenly balanced between boys and girls, and that pupils across all groups are accessing opportunities.

As we move into the summer term, we are on track for:

- All pupils in Years 3 and 4 to represent the school at least once
- A significant majority of pupils in Years 5 and 6 to do the same
- All pupils, including those eligible for PPG and SEND, to have had the opportunity to take part in both competitive sport and extra-curricular clubs

This level of participation is something we are extremely proud of and reflects the inclusive and wide-ranging sporting provision at Cleves.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS DISTRICT AND COUNTY CHAMPIONS

A huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics team who back at the beginning of March were crowned district champions at Walton Heathside for the 16th consecutive year.

The team performed brilliantly across all track and field events and were clear winners on the day. This is a fantastic achievement and a real reward for the group, who have shown great commitment by attending training every Thursday morning since October.



Just this week, they competed in the Surrey County Finals, facing the ten other top schools in Surrey in what proved to be a truly exciting afternoon. It was fantastic to see the Cleves athletes pushed and challenged by such strong competition.

On the track, we performed exceptionally well - winning several races and consistently placing highly in those we didn't. In the field events, it was harder to gauge our standing, but as athletes returned, they frequently reported impressive scores and numerous personal bests.

As we gathered for the final results, we knew we were in contention, though it was clear that several other schools were performing strongly too. The tension built as the announcements counted down to the final three, then the final two - and, incredibly, we were the last school to be named: Surrey County Champions, winning by just six points.

An outstanding achievement by a remarkable group of athletes who have worked incredibly hard and supported one another throughout. Well done!



PRIMARY FITNESS GAMES

One of the highlights of the term was the introduction of the Primary Fitness Games, a brand-new competition.

Ten girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in the event at Seaton House School, competing in a series of physically demanding, timed team challenges. The weather conditions on the day were extremely challenging, but the girls showed incredible resilience and determination throughout.

They worked brilliantly as a team, supporting each other and maintaining a fantastic attitude despite the conditions. At the end of the competition, they were deservedly crowned overall winners and will now return on 8th May to compete in the finals.



FOOTBALL ROUND UP

It has been another outstanding and very busy term for football at Cleves, with a large number of fixtures across all teams.

The girls' team have continued their excellent form this term. In a league fixture against Bell Farm, they produced a dominant performance to win 4–0, controlling the game from start to finish. This was followed by a cup match against Grovelands, where the girls delivered another outstanding display, winning 10–0. Their movement, teamwork and attacking play were excellent throughout, and they remain top of their league. They now progress to the league and cup finals after Easter.

The girls also had the opportunity to compete in the Premier League regional finals, where they played some excellent football against very strong opposition, narrowly missing out on qualification for the national finals. They have also gone on to represent Cleves at the Chelsea FC finals, which is a fantastic achievement.

The Year 6 boys' A team have also had a very strong term. In league action, they recorded wins against St James, Bell Farm and more recently Ashley. They progressed to the League Cup

semi-finals, showing great composure and resilience in a tight quarter-final victory against St Cuthberts. They face St Charles in the semi final after Easter as well as the league finals.

The boys also competed in the AFC Wimbledon Kids Cup Final, responding brilliantly after an early defeat to win all of their remaining group games and reach the semi-finals, where they were narrowly beaten in golden goal after a dramatic finish.

In addition, they reached the Surrey County Finals (Pokémon Cup), progressing through the group stage unbeaten before losing in a penalty shoot-out in the semi-finals.

The Year 5 boys' A team have also had an excellent run of form. They recorded an impressive 9–1 victory over Cardinal Newman, followed by a strong 3–0 win over Ashley, keeping them top of the league and overall league champions.

