

The first half of the summer term has gone by in a flash. It's always a busy half term with the introduction of summer sports such as cricket, rounders and athletics whilst many of the winter sports come to a conclusion with finals and further festivals. At the time of writing this newsletter, we have already had a number of key events take place this half term but these will be reported in our next sports newsletter.

In the last six weeks, an additional 94 children have represented the school in a competition or festival for the first time making it a total of 558 who have done so in this academic year. Due to the improvement works to the field, our summer extra curricular provision has been somewhat limited in the last six weeks but nonetheless there have still been cricket, dodgeball, pickleball and physifun clubs taking place at lunchtimes. This is in addition to the provision provided by our externally run clubs and groups. These are really impressive figures and I would like to congratulate all the pupils that take part in these opportunities.

There's lots to report on below and I hope you also enjoy looking through the many photographs.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK PLATINUM AWARD

We are delighted to announce that Cleves has once again been awarded the prestigious Platinum School Games Mark — the fifth time the school has achieved this outstanding recognition.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to the development of competition across school sport and for encouraging participation in physical activity. Achieving Platinum status reflects the exceptional opportunities provided for students both within curriculum PE and through our extensive extracurricular programme.

This award is a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, parents and wider school community who always grasp every opportunity presented to them.

Particular praise must go to the staff involved, whose hard work and passion continue to inspire participation and success across the school. From competitive fixtures and inclusive clubs to leadership opportunities and inter-house events, sport remains an integral part of life at Cleves.

To receive the Platinum School Games Mark for a fifth time is a remarkable achievement and highlights the sustained commitment Cleves has made to promoting healthy, active lifestyles and ensuring every student has the opportunity to enjoy and succeed in sport.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing to build on this success in the years ahead.



CRICKET

The cricket season is well and truly underway with matches and tournaments coming thick and fast for our Year 5/6 girls and boys. It's also great to see so many children regularly attending our cricket clubs at lunchtime - there is certainly some really strong emerging talent. Here is a quick summary of what took place last half term.

Year 5 Girls Elmbridge Tournament

The beginning of May saw the first cricket competition of the year, with the Year 5 girls taking part in the district event held at Cobham Avorians Cricket Club. For many of the eight girls representing Cleves, this was their first experience of competitive cricket, having recently joined the Monday lunchtime club.

Eight schools attended the event and were split into two groups of four. The Cleves girls made a fantastic start, winning their opening game by just five runs, thanks to a brilliant final over from Charlotte Laws. They carried this momentum into their second match, where they comfortably defeated Chandlers Field.

This set up a decisive final group game against Hinchley Wood. Despite some excellent fielding from Cleves, they were unable to post a competitive total and suffered their first defeat. Agonisingly, this meant they missed out on progressing to the Cup competition on runs scored. However there was still the Plate competition to play for.

In the semi-final of the Plate, the team showed great improvement in both batting and communication, securing a convincing win over St James by more than 20 runs. This set up a final against Hurst Park.

Batting first, Cleves set a target of 50 runs. The match went down to the final over, but a superb catch from Georgia, combined with excellent fielding from Nella, ensured a narrow and very exciting victory by six runs.

Winning four out of five matches and taking home the Plate trophy is a fantastic achievement. A brilliant day of cricket and a huge well done to Mafalda, Georgia, Nella, Jessica, Isla, Charlotte, Zoe and Amanda.



Cricket League

This week saw the annual year 5/6 cricket league get underway at Cobham Avorians. On Monday the boys played two games against two different Grovelands teams and were successful in both. The batting was of a very high quality with runs scored at a very fast rate while not giving away wickets. This was backed up by accurate and energetic bowling and fielding. A high quality start by the boys squad.

On Tuesday the girls played against Notre Dame in their first league match. A very tight match saw Notre Dame emerge winners by just 11 runs. The fielding and batting was particularly strong from the Cleves girls, they just need to tighten up their bowling in the next round of matches.

Girls Starburst Cricket

To wrap up the week the Y5/6 girls played a fixture against St George's in the Starburst Cup. The girls did brilliantly well against a talented St George's side and despite losing, they can take a number of positives, particularly their impressive fielding skills!

MINI MARATHON

Huge congratulations to the 40 Cleves pupils who took part in the London Mini Marathon on Saturday 26th April. This saw them all run the distance of 1 mile or 2.6km around the iconic streets of London, finishing up on The Mall.

A hugely enjoyable and memorable occasion and I hope many have been inspired to run the actual marathon when they are older.





SWIMMING

Following the team's fantastic performance at the Surrey Primary Swimming Championships back in March, we were delighted to learn that Cleves had qualified for the Regional Championships. This prestigious event brings together the top schools from Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex and Kent.

An incredible achievement in itself, the team qualified in both the freestyle relay and medley relay events—marking the first time Cleves has reached this level in both categories.

The Regional Finals took place at the end of April at Guildford Spectrum, where our four swimmers represented the school with determination and pride. Their effort, commitment and teamwork were outstanding throughout.

Competing against some of the strongest swimmers in the South East, the team finished around 14th place in both events—an impressive result at such a high level. This means we can proudly say that Cleves has some of the best young swimmers in the South East of England.

A huge well done to Mafalda, Thomas, Amelia and Jessica for their fantastic achievement!



PRIMARY FITNESS GAMES GRAND FINALS

At the beginning of June, the grand finals of the Primary Fitness Games took place at Seaton House School and featured the top ten schools, all of whom had progressed from the qualifying events. Unlike the qualifiers, this competition followed an 'all against all' format, meaning that our two Cleves teams also competed against one another.

Unfortunately, Matilda was unable to take part due to injury and was replaced by Vittoria, who was absolutely brilliant on the day. We also adjusted the teams slightly, entering one Year 5 team and one Year 6 team.

The competition consisted of four separate workouts, each lasting 12 minutes. Just like at the qualifying event, the girls spent a great deal of time preparing beforehand and this certainly showed throughout the day.

I genuinely could not have been prouder of the girls. They were simply outstanding from start to finish, working incredibly hard during every workout and supporting one another superbly throughout the competition.

Incredibly, the Year 5 team were the top scorers in every single workout and were deservedly crowned overall champions with a maximum of 400 points. The Year 6 team were not far behind, finishing runners-up in three of the four workouts and securing an excellent second-place finish overall.

An amazing 1st and 2nd place finish for Cleves. Whilst I understand that some of the Year 6 pupils may have been a little disappointed to be beaten by the Year 5 team, they should be enormously proud of what they achieved. In my eyes, Cleves were the overall winners.

Congratulations to Beth, Mafalda, Georgia, Nella, Jessica, Mila, Eloise, Elodie, Vittoria and Amara. They are such a fantastic group of girls and they truly left their mark on this competition



SPORTS DAY

Our annual sports day this year takes place on the following dates:

- Year 5 - Wednesday 24th June (am)
- Year 6 - Wednesday 24th June (pm)
- Year 3 - Thursday 25th June (am)
- Year 4 - Thursday 25th June (pm)

Your child will require a coloured t-shirt to wear to match their house colour.

- Arundel - Red
- York - Yellow
- Warwick - Green
- Windsor - Blue

Parents are very welcome to come along and spectate and support.

WWHSP PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

With Cleves taking the lead on the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership, we have continued to host, organise and lead a number of sporting festivals this half term. This has included a year 3 mini olympics competition which saw 3J and 3M take part in as well as a year 3/4 sportshall competition which saw Cleves secure victory. The mini olympics competitions were led brilliantly by our Year 6 Sports Crew.

For the remainder of the summer term there are more competitions and festivals planned which include

- Mini Olympics for years 2, 4 and 5
- Year 2 Football Festival

I look forward to reporting on these in future newsletters.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Huge congratulations to Dominik who has enjoyed an impressive start to the BMX racing season, competing in both the UEC BMX Euro Cup series and the British National series. Highlights include reaching the finals in the Netherlands with a fantastic 5th place finish and an outstanding quarter-final win against three World Championship finalists. He has also secured strong results in the British Nationals against some of the UK's top riders. Congratulations to Dominik on his hard work, dedication, and success on the international stage.



Congratulations also to Charlotte who enjoyed a fantastic end to the hockey season as goalkeeper for Surbiton U10 at the IN2HOCKEY U10 Cup Finals at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre. The team won two matches and drew one, finishing the tournament without conceding a single goal to lift the cup. Charlotte made several excellent saves throughout the competition. This was an outstanding achievement, especially as over 200 teams entered the tournament, with only four reaching the finals. Congratulations to Charlotte and her team on a superb season.



Congratulations to Mia from 6S who recently took part in a national level gymnastics competition in Stoke. Mia and her partner came 5th - meaning they came 5th in the UK! Well done!



This rounds up a very busy spring term of sporting action. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place for the remainder of the school year.

Mr Smith - Sports Coach