



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 14th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic Summer Fayre we had and someone was smiling on us with the weather. To be able to welcome all our parents, friends and relatives into school and see the atmosphere that was created was incredibly special. A massive thank you to the Friends of Colley Lane who organised it from a barebones idea and for all the support from staff and parents. These things take more organisation than you think so to bring it back as an annual event is fantastic. We have put the winners of the raffle and other events at the bottom of this newsletter so please take a look. Thank you for all your support.



This afternoon you will have been sent details of your child's new teacher for next year. The children will be working in their new classrooms on Monday. Next week the annual reports will also be sent out.

Finally, you may have already seen the blog but Windsor Academy Trust won the MAT Excellence Award for Environmental Trust of the Year which is a fantastic achievement. [Please take a moment to read all about it here.](#)

Thank you for the continued support and have a peaceful weekend

Kind regards
Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Wednesday 19th July

Reception Sports Day 9.30am (Parents invited)

Wednesday 19th July

Year 6 Performance to parents 1.30pm

Wednesday 19th July

Reports sent out to Parents

Thursday 20th July

Year 5 Sports Day (No Parents)

Thursday 20th July

Year 6 Performance to parents 6.00pm

Friday 21st July

Year 6 Sports Day (No Parents)

Monday 24th July

Year 6 Leavers Party 5-7.00pm

Monday 24th July

Year 1 Sports Day 1.45pm (Parents invited)

Tuesday 25th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10am

Tuesday 25th July

Break up, last day of term

Tuesday 5th September

Children return to school

Attendance

Aspire

School Menu

Overall this week:

95%

[Attendance information](#)

- I am courageous
- I can give and receive feedback

Week 2
[Link to Menu](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been harvesting some of the potatoes that we planted earlier in the year. The children then used the potatoes, along with other items they could find in the garden, in the mud kitchen to create a variety of different dishes.



We also had a great day on Wednesday for our sports day with lots of good racing and balancing. We thank you for your continued support.

Reception

Reception children were fantastic on their local area walk this week. They looked closely at the different buildings and drew them with detail. They played cooperatively at the park and were safe crossing the roads. Well done Reception!



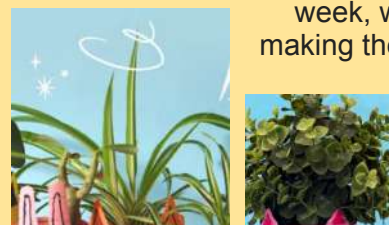
Year 1

This week we have enjoyed our Maths learning on Capacity and Measure. We had lots of practical learning with water which saw children using non-standard and standard units to explore volume and capacity. The children used wonderful vocabulary to compare their water-filled containers and really enjoyed their activities. We consolidated our week's learning with some fun team games! We had children comparing volume by racing with cups filled with water and measuring distance with a bean bag throwing game. Fantastic work Year 1, well done! Head to Class Dojo to see more pictures!



Year 2

This week we have been getting creative during our theme lessons as part of our Fantastic Finish. We began by designing our own plant pots and thought about how we could be sustainable. We decided we shall grow our own fruit and vegetables to reduce pollution and bring in our own recycled materials to make them. Thank you for helping us gather the equipment and materials that we needed! We then started to create our own plant pots and shall continue to decorate them next week. Next week, when we have finished making them we shall evaluate our product and think about what went well and what we liked about our plant pot.



Year 3



An active week in Year Three! We managed to get out for our 'rain-delayed' sports day and the children enjoyed competing in their carousel of activities.

As you know we had our Science and craft workshop earlier in the week and had great fun creating skeleton puppets, play-do skeletons and recreating x-rays with paint!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Year 5

We have had a lovely week in Year 5.

This week, we have begun our final piece of creative writing - a non-chronological report all about the role of animals during the First World War. This links back to our book 'War Horse'.

The children have spent a lot of time this week researching the jobs undertaken by a range of animals, including horses, dogs, camels, donkeys, cats and even pigs! The children are now putting together their ideas for their final pieces, which will be written next week.

A group of Year 5 children also had the opportunity to visit Windsor High School on Wednesday to watch their music concert. It was fantastic! The children were mesmerised and loved every minute of it.

Year 4

Our highlight of the week was our Year 4 Sports Day on Thursday.

Every child competed to the best of their ability and lots of fun was had by all.

Certificates were given out today.

Today, children created their own ebooks of their Anansi stories, using their iPads and learning a different way to publish their completed writing.



Year 6

We have had a lovely week of sport again! Last week the children took part in the mini-olympics.

Children were all very well behaved and set a good example to the other children as they competed in sack races, bean bag races, beat the goalie, water races and even ski races! Well done to all that took part, especially the winners, Shakespeare.

It was our last week of swimming this week and we have to say WOW! We can't believe how much they have all improved over a 6 week period. Some groups have been practising water confidence using floats and noodles, some groups practised front crawl and backstroke using floats and another group have practised breaststroke and water safety using a noodle to help children out of the pool. Overall, the most important part is that children really enjoyed it after a few nerves at the beginning.

Children can go swimming for free this summer with a paying adult over 18 at Halesowen Leisure centre. Here are the details;
<https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/school-holiday-activities>



We wish you a wonderful weekend!
Fun at the Summer Fayre!



On the subject of swimming, we had an Olympic swimmer visit the school on Wednesday, Tom Haffield. He talked about his career and how he chose swimming as the sport to be involved in and he also talked about his accomplishments. Thomas' big break came at 20 when he qualified for the Olympic Games in Beijing. He took 4 seconds off the British record and became his coach's 44th Olympic swimmer. From there he went on to compete at various other World and European Championships. In his best year, Thomas was proud to finish ranked 7th in the World. He then completed some interactive workshops with half of the year group.

The other half of the year group completed their volleyball course. We would like to thank Steph who has a daughter in the school for giving up her time to share this sport with the children.

Stourbridge Volleyball Club has a volleyball club called Mini Diggers for 5-13 year olds who meet on a Wednesday from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Here are the contact details if your child would like to attend;

Email: stourbridge.vc@gmail.com
Telephone: 07789 778 390

Have a lovely weekend.

Pupil Achievements



Oscar Shorter in 3W at his football team's presentation evening. Oscar was awarded 'Parents Player of the season' and 'Golden boot winner' for being top goal scorer this season.



The Starz Academy Tigers have been busy again this weekend. Lily from 3W, Ellena and Indi from 3H and Sophie from 2E won their 5th football tournament taking the trophy in the Daventry super 6 event. Well done girls!

If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Praise Assembly Shining Stars: (see Class Dojo for the teacher comments)


NURS	RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Ren (Full-time)	Elias	Zoe	Akram	Finley	Adam	Rueben	Yaseen	Finley	★

Zoya (AM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Sasha	Ellie	Kiana	Olly-George	Lilia	Georgia	Bobby	Molly	

Hot Chocolate Friday children (rescheduled from last week):

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Karo	Mustafa	Harry	Paihyn	Zaakirah	Seb	Connor	Oscar	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Kelise	Leyana	Emma	Ella-May	Gracie	Taaha	Bobby	Ewan	

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Aleeza	Hunter	Megan	Ayah	Amelia	Sophie B	William	Olivia	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Isla	Seth	Kyle	Umaymah	Jack	William	Ruby	Bawen	

Club News

Don't forget the events happening next week, all the details have been sent out on ParentMail.

- Tuesday 18th July Club Presentation Sports clubs 3.25 PM - 4.15 PM and Performing Arts clubs 4.15 PM - 5.00 PM
- Thursday 20th July Staff v Year 6 Rounders
- Friday 21st July Squad and Girls football tournament (parents welcome) 3.30 PM - 4.30 PM
- All school run clubs finish on Friday 21st July

Pre-loved Uniform

We do now have a pre-loved school uniform rail that all parents are invited to use. It is located in the entrance to school and all we ask is for a small donation to the foodbank. Ask the office for sizes.



Don't forget to check the website and our social media accounts for more information:

[Colley Lane Website](#), [School Blogs](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Class Dojo](#)

More useful links:

[Term Dates](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Breakfast and After School Club](#)

[Essential information](#)

[ParentMail](#)

[Extracurricular Activities and School Clubs](#)

[Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

[Dudley's Cost of Living Support Hubs](#)

Summer Fayre Prize Results

Name the unicorn: Madison (Nursery pm)

Name the Teddy Bear: Jacob 5K

Cinema Voucher: Ruby

Bud-dy's Florist Wreath: Lacey 1MS

Red bag Personalisation available: Zaky

2 Hour Free Clean: Axel RTW

Ball and Bottle (can be personalised): Emma Waldron

Water Gun: Orla 5C

Go Karting Voucher: Kendall 3W

Hummel Bag: Jonah W 4A

Nisa Drinks Prize: Pila

Sunday Lunch at the Laurels: Jovan 1Y

Body Shop Goodies: Lucas 5P

One4all Voucher: Amelia Smith 2E

Firepit: Dylan 1MS

Pool: Clara 5K