On Thursday, the Cleves Boys A team were in action for the final time of the year! This week, the team were at the annual Royal Holloway Tournament against various schools competing for the trophy! The fixtures kicked off with group stage matchups, where Cleves beat Stepgates 4-0 and St Cuthberts 1-0 to win the group. The knockout rounds came round and Cleves were matched against Cardinal Newman in the quarter final. The boys showed their clinical finishing, winning 5-0 to progress into the semi-final. Cobham Free School were the opponents in the semifinal clash and Cleves came out on top, winning a comfortable 2-0. After working so hard throughout the day, the boys had made it to the final, which was against Manorcroft. The game was highly contested and both teams pushed for a winner but even after extra time, penalties was the only way to decide it. Cleves came out on top and were deserving winners of the entire tournament! A huge, huge congratulations to all the boys for their performances and for taking back another trophy to Cleves. What a way to end the football season!



There have also been further opportunities through B team fixtures and tournaments, ensuring that as many pupils as possible have had the chance to represent the school. The B team have won the league and narrowly missed out on a cup semi final place after a narrow lose to Burhill.

What's more, just this week, twenty year 3/4 girls took part in a football festival held at Cleves involving St James and Cardinal Newman. It was a great afternoon of football with some excellent football on show. The future for girls football at Cleves is certainly looking bright.



DODGEBALL

Dodgeball has been another real success this half term.

We hosted the WWHSP Dodgeball Competition at Cleves, with a large number of pupils taking part. Our teams performed extremely well, with the Year 5/6 teams finishing 1st and 3rd, and the Year 3/4 teams finishing 2nd and 3rd.

At a higher level, a team of nine Year 6 pupils competed in the East Surrey Dodgeball Championships at Redhill. They remained unbeaten in the group stage, progressed to the semi-finals and went on to finish as runners-up overall—a fantastic achievement in a very strong competition.



CROSS COUNTRY

A team of 23 pupils represented Cleves at the Impact AC Cross Country Championships at Bedfont Lakes, competing against nine other local schools over a challenging 2km course.

There were a number of outstanding individual performances:

- Year 5 Girls: 1st and 3rd
- Year 5 Boys: 2nd
- Year 6 Boys: 1st and 2nd

In addition, Cleves finished 1st overall in the Year 5 girls, Year 5 boys and Year 6 boys categories.

A huge well done to everyone who took part.



Then, just last weekend there was the district cross country competition at Notre Dame School in Cobham. It was an incredibly successful morning of competition with the Cleves runners excelling in all age groups.

Team Results

- Under 9s girls team runners up
- Under 9s boys team winners
- Under 10s girls team runners up

- Under 11s boys team winners

Top 10 individual placings

- Under 9s Girls - Amber 2nd, Ella 10th
- Under 9s Boys - Freddie 1st, Rowan 2nd, Jenson 4th, Finlay 6th
- Under 10s Girls - Larisa 6th
- Under 10s Boys - Joseph 5th
- Under 11s Girls - Betsy 10th
- Under 11s Boys - Edward 3rd, Bert 5th, Oscar 7th

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part and gave up their Saturday morning. The training throughout the year has certainly paid off.



SWIMMING

Swimming continues to go from strength to strength at Cleves this term, with some excellent performances and opportunities for a large number of pupils to take part.

Earlier in the term, we competed in a swimming gala at ACS Cobham, where we took a full squad of swimmers across Years 3 to 6. It was fantastic to see all 32 members of the squad involved, representing the school with great enthusiasm and determination.

The gala provided a brilliant opportunity for pupils to compete across a range of races against strong opposition. The results were very pleasing:

- Year 3 – 3rd place
- Year 4 – 2nd place
- Year 5 – 1st place
- Year 6 – 2nd place

A special mention must go to the Year 5 team, who finished first and, for the first time, placed ahead of ACS Cobham—an excellent achievement and a reflection of the progress made in swimming.

More recently, four pupils represented Cleves at the Surrey Primary Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum, competing against a wide range of schools from across the county and performing with great determination. Only yesterday did we hear that the team has qualified for the regional finals in April as one of the fastest 16 schools across Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Hampshire. An amazing achievement.



NETBALL ROUNDUP

This term has been a fantastic one for both our Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams. The Year 6 team played brilliantly at a recent netball rally hosted by Holy Family and were unlucky not to progress through to the semi-finals. They lost their opening match 4–1 but responded superbly with a 5–0 win. In a tough final game, they narrowly missed out, losing by just one goal in the final minutes. The team played brilliantly together throughout, with great teamwork shown by Betsy, Eloise,

Lucas X, Elodie and Chloe M, who scored 3 goals. Leah added 2 goals and contributed brilliant defence, alongside outstanding defensive efforts, particularly from Nandha.

