

Cleves School

Newsletter - 25/03/22



THIS WEEK

There's been a very welcome early taste of summer this week and it was very timely for the outdoor learning days and Year 4 trips to Butser Farm. To see trips go out again is a really welcome sight and allows us to deliver the full curriculum to our pupils. After Easter our residential trips take place following a three year absence and I know from speaking to parents on the gate this week that there is a genuine excitement and anticipation about these.

Finally, I hope you found your appointment with the class teacher beneficial today and that you are able to celebrate your child's achievements with them this evening. As always, we welcome any feedback that you may have.

Have a good weekend!

It's been another great week in **Year 3** and the weather has been especially kind to us for our outdoor learning days! We had a fantastic time in the sunshine and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the different activities which included a scavenger hunt, planting, creating leaf kebabs and more! We have also been getting our razor-sharp claws stuck into our literacy work and pupils have been creating sketches of their very own dragons and making notes on its appearance, diet, habitat and any interesting facts people should know. They'll be writing their hot tasks next week and producing a non-chronological report about their dragons. In maths, we have been focusing on time. We have been learning about the number of days in each month, a year and a leap year and practising using calendars. We've also been using key vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight and ordering events during the day. In addition, we have made our own clock faces out of paper plates to help us tell the time on an analogue clock to the nearest five minutes. With the Easter holidays just a week away, this would also be a great time to talk about 'time' and

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 28/3 - 6R Class Assembly 2.45pm
- 28/3 - St George's Cross Country
- 29/3 - Yr 6 Football vs St Ann's Heath
- 29/3 - Yr 6 Netball Rally
- 30/3 - 5M Easter Service - 2.30pm
- 31/3 - Yr 5 Residential Meeting 6.00pm
- 1/4 - End of Term - 1.45pm Finish
- 19/4 - INSET Day
- 20/4 - Yr 6 Dodgeball Competition
- 21/4 - Yr 3 Egyptian Workshop
- 23/4 - District Cross Country

HOUSE POINTS

The weekly totals as of Friday 25th March 2022 were:

1st - York **1464**
2nd - Arundel **1408**
3rd - Windsor **1361**
4th - Warwick **1273**

practise telling the time as well. In science, we have been learning about fossils; what they are and the different stages in the formation of fossils. Our history lesson this week has focused on comparing life in Ancient Egypt to life in prehistoric Britain and looking at aspects such as housing, clothing, climate and farming. In RE, we have been learning about the origins of some different Easter symbols and have started to design our own Easter stained glass windows.

Year 4 have had a lovely penultimate week to term. At school, the children have continued to learn about the Romans and will soon be writing their non-chronological report on the Roman army. In maths they have been busy measuring angles using protractors as well as many more exciting activities in the other subjects. The major highlight of the week has been the trip to Butser Farm. We've been extremely lucky with the glorious weather (especially considering the rain we had 2 years ago). The children learnt so much and were, as usual, exceptionally well behaved. We hope that they enjoyed learning about the Celts and in particular are able to draw comparisons between them and the Greeks/Romans. We also want to take the opportunity to thank all the fantastic parents who gave up their time to help support, we hope that you had an enjoyable day and hopefully managed to learn something new yourselves! Have a lovely weekend and make the most of the weather!

A busy week in **Year 5**. In literacy, we have started our new unit exploring the statement 'Space exploration is worth the cost'. We will consider the reasons for and against this statement and then write a balanced argument. In maths, we have continued with angles, learning to accurately use a protractor and measure angles. We have continued to explore forces in science and have learnt about air resistance. The children completed an experiment to test how surface area affects the amount of air resistance on an object. We watched David Scott drop a feather and a hammer on the moon and considered the reason behind the results of the very interesting experiment! In topic, we have considered what living on Mars would be like. And finally, we have now designed our bridges ready to construct next week!

Year 6 have been working very hard again this week. They have enjoyed a new creative writing topic in Literacy and have really impressed teachers with their opening sections for their new Floodland Narrative. It was good fun trying to fit the whole year group into a photo on Tuesday and everyone looked incredibly smart. Year 6 have also enjoyed some reflective moments this week with Mindfulness sessions, Yoga sessions and a Well-Being assembly. Finally, as the week draws to an end, you can feel the excitement in the Year 6 halls as we anticipate finishing off our plastic sculptures next week! We cannot wait to see what the artists create!

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost, you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 7th April 2022

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan

As a school we recorded 2,339 total journeys in the last 5 school days (18th March to 24th March)

- Year 3 - 655
- Year 4 - 481
- Year 5 - 647
- Year 6 - 616

A huge week of journeys logged Congratulations to Year 3 who are at the top of the tree again this week. As a school we have achieved 84% active travel out of all of those journeys which is fantastic. Alongside our daily figures, we are also participating in The Big Walk and Wheel 2022. This has one more week to run so please keep choosing the most active method of travel that you can.

