

Cleves School

Newsletter- 4/07/25



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 7/7-10/7 Tuning Up instrumental concerts
- 9/7 - Year 5 visit to Kew Gardens, 5M, 5S
- 10/7 - Year 6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Oatlands
- 11/7 - Y2 Football Festival
- 11/7 - PTA Summer discos - Y3, Y4 & Y5
- 11/7 - Year 4 Outdoor Learning
- 18/7 - Y6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm
- **22/7 - End of term 1.45pm**

THIS WEEK

Just a quick reminder that, as mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Tuning Up concerts take place this week. I know the children are looking forward to showing you what they have learnt.

Our photo this week shows the group of children who visited the Hampton Court Flower Show this week and proudly showed off their Bug Barrel.

And finally, as the weather is set to be cooler in the earlier part of next week, can we please ask that children wear full uniform, including ties neatly tied with top buttons done up as usual. Should the weather become hotter, later in the week we may

relax uniform rules once more, but we will let you know.

Have a restful weekend.

In **Year 3** this week, we have been doing lots of exciting activities in the classroom and outside of the classroom! We have all been working hard on our non-chronological reports about our chosen rainforest animals. We've done a fantastic job including making sure we had interesting titles, subheadings, topic vocabulary, statistics, and pictures, and the results in their Special Writing Books are fantastic. In Maths, we've been focusing on division, with a particular emphasis on dividing by 10 and 100. The children have also been exploring different methods of sharing and grouping to help them grasp this important concept. Many classes have also been busy programming with LEGO We Do. The kids have enjoyed writing algorithms and tweaking the code to make their LEGO creations move. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and problem-solving skills in action! Today, we had a brilliant Outdoor Learning Day where we helped a dragon get back his fire breath by making magic nature potions. The children learned how to make fire using flint and steel, with many successfully creating sparks and even a small flame! We talked about fire safety, the science behind the friction in flint and steel, and what is needed to make fire. Additionally, we crafted clay animals decorated with natural materials we collected during our adventures. A wonderful morning had by all outside in nature. Looking ahead, we're all very excited about our upcoming trip to Sayers Croft! The staff and children are looking forward to the fantastic experiences and the memories we'll create together. **Year 4** have been putting their knowledge of balanced diets to test this week in both Science and DT. We've recapped food groups, planned meals, tasted breads and planned recipes too! All we need to do now is gather some extra ingredients this weekend and we'll all be qualified Saxon Chefs by the end of next week!

Year 5 have had a fantastic week packed with creativity, exploration and discovery! In Maths, the children have been continuing their work on shapes, with a particular focus on the properties of 3D shapes. They've been identifying edges, vertices and faces and comparing how different shapes are constructed. Through practical activities and investigations, the children are deepening their understanding of geometry and applying their knowledge in problem-solving tasks. In Literacy, we've begun an exciting new unit on endangered species. The children are researching a variety of animals and will be writing information texts to inform and raise awareness about the challenges these species face. It's been inspiring to see their passion for wildlife and conservation come through in their work. This week, classes 5N, 5J, 5H and 5D visited **Kew Gardens** as part of our Science learning. The trip gave pupils a hands-on opportunity to explore plant life and develop their understanding of plant reproduction and life cycles. It was a fantastic day of learning among the stunning glasshouses and gardens. In **Topic**, the children have been travelling (virtually!) through the Alps and Himalayas, researching the tallest peaks in each mountain range. They've been fascinated by their formation and their extreme altitudes and climates. Finally, in Art, the children are working on their final Georgia O'Keeffe inspired canvases, using tissue paper and PVA to bring their flower designs to life in bold, three-dimensional form. The results are already looking stunning! We have had a very busy week in **Year 6!** We have all now finished our Non-Chronological Reports on the Evacuees during World War II and we are definitely now experts on the subject. We have also enjoyed making our own propaganda posters too! We have been designing and building our own Theme Park in Maths where we have been calculating all our expenses, the running of the park and ensuring we are still making a profit. We all had a fantastic time visiting our new secondary schools this week and are looking forward to the new challenges we will be facing in September. We have been busy learning all the choreography for our production and have been working extremely hard. We cannot wait for everyone to come and see our fantastic pantomime! We hope everyone has a very restful weekend; ready for another week!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY\HOUSE REWARDS

The results of this week's Celebration Assembly of the half term can be seen below. 5D has been awarded Class of the Week and have been enjoying an early lunch!

Best Values and Learning Behaviours	3J
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	4M
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	5D
Best Values and Learning Behaviours	6F

Please see below for cumulative house points:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	12955
Arundel	12716
York	12825
Warwick	14022

Year 6

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and sadly will soon need to be saying goodbye to all our Year 6's. Before we do, please can you review your account; dinner monies, Early Risers, GAP, Trips and Residentials and ensure that there are sufficient funds and all payments have been made to cover costs for the remainder of this year. If you have any queries in regards to your account or wish to discuss your account balances, please contact mlockyer@cleves.co.uk.

ECO NEWS

Express your feelings

It is important to express your emotions. Whether this is writing them down in a diary, drawing or talking to somebody. Never bottle up your feelings!



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.

MUSIC

THE CLEVES ORCHESTRA JUST KEEPS GROWING!

Mr. Kilhams ran a "come and try out the orchestra" session this week for all children who were interested and we had a record number of children taking part! The Pirates Of The Caribbean theme tune went down well with everyone and most importantly, everyone had fun! If your child missed out on this session then there will still be the opportunity to join in next week for one last rehearsal of the academic year. The orchestra practices on Thursday lunchtimes from 12.15pm to 12.45pm in the music room and is open to all children learning an instrument.



SPORTS NEWS

Year 4-6 Biathlon

Huge congratulations to the 16 girls who took part in the Biathlon event at Notre Dame on Tuesday evening. 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.

Cricket

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 Tuesday, 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.



Thank you to all who have participated over the year and to all the parents for their support.

CONGRATULATIONS

Yesterday, Benjamin (3H) placed 4th in his Judo competition with Dragon Judo Club.



Eve T (5J)

Congratulations to Eve T (5J) who auditioned and got a place in Surrey Youth Ballet Company performing in their yearly production in Nov. 2025.



VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies available. Perhaps you know someone who is suitable? If so, please direct them to the eteach/Indeed website or share the links below.

Gap Playerworkers [click here](#) to view application details on Eteach.

ABSENCE PENALTIES

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS...

Hampton Court Flower Show - Bug Barrel

