

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 09/05/25



Sports clubs have started up this week and we have had record numbers attend our summer offerings. It is lovely to see so many children giving a sport a go. Thank you to the staff who give up their lunchtimes to provide the opportunities for the children.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

What an exciting week it has been in **Year 3!** We were absolutely thrilled to see our Living Eggs all hatch, and they visited each of the Year 3 classrooms for a day. The delight on the children's faces as they interacted with our new feathered friends was priceless. We finished off our butterfly life cycle explanation texts in Literacy this week and the children have worked hard to use conjunctions and fronted adverbials to extend their sentences. In Maths, we have dived into our geometry unit, exploring turns, lines, and angles. The children are really enjoying discovering how these concepts shape the world around them. Our topic work continues with a fascinating exploration of where rainforests are located and an investigation into the world's climates and biomes. In Art, we're further developing our self-portrait skills, focusing on the size and proportion of facial features. The results are coming along beautifully! In RE, we are looking at how different religions express faith through art. This week, we've focused on Islamic art, with the children designing their very own prayer mats. In PSHE we have been discussing our emotions and it has been wonderful to see the children talking openly about good and bad feelings. We have looked at different ways we can increase our good feelings and what to do when we find ourselves in the bad 'feels'. Finally, we have to mention 3A's assembly on George and the Dragon which was amazing! The children showcased their talents brilliantly, and it was a joy to see the hard work they put into their performances. Well done, 3A!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12/5 - 15/5 End of KS2 tests (SATS)
- 12/5 - Y3 Residential Q&A drop in - 3:30pm (3A & 3J Classrooms)
- **13/5 - 16/5 - Year 5 residential to IOW**
- 15/5 - Y3 Residential Q&A drop in - 3:30 (3A & 3J Classrooms)
- 16/5 - Y3 NHM Visit - Classes 3H & 3J
- 16/5 - 4M Class Assembly - 1.30 and 2.45
- 19/5 - Boys Cricket League match
- 20/5 - Year 5 Cricket Competition - pm
- 21/5 - Cleves Summer Concert - 6pm
- 22/5 - Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament - pm
- 22/5 - Cleves Summer Concert - 6pm
- 23/5 - Y5/Y6 Girls Football Final - Xcel
- 23/5 - 3HM Class Assembly - 1.30 and 2.45
- **23/5 - End of half term - 3.15pm finish**

## THIS WEEK

We hope you all enjoyed your three day weekend. A short school week this week but no less busy. All of our living eggs have now hatched and the Year 3 classes have been enjoying the company of 10 fluffy (and noisy!) chicks. Thank you to Mrs Poole who organises the Living Eggs each year and ensures the chicks get the best start in life.

After a fantastic few days away at Hooke Court, **Year 4** have returned full of stories and are back into the swing of learning with great enthusiasm! In Literacy, the children have continued exploring riddles and kennings poetry, writing their own imaginative and creative pieces. In Maths, they've started an exciting new unit focusing on time - learning how to read an analogue clock and understanding different units of measure. During PAG, the children revisited how to correctly punctuate direct speech, while in Spellings, they explored the /k/ sound spelt with <ch>. In Whole Class Reading, the children continued their journey through the gripping novel *Kensuke's Kingdom*. In Science, they explored how animals can be grouped as vertebrates and invertebrates, making thoughtful observations and comparisons. In Computing, the children began learning about the importance of coding and started developing their own coding skills using Scratch. In History, they've been continuing with the topic of Invaders and Settlers, exploring the fascinating legacy left behind by the Romans. In Art, some children put the finishing touches on their abstract architecture pieces, while others began a brand-new unit exploring the techniques of wonderful weaving. In RE, they've been reflecting on the story of the Last Supper and its significance. In PSHE, the children have been discussing the importance of physical and mental wellbeing, thinking about how to take care of themselves and support others. In PE, they've continued to enjoy Gymnastics, learning to travel and move confidently across equipment such as the vault and beam. During Games lessons, the focus has been on Athletics and Cricket, with children practising their running and throwing skills with great enthusiasm. It's been a fun and fulfilling week of learning, and we look forward to what next week brings!

**Year 5** have had another short but busy week and have thoroughly enjoyed all of our learning! We have come to the end of our decimals unit in Maths and consolidated all our learning around this. In Geography, we have looked in more detail at how mountains are formed. We have also continued our Science unit, carrying out some practical investigations into gears, levers and pulleys. In DT, we have started to experiment with different bridge designs, ready to build the complete bridge in a couple of weeks' time. We're all looking forward to

the residential and activity week next week! Our **Year 6** pupils have been working incredibly hard as we continue our SATs preparation – we're very proud of the effort and determination they're showing each day. A big thank you to everyone who auditioned for the upcoming Year 6 performance – the talent and enthusiasm on display will make it a tough job for our casting team! Best of luck to those who are training and trying out for the District Sports – we're already cheering you on. Meanwhile, we're still enjoying diving deeper into our fascinating WWII topic, uncovering stories and experiences from the past. After such a busy and productive week, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful weekend.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY\HOUSE REWARDS

Our Celebration Assemblies have returned. With Year 4 away at Hooke Court, we chose the children who remained at school (the 'non-trippers') for their enthusiasm and excellent attitude to their learning activities. We are resetting expectations around lunchtime behaviour and look forward to awarding this again next week.

