

Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to be able to hold our parents meeting for EYFS on Monday and to be able to send out the slides for all year groups afterwards. I hope that you have found it useful and if you were unable to attend, we plan to hold more curriculum meetings and workshops throughout the year as restrictions ease. Thank you also for the positive feedback that we have received and how we can improve further. We will be looking at how we can action these over the coming term. I hope that you all received the ParentMail this week regarding booking times for Parents Evenings on Wednesday 13th October and Thursday 14th October. If you have any problems booking a time, please contact the school office. We are looking forward to sharing the achievements and progress of your children since September.

Covid has not completely disappeared, despite the actions of some people and you will have seen in the news that precautions are still having to be taken. Thank you to all parents for your support and understanding in keeping everyone safe and reporting quickly to school when your child displays symptoms. We are regularly reviewing our procedures when cases are reported and have continued with enhanced cleaning routines, promoting good hand hygiene and ensuring all classrooms are well ventilated.

I am aware from being out on morning duty that parking and safety are an issue for the school particularly on Slade Road. When I have been outside, it is very clear that the signs to warn motorists about the school are few and far between and that the route to school could be safer. I have started to liaise with Dudley MBC to see if there are any improvements that could be made. This may be a long process so I would ask that if you do use the Slade Road entrance to be mindful of your children when going out. Please could I also remind all parents that the yellow lines and zigzags are there for everyone's safety, so do not park or drop off on them.

Next week, we will start to use Our Hive (formly Little Colliers building) as an additional learning space for the school. There has been a great investment in the building from Windsor Academy Trust and I look forward over the coming months to sharing how we are using this fabulous space.

Please keep signing up to Class Dojo if you haven't already and thank you for the support and feedback.

Kind regards

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Key Dates

- 5th October - Nursery and Reception Parents Curriculum Meetings 9am or 5pm
- 13/14th October 2021 -Parents evenings
- Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - Half term
- Friday 10th December - School closed
- Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January - Winter Holiday
- Monday 21st February -25th February -Spring Half Term
- Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Summer Half Term
- Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September - Summer Holidays

Reminders

Parents Evening appointments are now open
Parents evening appointments are open for bookings on ParentMail. Bookings close on Friday 8th October at 6pm.

School start and finish times

Start time - All years - Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.55am

Finish time -Reception and KS1 - 3.05pm. All KS2 - 3.15pm

Uniform

Please can all children's uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name.

We have a number of water bottles and lunch boxes left in school with no names on, please note if these are not claimed by Friday 1st October then they will be disposed of.

PE

All children are to come into school with their PE kits on their PE days.

School Meals

Please book your school meals every Thursday by 4pm. The booking forms are sent out every Monday via ParentMail and on our website

Iris ParentMail

ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

We encourage all parents to register if you haven't already. For those who haven't and if you have an email address, you will be receiving a verification email soon via your emails. Please follow the link on the email to register.

General Reminders

Class Dojo

Please sign up this weekend using the letter provided from school. We are just using the "Classroom" tab at the moment. Class stories and Messaging will be used but staff are not checking these currently.

Parking

We would like to remind parents and carers to park considerately around school. We have attached a letter from the West Midlands Police regarding Dudley's Operation Park Safe scheme. We would appreciate it if you can take a moment to read it and follow the rules set out in the Highway Code outlined in the letter.

Concerned parents/carers now have the opportunity to report unsafe parking via their Self Reporting Scheme. Copies of these forms are available in the office.

PE Days

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 - 4R & 4K Tuesday and Thursday, 4H - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 - 5C & 5A Monday and Friday, 5W - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Attendance

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at school late over the last couple of weeks, whilst we are aware that sometimes this cannot be avoided, please be aware that your child should be at school, ready to learn at 8.55am, doors open at 8.40am.

A quick reminder;

If your child is ill with any of the following 3 symptoms they need to self-isolate immediately and you must carry out a Lateral flow test or book a PCR test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

Please let school know any test results, or if your child is going to be absent for this or any other reason by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week we have been learning about being kind through reading the story Rainbow Fish. We talked about kind and unkind choices and what we can do in school to be compassionate. What can you do at home and school to be kind?

Next week we are exploring Autumn, we will be looking at naming and describing autumnal objects. If you can, go on an autumnal object hunt around your garden or local park and bring in some objects to school which we can share and talk about such as leaves or conkers. We will then use them in our play to develop our knowledge and understanding.

We are hosting a parents curriculum meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 9am or 5pm in our school hall. Please come to the main school entrance if you would like to attend and learn about how your child will learn at school.



Reception

This week we have been learning about how to cope with different types of emotions. We have used our thinking tree as a place to sit and reflect on our emotions. We have talked about walking away, talking to a teacher and saying 'Stop, I don't like it' when someone has upset us.

Next week we are exploring Autumn, we will be describing autumnal objects and looking at seasonal changes. If you can, go on an autumnal object hunt around your garden or local park and bring in some objects to school which we can share and talk about such as leaves or conkers. We will then use them in our play to develop our knowledge and understanding.