WOW Travel Badge Competition

WOW are designing new badges for the next academic year and running a competition to this effect. The competition is voluntary and this year's theme is - Walk through time.

Please use the following link for access to the template if you would like to enter a design. Entries to Mr Thomas (5T) by Tuesday 22nd March. Please [click](#) here for the template.

Cleves Travel Shop (online)

We have a number of items available in the Cleves Travel Shop which are now available to purchase.

The items will be delivered to the children in their classrooms following an order.

NB: Both parts below are required to be completed

1. Please complete the order online - using the Google Form - [Cleves Travel Shop link](#)
2. Use the parentpay system to pay for the items ordered.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 6 Football

Last Friday the year 6 football team had a tough league game against Burhill. We've already played them a couple of times this season and they've always been tough encounters. In truth, we started the game slowly and soon found ourselves three goals behind. Just before half-time, we got ourselves back into the game with a great corner and goal from Luka. In the second half we started the better side and scored within 6 minutes and there was the prospect of a major comeback on the

cards. Unfortunately though it wasn't to be and Burhill scored a further two times with us grabbing a consolation goal. It was an entertaining game but unfortunately one that saw us lose 5 v 3.

Year 5 Football

Last Friday, the Year 5 football team were back in action against a strong Burhill team. For our first game in the new league, the boys started well and got off to their usual fast pace. With some quick passing plays and one touch football, Cleves managed to find the back of the net twice. The rest of the half saw some closely contested battles in the middle. The second half continued in a similar fashion, but with the pitch and space opening up. Cleves were presented with several opportunities to extend the lead but couldn't quite finish off the chances. The game ended as a comfortable 2-0, putting Cleves off to a good start at the top of the table. Onto the league cup quarter final next Thursday!

On Thursday afternoon, Cleves played their League Cup away fixture against a Year 6 Burhill team. The highly anticipated game started with a very fast pace. Cleves took an early lead after some lovely play in their box. Cleves continued to press high up and found themselves in a tough physical battle as the game went on. The boys went in at half time 3-1 down. The second half started and the boys were fired up and managed to work 2 quick goals to draw the game level at 3-3 with 10 minutes remaining. As the game drew closer to the end, Burhill managed to find the back of the net twice and saw the game out at 5-3. An upsetting result, but many positives to take in a very unlucky game. All the boys should be very proud of their efforts.

Tag Rugby - Boys Year 5 & 6 Cobham

A fantastic afternoon was spent at Cobham RFU participating in their values festival. A real blend of skill and dogged determination saw the boys win 6 out of 7 matches, only losing by one try in their only defeat. The handling and running skills of those participating was fantastic with the year 6 and year 5 boys combining beautifully. Thank you to Vicky at Cobham for a wonderful afternoon.

Squad: Harry, Sam, Etienne, Josh, Ales, Zax, Benji, Josh, Harry, Aiden, Ben.



CLEVES UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR RAISE £1160 FOR RENTSTART

Last Saturday the Cleves Upper School Choir absolutely stole the show in Weybridge at a concert with the Weybridge Male Voice Choir to raise money for the homelessness charity, Rentstart. They performed their own songs such as Bamblela, Mambo Italiano, The Lion King Medley and Power In Me and then joined with the male voice choir to make a choir of nearly 100 singers and sang the song, Africa by Toto. This was a highly emotional end to the concert and there were some extremely proud parents in the audience! Ewan in Year 5 described the event as "an incredibly emotional evening" and Eloise in Year 6 said that "it was amazing to sing with an adult choir". It was so nice to receive so many nice messages from parents as well who were there - thank you for supporting the event and bringing your children. Hopefully the children went away inspired and looking forward to the next one!

Mr. Kilhams was so proud of their performance and said it was the best performance the choir has done for years! Many chocolates and sweets were had at their rehearsal this week as a well done treat!





CONGRATULATIONS!

Talulah (Y6) has been busy making bracelets in the last week for Ukraine to raise money to donate to unicef children's charity for Ukraine. She had a stall on Saturday and has sold over 105 bracelets for £5 each. All the profits will be donated. Talulah has made £525 so far from sales and there is more to come. Well done Talulah!

Well done to Noah Samuel, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took his Grade 2 Piano exam recently. Noah achieved a distinction (96%) which was very well deserved. Great work Noah!

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety article is all about phone scams.

According to recent Ofcom research, 7 out of 10 people in the UK received a suspicious text to their mobile phone last year. Almost half (44%) of those say they get such a message every week. Banks and consumer watchdogs alike are warning of an increase in attempted phone scams, which frequently target more vulnerable groups: the elderly and, of course, young people.

Scammers' tricks have become more sophisticated in the digital age: now they can convincingly

pretend to represent our bank, our health services or even our loved ones. Stay wise to their rapidly evolving schemes and protect yourself – and your family – with this week's guide to phone scams.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures of Year 4s visit to Butser Farm.



