# **Colley Lane Primary Academy**

Never settle for less than your best

# Newsletter - 17th June 2022

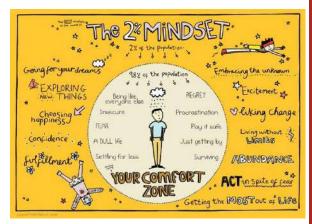
Dear Parents,

This week, we welcomed Andy Cope, Dr of Happiness (<a href="www.artofbrilliance.co.uk">www.artofbrilliance.co.uk</a>), into school to run workshops with Year 5 and Year 6. Understanding wellbeing and mental health are an important part of our school curriculum. We have already made links with a number of organisations to support the children, staff and families and have set up our "Wellbeing Warriors," Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who have been trained to listen and support other children. Andy Cope is working alongside all the schools in Windsor Academy Trust and this was his first visit to help us become a "brilliant" school for wellbeing and happiness. The children had a great time with him on Wednesday and look forward to welcoming him back in September.:



"I thought that the Doctor Happy Assembly was a really, really good thing as pretty much everyone came out with a huge smile on their faces. Every single activity was either funny or interesting and the staff there just made it ten times better. As well as that, I found that Doctor Happy really interested us and made us excited about answering his questions. Overall, I think it was brilliant and it was amazing for us to learn about being happy and how easy it is to be happy." Alex - Head Girl

"I loved how sarcastic and hilarious Andy was. It was motivating and inspirational as he said that we could be whatever we wanted to be. I would love to have him in again." Elisa Ishaque



"He was so funny and taught me to be happy and make the most of my day. He was really nice too." Dolcie Y5

"I thought he was really funny and brilliant. The thing I have taken away is to always do my best and be a 2%er!" - Scarlett Y5

"I think that being positive in life is important. I try to push myself and be positive. If you are negative, less opportunities will come your way" - Amelia Y5

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for the continued support.

Mr Dominic Simpson (Headteacher)

### **Colley Lane Primary Academy**

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### **Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills**

- I am respectful
- I am compassionate



### **Key Dates**

- Thursday 23rd June Dance 'Frozen' Theatre Trip to London
- Monday 27th June INSET Day School Closed
- Tuesday 28th June Year 1 Sycamore Adventure Centre Trip
- Friday 1st July Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip
- Monday 11th July Year 2 Dudley Zoo Trip
- Last day Thursday 21st July closing at 1pm Nursery open for morning session only
- Friday 22nd July Tuesday 6th September -Summer Holidays
- Wednesday 7th September Children return to school



#### Reminders

#### 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

### School Trips

If your child has a trip coming up, can you please ensure that you give consent and make any payments on ParentMail before the given deadline.

#### **Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs**

If you need to book your child into the Breakfast or Afterschool Clubs, could we remind parents to book on ParentMail giving 48 hours notice please.

### <u>Uniform</u>

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

#### PΕ

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

### <u>Parking</u>

Can we remind you that the car park is for **staff only and permit holders.** If you need to use the car-park, please see the office for a parking permit. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge.

### Iris Parent Mail

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. You will get notification when we send out forms for trips, all payments will be via Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

# General Reminders

#### School Dinners

Just a reminder that you no longer need to book meals in advance, children can choose what they would like to eat on the day at the counter. Parents will still need to ensure that there is money in their child's ParentMail account but children will indicate they are having a hot dinner on the day in registration. Next week menu will be **Week 3 Menu, please see below:** 



The menus rotate on a 3 week cycle and all menus can be found on the website under 'School Life' then 'Essential Information'. You can also pick up a copy from the school office.

#### Asthma

Just a reminder that if your child needs an inhaler in school, please can you come to the office to fill in the relevant paperwork. You will be asked to leave one inhaler in school.

#### Class Doio

Please sign up to Class Dojo this weekend using the letter provided from school. For more information please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

#### PE Davs

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

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

Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

#### **National Book Tokens Competition**

It's time to #rebuildthelibrary. National Book Tokens are giving five schools £1,000 of National Book Tokens each, plus membership to the School Library Association, to help them rebuild their range of books and encourage reading for pleasure now and for generations to come.

Reading for pleasure has been shown time and time again to be the single biggest indicator of a child's future success.



We would like you to enter the competition at National

Book Tokens to help Colley Lane to win £1000 in book tokens and also for you to be in with a chance of winning £100 in book tokens for you and your children.

## **Attendance**

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please let us know as soon as possible by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to <a href="mailto:attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk">attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</a>
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App.

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend school.

# What's been happening in school this week?

# **Nursery**

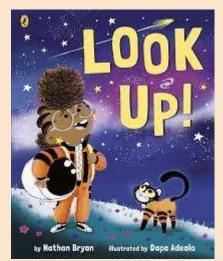
This week in Nursery we have continued our learning all about Space as well as looking forward to Father's Day.

We have spoken about what happens on Father's Day, why we celebrate it and who the special men in our lives may be.

In WCR this week, we have revealed our new Whole Class Reading book as Look Up by Nathan Bryon. We learned some new vocabulary to help with our understanding of our new book and completed a book review about our favourite part of the story when we had read it.

In Maths this week, we have been recapping 2D shapes. We have particul; arly been looking at the similarities and differences between squares and rectangles. To help us identify the differences we have been working really hard on using length vocabulary to describe the sides of each shape.

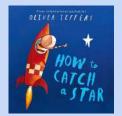
We hope all the men have a wonderful Father's Day and you all enjoy the weekend!



# Reception

Reception children have been talking about father's day and special people in their life. In literacy they have listened to stories where the main character, dad, was compared to different animals. The children have explored similes and have started to compare using the words as and like. Why don't you listen to <a href="My Dad by Anthony Browne">My Dog Is As Smelly As Dirty Socks by Hanoch Piven</a> and see if your child can spot the similes.

In maths, children learnt how to count in groups when looking at a tens frame. They looked for two groups then counted how many they could see altogether. They focused on using the star words, tens frame, groups, how many, altogether, plus and is equal to.



The children have also continued to explore space through listening to and exploring their new whole class read book, How to Catch a Star. The children have spoken about how they could catch a star and have created their own labelled diagrams showing what they will make to catch a star.

RDW visited the library this week and had the opportunity to borrow a book to share at home. Next week RY will visit and be able to take home a book.

Please remember in the warm weather to ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday and a sun hat. Please apply suncream before school as we will be exploring outside over the next few weeks. Thank you

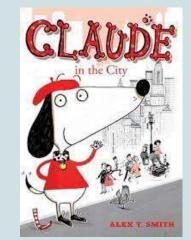
## Year 1

We had a special visitor this week to launch our new theme this term on global affairs. We are looking at food poverty, in Britain and across the world. A representative from the Black Country Food Bank came in to explain who they are, what they do and why. During the theme we wanted the children to understand that there are people who have enough food to eat but many don't and how charities support people who need to use food banks. We want to promote that we can be compassionate towards each other and that food is precious and shouldn't be wasted.

We wanted to be able to make a donation to the food bank at the end of term and would be most grateful if you could help by sending in a tin or packet of food with your child over the next few weeks.

We began our whole class reading book Claude in the City this week. We found out that Claude is a dog who enjoys going on adventures with his best friend Sir Bobblysock.

We are using the book to inspire our own adventure story. We started by creating alternative characters and the children had some great ideas. We then talked about the setting of our story and described a city, thinking about what we might see. Claude happened upon a robbery in the art gallery so we began to think about what problem we might face in our adventure. We will put all our ideas onto a story plan next week and create our own "in the city books."



We have continued working with money in maths. The children were very good at recognising how much money they had when given a selection of coins. We set up a

shop and we practised buying two items and making a total. The children used their number bonds of 10 to help them to find the answers. We then moved on to solve problems involving finding change.