The winning classes this week are as follows:

Best Uniform	3A
Best Lunchtime Behaviour	-
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	3J
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	non trippers
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	5D
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	6TS

Of the classes chosen above, 3J were chosen as Class of the Week and have enjoyed eating first all week. Well done 3J!

Squad: Andrew, Eli, Farzam, Otto, Owen, Roland, Swanik, Will

## SPORTS NEWS

### Swimming Gala

Tuesday afternoon saw the annual Cobham Cup take place at ACS Cobham. This saw 18 of our Year 5/6 swimmers compete against four other schools; ACS Cobham, Royal Kent, Lyne and Longcross and Grovelands. There were a number of individual and relay races which saw some really exciting and close finishes.

Our swimmers were brilliant and secured bronze medals, finishing third overall. Congratulations to all that took part.



### Y6 Cricket

On Tuesday the Y6 Cricket team travelled to St Paul's school in Richmond for a hardball fixture, in Surrey's Geoff Richard's Trophy.

On a beautiful cricket square, the Cleves team elected to field first. We proceeded to put on a very good fielding and bowling performance against a very strong St Paul's batting lineup.

St Paul's eventually scored 93 runs. Cleves batted very well, when their turn came, in the face of a fierce bowling attack. Cleves finally achieved 72 - not quite enough. The boys played very well considering it was the first outing of the season - it bodes well for the rest of our schedule. Thank you as ever to the parents that were able to support with transport, your assistance is invaluable.



### Netball News

This week, Year 5 played two friendly matches away at Cobham Free School. The first team to play came back from 3-1 to end the game on a draw. The teams were very evenly matched! Amara was captain and was also chosen as player of the match.

Well done - Amara A, Shiwon S, Zara E, Matilda D, Keira M, Connie L and Nandha K.

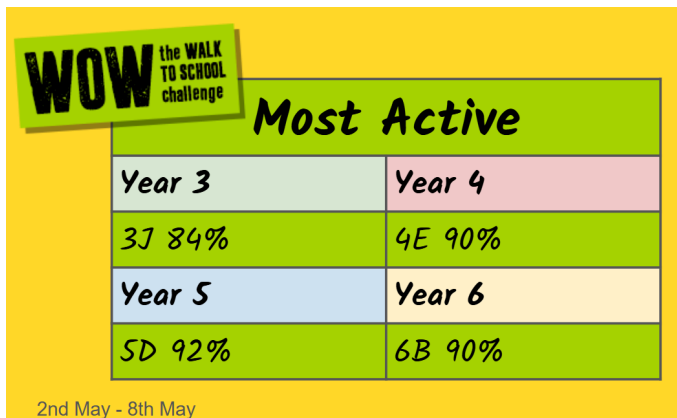
Next up, our first team played a very fast paced game and Leah managed to quickly score. Cleves were winning within the first quarter and held on despite Cobham having many attempts to equalise. In the final quarter, Cobham came back and managed to score 3 points within a few minutes. Although the teams were exhausted, they showed great support and teamwork. Chloe was an excellent captain once again and Lucas was awarded player of the match.

Well done - Leah S, Betsy M, Eloise M, Elodie C, Lucas X, Chloe M and Alba B.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

Please see below for this week's Active Travel results. Well done all and keep it up!





where you will see the entrance to the multimedia room.

Please note that the bike and scooter racks will now be placed with the existing racks along the path by the car park and near the Year 5 block. If you cycle or scoot to school, please **ONLY** use the bungalow gate or the field gate entrances where there is easy access to secure your bikes and scooters.

If your child attends Early Risers, please ensure they disembark at the front gate and **walk** to the cycle racks to put their bikes/scooters away before going to Early Risers.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the cumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	4166
Arundel	4346
York	4374
Warwick	4617

## ECO NEWS

### Calcium

Children need calcium to build strong bones. The body's need for calcium is at its highest point between the ages of 9 years and 18 years old. Milk, cheese and yoghurt is a great source of this.



## PATH CLOSURE

From **Monday 24th March**, we will be repairing the pathway that leads from the front entrance to the GAP entrance, therefore the path will be closed and out of use until further notice.

If your child attends GAP, please collect them from the multimedia room. After entering the school gates, take the right hand path before you reach Reception and follow it round to the playground,

## STATIONERY SHOP

### Break-time Stationery Shop

The essential's stationery shop will be running next week:

Break time: Tuesday for Lower School and Thursdays for Upper School by 4L

Prices:

Glue sticks £1

Whiteboard pens 30p

Rulers 20p

Pencils 20p

Rubber 10p

Friction pen £1.50

If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time. They will only be allowed to purchase one of each item at a time.

## VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancies:

- Site Assistant - please [click here](#) to view application details on Eteach
- Midday Supervisors - please [click here](#) to view application details on Eteach.
- Gap Playworkers - please [click here](#) to view application details on Eteach.

## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

### Y3 - Living Eggs - Chick Hatching Programme