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Year 1

This week the children have enjoyed experimenting with lines in our art lesson and have enjoyed looking at the work of other artists for inspiration. Our P.E. lessons are always popular and this week is no exception. It was lovely to see the children's sheer determination as they made their first attempts to swing their skipping ropes over their heads and jump! In Maths the children have been learning to subtract using number tracks and part part whole models. Next week they will be learning to recognise, name and describe 3-D shapes. You may wish to support your child to find examples of cylinders, cuboids and cubes around the house. The children are enjoying our whole class reading book, written by Roald Dahl. The main character is a very large crocodile who likes eating 'juicy children'. This hungry crocodile will be getting up to lots of 'clever tricks'. Ask your child to tell you more!

Year 2

What a busy and enjoyable week we have had in Year 2! Our week began with science on Monday afternoon where we undertook an investigation with raisins and lemonade, watching the raisins 'dance' as gas bubbles attached themselves to the surface of the raisin, causing them to float to the top. In History, we have been learning about Neil Armstrong, comparing his achievements to those of Tim Peake. In art we have continued with our work on portraits, this week using line to help us create a portrait of Tim Peake. In English this week, we read 'The Sound Collector' and used this to inspire us in writing our own sound collector poems. The children have really impressed us as they continue to show the learner skills and character traits of our ASPIRE curriculum and earn Dojo points for themselves and their class. Keep up the great work Year 2!

Year 3

Lots of exploring and detective work going on in Year Three this week. We were geologists in Science and classified rocks according to their properties. We discovered the earth has layers and the crust of the earth is made of rock. We looked at the inside of a Scotch egg to see different thickness of layers and imagined it represented the earth. The boiled egg in the centre represented the inner core! We were also detectives in Theme using secondary sources to find out more about the Victorian era. The children found out about inventions in the 19th century and considered what they might invent and why. We have continued reading 'The BFG' and had lots of fun reading out loud the giant's nonsense words! Great expression children. We have also been reading extracts about another giant; The Iron man and been using adjectives, adverbs, similes and prepositions to describe the metal giant. We're hoping the two giants might get on! Lots of dojos being given out again this week for a wide range of our ASPIRE qualities. Well done everyone.

Year 4

Last week, the children in Year 4 received their iPads in an induction morning in the hall. The children have been learning about how to use their iPads within our lessons. We are starting off by using fun and interactive games such as TTRockstars for times tables and Spelling Shed for spellings which means the children have had a focus on 'self-quizzing' from the ASPIRE mountain. We have also used our iPads this week to make notes on the different habitats in the playground. Our final Science investigation this week was identifying which place within the school grounds is the best place for mini-beasts to live. We found out that the damper the conditions the greater the amount of mini-beasts living there. 4H were the first winners of the TTRockstars competition last week so well done to all pupils in 4H! In our theme work, the children all took part in a 'Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop' which they thoroughly enjoyed. We handled a variety of artefacts such as a bronze axe-head, pottery, jewellery, animal bones and Stone Age tools. We created our own pieces of pottery and made designs that were used in the Iron Age. We also went outside to see how large a round house would have been in the Bronze Age. A fantastic and engaging week!

Year 5

It has been another great week in Year 5! Children wrote their final version of their character description of Mr Victor Hazell (from our class book – Danny the Champion of the World). This concluded our three-week writing project on character description and gave us the opportunity to apply skills learned over the past few weeks. The Year 5 teachers are extremely proud of the effort and pride children have put into their writing. In Maths Mastery, we have focussed our efforts on using column addition and subtraction successfully and have used the 'star words' in our discussions to explain our strategies.

We began our own research in our ASPIRE theme Ancient Greece lessons, discovering the influence the Greeks had on modern day society. We neatly presented our research on the Greek Empire, including where, when and what it actually was. Finally, in art we used tone to add detail to our drawings of the Greek God: Zeus. Well done everyone!

Year 6

In Year 6 this week, the children have been exploring the life of the Ancient Egyptians. The children have been working in small groups to undertake research around Ancient Egyptian fashion, housing, farming, rulers and education. Their collaboration has allowed the children to share a wealth of interesting knowledge related to this ancient civilisation and has developed their understanding of life as an Egyptian citizen.



In English, the children have been focusing on Boy by Roald Dahl; this week they have utilised their senses to describe a sweet shop in the 1930's. They have been focusing on their language skills and writing techniques (including expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials) as well as drawing upon their own understanding of sweet shops to bring their writing to life. The children have been incredibly creative with their ideas and certainly have a fabulous knowledge of sweets! We are looking forward to reading their final extended pieces of writing next week.

Other News....

Netflix Age Ratings

You will be aware that Netflix is hugely popular across all ages but there have been concerns in relation to age ratings and the type of content that is recommended to viewers. Like many other services, Netflix uses algorithms to determine what you might like to watch based on viewing history, what you have liked etc.

Since last year, Netflix has been working with the BBFC and 100% of the content on Netflix is now age-rated to BBFC classification standards. It is the first UK streaming service to accomplish this.

Here is a guide on how to set up a child account and choose maturity ratings. [Parental controls on Netflix](#)

Job Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for kitchen staff at Colley Lane Primary. The hours are 11.30am-2.00pm five days a week. The role includes general kitchen duties, serving pupils, cleaning and washing up.

If you are interested, please email Andrew Keen, Regional manager at Chartwells on

andrew.keen@compass-group.co.uk an cc g997@compass-group.co.uk

Secondary school applications for 2022 entry

For those of you applying for Secondary schools for 2022 entry, please be reminded that the applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2021.

Colley Lane Website

If you haven't already, please take the time to look at our new website at <https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/>

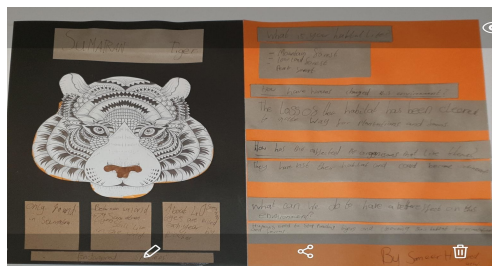
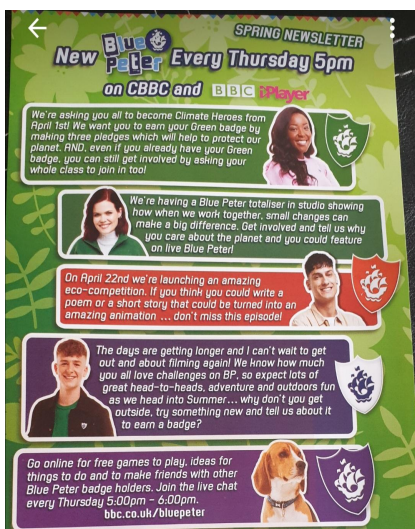
You will be able to find all the information that you need about our school including key information, news and dates and parent information.

Pupil Achievements

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday children:



RDW	RY	1H	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Oakley	Shaheer	Chad	Brody	Connie	Leo	Claudia	Ethan F.	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	6O	6S
Kyle	Caleb	Sama	Layah	Poppy	Layla	Gabriel	Daisy	Molly



A huge well done to Sameer Javed in 5C who has earned this green Blue Peter badge for a conservation poster about the Sumatran Tiger!

Congratulations Sameer, it looks fantastic!

On Sunday 19th September Lucas Davidson in 5W played his first football match after joining Cradley Town FC over the summer. His team won their match and Lucas was awarded player of the match. Brilliant Lucas, well done!!



Oscar Shorter in 2E has been awarded Oppositions player of the match this week. Congratulations Oscar, a great achievement and an awesome trophy!

We would like to celebrate our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. If your child has achieved something out of school that they are proud of whether it be learning a new skill, sports or club certificates or overcoming a fear or obstacle for example, we would love to know.

Please email them to info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

The Kindness Corner

We're going purple to show our support



At Colley Lane we are proud to support our local charities and that is why **On Friday 22nd October 2021** we are 'going purple' to raise money for **Black Country Women's Aid.**

Please come to school dressed in something purple, or you could paint your nails purple, spray your hair purple, it's up to you!

Please bring a donation for this amazing charity.

To find out more visit

www.blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk



Diary Dates

Autumn Half Term

Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021

Return to school Monday 1st November 2021

School Closed Friday 10th December 2021

Winter Holiday

Monday 20th December 2021 to January 3rd 2022

Return to school Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Half Term

Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Return to school Monday 28th February 2022

Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Return to school Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Return to school on Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Holidays

Monday 25th July 2022 to Friday 2nd Sept 2022

Return to school on Monday 5th September 2022

-Bank Holidays

New Year – Monday 3rd January 2022

May Day – Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset days to be confirmed

Sports Clubs

Colley Lane sports club news

Thank you for your continued support of clubs, now that the weather is changing please make sure that your child has warm clothing for clubs as unless the rain is really heavy we will still be going outside. For most clubs trainers are better than black pumps as they have more grip.

The price of clubs is £1 per club to a maximum of £3 regardless of how many clubs attended per week (this doesn't include JSB clubs.)

Unless your child has PE on the same day as a club they must come in school uniform and bring their kit to change into. If they are participating in a club before school they can come in their kit and bring their uniform to change into if they don't have PE that day, this also applies to JSB clubs.

<i>Sports Clubs</i>				
	<i>Before school (Start time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>After school (Finish time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Y4 & Y5 Cross Country (8.00)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15)</i> <i>Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Tri Golf (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Dance (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15)</i> <i>Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
	<i>Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>		
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>	<i>Y5 Y6 Girls Football (4.30)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>

Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria.

However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you will need to submit an online claim in order for your child's school to receive Pupil Premium funding.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals. Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.

Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in: reception class, year 1 and year 2 Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do. If you wish to apply for Free School Meals click here [Free School Meals](#) or collect a form from the office.