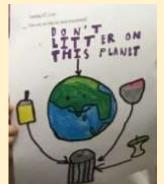
With the wonderful weather we have had towards the end of this week we were able to go out onto the field in our PE lesson. The children started practising their athletics and took part in some races. Mr. Blount was really impressed with how the children stayed in their own lane as they raced down the track, (even better than year 6!) So well done Year One. Maybe we have some future olympic stars!

We hope you have a lovely weekend

### Year 2

We have had a wonderful week in Year 2.

This week we started phase 2 of our Global and Current Affairs Theme. Our big question was 'How can we look after our planet?' We started our first lesson of the week by comparing images where there was litter and no litter



and discussed where we would rather be and why. We then went for a walk around our school to search for litter and see what types of litter we could find. We then discussed what it was made of. Whilst doing the walk, we created a tally chart to record our data. This meant that we were able to compare our results with our friends and see which type of litter was the most common. After discovering how much litter was around Colley Lane, we decided to make some posters to encourage people not to litter.

During our second lesson, we looked at a variety of objects and discussed whether they could be used multiple times or only once. Some objects like plastic cutlery, straws and facemasks, which are designed to only be used once, are called 'single use plastic'. The children were wowed by the different facts we found out. Did you know that a plastic bag can exist for up to 20 years or that a plastic bottle can exist for 450 years?

In maths this week, we have been developing our understanding of 3 - digit numbers. We have been using both place value charts and part whole models to identify the value of the different digits. Later in the week, we also

looked at different ways to partition the same number.

The children have written some fantastic character and setting descriptions this week, based on a picture from the story 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker.All of the children have been very creative with their ideas and have practised using verbs, adverbs and prepositions to start their sentences.

In RSE, the children have continued to look at different feelings and identify when they have felt them. We discussed the feelings of embarrassment, sadness and anger. The children then courageously shared these feelings with each other and showed each other compassion when listening. The children really enjoyed going outside and sharing their thoughts with their friends.

The children enjoyed their PE lesson this week in the sunshine, where they continued with our theme of Athletics, competing in the 'Beanbag Race' testing our coordination and speed.





### Year 3

A lovely week in Year Three; even though it was a little warm! In PSHE the children have been reflecting on ways to look after ourselves to maintain a healthy body and mind. That tied into sun safety through wearing suncream, sunglasses, wearing a hat and staying hydrated.

We were able to put this to good use today!

We also found out how much sleep the children should be having to rest well, be ready for the next day and grow too! Can they tell you how many hours it was?

In English this week we have been learning how to write using a persuasive style using opinions, facts, exaggerated vocabulary choices and flattery! The children have been writing to you in their books, to try and persuade you to let them watch The Commonwealth Games on the television over the Summer. It starts on July 27th. What a lot they know about the Games and they are very excited that Birmingham is the host city this time.

In Reading we have now read the first three chapters about Akimbo and we will be basing some of our writing on his experiences next week. The children are fascinated by the African reserve he lives on and the animals his Father and Gamekeepers try to protect. We met a baby orphan elephant in the story this week. Can your child recall what a baby elephant is called?

In Maths we have been revisiting the four operations to help find effective strategies to solve word problems. The children used their place value knowledge and times tables today(2,3,4,6,8) with much more confidence. Some resilient work Year Three. Keep working on recall.

As you may have seen on Dojo, we have been experimenting with magnets in Science this week. The children classified objects into magnetic and non magnetic materials. Can they tell you which metals are magnetic? The children enjoyed experiencing force using bar magnets too and drawing when they 'attract' each other and 'repel'.

We finished the week making cards for Father's day for this weekend. The children have hopefully hidden the cards away until then!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week and our favourite day was Monday, which was our trip to the Thinktank museum. All children displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the day and were an asset to the school by showing all ASPIRE behaviours in a positive way.