Both Year 5 and Year 6 teams have represented Cleves in a number of fixtures against different schools this term, demonstrating excellent skill and sportsmanship. In their most recent matches on Thursday, the Year 5 team secured an impressive 8–0 victory, while the Year 6 team followed up with a strong 5–0 win.

Well done to all the children who have represented Cleves this year—you have done the school proud. Although netball has now finished for the year as it is a winter sport, it has been wonderful to see so many children taking part and enjoying the game. We hope to see many of our Year 5 players continue their netball journey into Year 6, and that our Year 6 pupils carry on playing at secondary school.



RUNNING CLUB - MARATHON CHALLENGE

Just this week, we awarded our first Marathon medals of the year to a total of 136 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 who 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.



WWHSP PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Cleves continues to play a leading role in the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership (WWHSP), working closely with local schools to provide inclusive, well-organised and enjoyable sporting opportunities for pupils.



WWHSP
Walton, Weybridge, Hersham Sports Partnership

This term, Cleves has already hosted a number of successful WWHSP events, welcoming schools from across the partnership to events such as a mini olympics, sportshall athletics, girls football and dodgeball. These events have allowed large numbers of pupils to represent their school in a supportive and competitive environment, while also developing confidence and a love of sport. The recent mini olympics competition saw 3GR crowned overall winners.

A particularly pleasing aspect of this work has been the continued leadership shown by Cleves pupils, who continue to support the organisation and smooth running of events, setting a positive example to others.

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

- The rearranged year 3/4 girls football festival and year 3/4 sportshall competition
- 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

DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS

At the start of next half term, we will be holding District Sports trials during PE and games lessons.

These sessions will give pupils the opportunity to take part in a range of athletics events, including sprinting, middle-distance running, throwing and jumping, with the aim of selecting a team to represent Cleves later in the term.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that this year we will only be able to enter one team, which will limit the number of pupils able to take part in the final event. We understand this may be disappointing given the strength of athletics we have across the school but this is a decision which is out of our control.

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

As we move into the summer term, work will be taking place on the school field to improve the quality and long-term usability of the space.

This important work will improve drainage, overall grass coverage and allow the field to be used more consistently throughout the year. In the long term, this will have a significant positive impact on PE lessons, extra-curricular sport and competitive fixtures.

During this period, there will unfortunately be a temporary reduction in some extra-curricular sports clubs, particularly those that rely on the field. We will continue to offer as many opportunities as possible using indoor and hard-surface spaces, and normal provision will resume as soon as the work is completed.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for their continued support in helping to make this project possible. Their support has a direct and lasting impact on the opportunities we are able to provide for the children.

PE CURRICULUM UPDATE

This term, we have introduced a new PE scheme across the school called GetSet4PE, led by our PE Coordinator, Mr Mulea.



A significant amount of planning has gone into this to ensure that there is a clear progression of skills across all year groups, particularly supporting the transition from Year 2 into Key Stage 2, as well as building consistently through to Year 6.

Mr Mulea has also delivered staff training to support the introduction of the new scheme, and it has been very well received by staff across the school.

It has been fantastic to see the impact already in lessons, with pupils showing high levels of engagement and benefiting from well-structured and progressive learning. We are looking forward to continuing to develop this further as we move into the summer term.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Congratulations to Diya in year 6 who won a gold medal in her judo club's annual championship recently. She won all of her fights which is amazing! Congratulations also to Oscar in year 6 who recently won a tennis competition, his first as a Head sponsored player.



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.

It has been a fantastic term of sport at Cleves, with a huge number of pupils representing the school, trying new activities and achieving great success.

What has stood out most is the attitude of the children—their enthusiasm, resilience and willingness to get involved in every opportunity.

A huge well done to everyone who has taken part this term, and thank you to all the staff and parents whose support has made such a wide and successful sporting provision possible.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach