



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the week, I am delighted to introduce an attendance challenge. After having spoken to many of the children, they have chosen their preferred rewards for positive attendance. You can read about this later in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Miss Christofides

Year 4 Ancient Greek Vases

Last week Year 4 had the opportunity to use clay to create their own vases. For the ancient Greeks, vases were mostly functional objects made to be used, not just admired. They used ceramic vessels in every aspect of their daily lives: for storage, carrying, mixing, serving, and drinking, and as cosmetic and perfume containers. They have been looking at Athenian vases and created their own designs.



Staff Announcements:

By now, most parents will have met our new office administrator, Ms Nadia Akhtar. Nadia has experience working in a school environment and has adjusted extremely well to life at Cleves.

Mr Hirani will be leaving us at the end of February to pursue his career in a school closer to home. Whilst we are very sad to see him leave, we understand why he could not miss the opportunity to assist with curriculum development in his new school. We wish him every success going forward.

Dates for Your Diary



5th February

Firefighters visit
Reception

6th February

Safer Internet Day

7th February

Firefighters visit
Nursery

9th February

Chinese New Year

9th February

Mental Health Awareness
(Wear Green)

19th February

Children return to
school

21st February

Year 1 RE Visitor

26th February

Year 5 & 6 Residential
to Fairplay House

28th February

Boleyn Trust
Residential

Year 3 Healthy Eating

As part of our learning in science last week, Caterlink visited our excited year three pupils and tantalised their taste buds. The session started off with the children handling different fruits and vegetables and working out their names and origins – this may sound easy but some of the fruits and vegetables were proving to be a challenge for both pupils and teachers. Next, the children helped to pick some fruits and vegetables to create exotic juices and frothy smoothies. We created three delicious and nutritious drinks. Our favourite drink was the Beetroot Blast, this was a concoction of raw beetroot, carrot, ginger and a dash of lemon juice. The drink was not only refreshing but it was packed with vitamins. Lastly, the session concluded with a question and answer with the pupils.



Star of the Week

Nursery: Ariz, Naila, Safa & Abeera

RO: Ismail & Alessia

RE: Aryaan & Zainab

1J: Osiris & Nazifa

1K: Morgan & Imtiaz

2T: Haider & Azeen

2H: Saafi & Umaiza

3O: Laibah & Isaac

3A: Aleena & Rumaisah

4S: Anthony & Faizah

4A: Prathamesh & Nabil

5D: Anaiyah & Ayaan

5B: Ayuub & Jaida

6L: Inaaya & Sara

6A: Musa & Nana

'Golden Pencil' Handwriting Award

1J: Maria

1K: Minahil

2T: Yayha

2H: Arham

3O: Tahmid

3A: Ibrahim

4S: Anthony

4A: Maliyah

5D: Yusuf

5B: Hafsa

6L: Umaiza

6A: Inaya

Attendance Winners

This week's attendance winners are **6A** with **99.3%**

Our school target is 97%.

Upcoming Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings are a great way to get to know the staff. They include ways to support your child's learning, parenting advice and information about a wide range of topics from safety to wellbeing. We hope you can join us.

Wednesday 7th February

Q&A with Headteacher & Deputies (amendment)

Thursday 25th January

Q&A with Inclusion Lead—Ms Ubhoo

Packed Lunches:

At Cleves, we want all children to be healthy and therefore have clear expectations on what should and shouldn't be in a packed lunch.

If we have any concerns about the contents of the packed lunch then we will contact parents to discuss this.



Miss Christofides' 100%
Attendance Challenge:



Challenge 1:

If you attend school every day from February 19th – 28th March, I will send you to the *Cinema*.

The Mega Challenge:

If you attend school every day from February 19th until July 15th, I will send you to *Chessington World of Adventure*.

Attendance Reminder:

A pupil's absence during term time can seriously disrupt their learning.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Newham Local Authority are working closely with the school to monitor attendance and persistent lateness at Cleves.

Procedures to follow:

- If your child is unwell, you must inform the school office by **9:30**.
- If there is no known reason for the absence at registration, then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- Parents wishing to request a leave of absence must request a **Leave of Absence Form** from the school office. If this form is not completed in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

When can my child be absent from school?

(Department for Education)

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the headteacher for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance.
- Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet.

These are the only circumstances where schools can permit your child to be absent.