We set off at 9:10 am and travelled into Birmingham via Hagley Road where the children enjoyed looking out the window at the bustling streets and seeing the sights of Birmingham. Once we arrived, the children waited patiently whilst we entered the museum and the children placed their belongings in the cloakroom. After that, we all went to the theatre for an electricity show! In the show, the children learnt about static electricity by looking at a Van Deer

Graaf machine, which made Barbie's hair stick up on end. In addition, some children were especially chosen to take part in an electrical human circuit! Some children acted as the battery, some children acted as the buzzer and some children acted as the wires! If they let go of each other's hands then the circuit did not work. As well as this, some children dressed as superheroes and their capes were made of different materials. A balloon was rubbed on each cape to see which material created the best static electricity. After the electricity show, we ventured out to different parts of the museum. One of the children's favourite parts was visiting the Science garden. What fun it was there! Children hauled themselves up on a pulley system, ran on a hamster wheel and some children played with water to create jets and streams of water!

Within the museum, the children were enthralled by a water engine that filled up and tipped over when it was full! Also in the museum, the children enjoyed learning about the history of plastic and how it is now damaging the environment. On another floor, the children looked at how electrical circuits work in a car, how cars are made and viewed cars from different eras. Of course, one of the children's favourite parts of the trip was visiting the shop where they bought souvenirs! All the children were exhausted once we arrived back at school after such a lovely day out!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we would like to wish anybody who is celebrating this weekend, a Happy Father's Day!



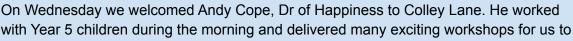


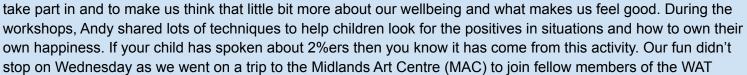


## Year 5

We've had an amazing week in Year 5. We have been really creative and have enjoyed ourselves in the process.

Children have continued to impress teachers with their musical abilities and singing during our Tuesday music lessons. Our Spanish lessons have also continued to be impressive and engaging.







family in watching a host of animation movies all made by WAT children. It was an amazing experience and we were proud to win an award for the best background scenes. We would like to say a massive well done to all children as they worked collaboratively on the animations and used our ASPIRE values to ensure they were successful. They were great!

In maths, we have worked on properties of 3D shapes and have practised during a range of shapes using shading techniques to enhance the appearance of the shapes being 3D. It was a very creative learning block and the children enjoyed it throughout.

During English lessons, children have written their non-chronological report about the use of animals in World War 1. They collated their own research and applied report writing skills practised during this term. They finished the week by using their purple pens to edit their work and actioned feedback given by adults.

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable weekend.

### <u>Year 6</u>

We have had a fabulous week this week in Year 6. We have been busy preparing ourselves for the many upcoming events and activities for the end of the year.

To begin with, we have jumped into play rehearsals, practising our lines and acting skills. The children are already beginning to shine like stars! They have been rehearsing the lines and the songs; we are really looking forward to the upcoming performance. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

In writing, we have been looking at The Hobbit; the children wrote formal letters from Bilbo Baggins to Gandalf the Grey, explaining why they should not be included in the journey across the lands. The children did a fabulous job! We were incredibly impressed by the quality and dedication of the children to their pieces - another great lesson!

In Art this week, the children created fathers' day cards. They did a fantastic job of folding, cutting and decorating.

Over the next few weeks, the timetable is going to be changing to suit the final preparations for the end of the year. This means that PE will change weekly due to lesson changes. Next week PE will be as follows:

- Monday and Friday 6S / 60
- Tuesday and Friday 6H

Please keep an eye out for these changes each week.

Additionally, we would like to inform you of upcoming dates regarding activities for the end of Year 6 -

- Monday 20th June First Aid Training in school for all Year 6 pupils
- Monday 27th June INSET Day
- Friday 1st July Drayton Manor Trip
- Monday 18th July Play Performance (1:30pm)
- Tuesday 19th July Play Performance (6:00pm)
- Wednesday 20th July Year 6 BBQ (5:00pm 7:00pm)
- Thursday 21st July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9:00am)

Tickets for the play will be made available shortly.

Please ensure that all Drayton Manor payments have been made by next Wednesday 22nd June.

We are really looking forward to the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to ask us if you have any questions. Have a wonderful weekend!

## News....

### Cradley Library

Cradley Library opposite the school are doing board game sessions on a Thursday straight after school until 4.30pm. It is a free session and all children are welcome.



#### Colley Lane Website

If you haven't already, please take the time to look at our new website at <a href="https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/">https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/</a>
You will be able to find all the information that you need about our school including key information, news and dates and parent information.

### **Local Events**







#### Audio Books

Audio books are a fantastic way to engage readers and offer a perfect opportunity to enjoy sharing a book with your son or daughter at home. Sooper Books very kindly donated their entire library of audio books for children to enjoy at school so we will be enjoying these in our lessons. If you wish to dip into a sample of these books at home, please access them via our school website on the following link:

https://www.colleylaneprimary.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/reading-at-home/

Here you will find a range of award-winning fairy tales, bedtime stories, fables and poems. Some of the titles are samples and there are a few stories which are free to access all of the time.

We would like to thank Sooper Books for their generous donation. If you would like to sign up for a membership to Sooper Books from home, they are currently offering a 1 week free trial or a £3.00 monthly subscription.

### 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

# Pupil Achievements

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday children: 27th May

RDW	RY	1N	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Ashley	Ahmed	Lee	Icia	Roxanne	Fatimah	Claudia	Ethan	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	60	6S
Ayat	Taylor	Zahra	Dolcie	Enya	Matthew	Tom	Lily S	Azaan

Well done to Jacob in 2D who won his first football tournament on Saturday. He scored 3 goals over the 5 games. Fantastic work Jacob!



A special mention to Bobby Rose in 5W who was so brave having his operation yesterday showing resilience - your parents are so proud of you! Get well soon Bobby!



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

### The Kindness Corner

### **Action for happiness**



#### **Black Country Food Bank**



The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is now in the school foyer where donations can be brought in at any time throughout the school year.

If you are able to donate any non-perishable food items please bring these along to the school office where we will collect them before donating them to help our local food bank and community.

Take a look at the amazing work they do by visiting their website at https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/

# **Diary Dates**

### **Summer Holidays**

Thursday 21st July finish at 1.00pm

Friday 22nd July 2022 to Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset days Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 20222

### Return to school on Wednesday 7th September 2022

#### **Autumn Half Term**

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Return to School on Monday 31st October 2022

### **Winter Holidays**

Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

Return to School on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

### **Bank Holidays**

May Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

### **Inset Days**

Monday 27th June 2022

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th September 2022

# Sports Clubs

### Colley Lane Sports Club News

This week was a very warm week at clubs but the children still really enjoyed themselves. Our two school rounders teams went to a competition at Windsor were they both performed really well finishing 2nd and 3rd overall. As always we were very proud of the way they behaved over the afternoon.

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 the JSB club.





Sports Clubs									
	Before school (Start time)	Cost	After school (Finish time)	Cost					
Monday	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) YR ,Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB	£1.00 £3.00					
		£1.00	Y4, Y5 &Y6 Netball (4.15)	£1.00					
Tuesday	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Tri Golf (8.10)		Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15)	£1.00					
			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00					
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Wednesday	Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB						
		£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Rounders (4.15)	£1.00					
Thursday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics -invite only (8.00)		Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)	£1.00					
пшэшу	74, Y5 & Y6 Cricket (8.00)		Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00					
			Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00					
		£2.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00					
Friday	YR, Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) *JSB		Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30) Y4 Football trials	£1.00					
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) *JSB	£3.00					

# 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 <u>Free School Meals</u> or collect a form from the office.