



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 3rd February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our redesigned and new look newsletter! As a school, we have been reviewing all the different ways that we communicate with you and looking to ensure that messages are not lost and that you, as parents and carers, can access key information quickly and consistently. The newsletter was getting a little too long each week and the focus lost.

The newsletter will focus on celebrating the work and achievement of the children over the week and add to the stories and information that teachers put on Class Dojo. We want it to be all about the most important people in school and what they get up to! Information around school menus, safeguarding, clubs and other other key messages are hosted on the school website with links from this newsletter. Stories and blogs will also be highlighted and provide information on school initiatives, support or key messages from Dudley. This way, we hope, you will know where to find information but also use our school website more regularly.

We are keeping the section around pupil achievements as it is lovely to see what the children get up to outside of school and it helps to inspire other children who might like to take up a club or interest. If you would like your child to be in the newsletter, please email info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk with an overview of their achievement. If you send in a photo, we will take it that you are happy for this to appear in the newsletter.

Don't forget to follow and favourite our "socials" (I think that's the phrase) too and share with friends and family. When you put all the stories and information together there really are so many opportunities that your children experience.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school community and have a peaceful weekend.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

6th-8th February
PGL Residential - Year 6

14th February
9-10am - 3.30-4.30
Nursery Open Day for prospective
parents

16th February
Nursery to Year 6 Half Term Disco

Monday 20th-24th February
Half Term

Wednesday 1st March
9-10am - 3.30-4.30
Nursery Open Day for prospective
parents

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

21st March
Nursery closed

21/22nd March
Parents Evenings

28th March
Nursery new starter Discovery
season
3.30-4.30pm

3rd April - 14th April
Easter Holiday

Attendance

Overall this week:

95%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can communicate clearly
- I am resilient

School Menu

Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What a fabulous week we have had in Nursery this week. The children have enjoyed learning all about different professions and a trip to the library but our highlight from the week has been in our maths lessons.

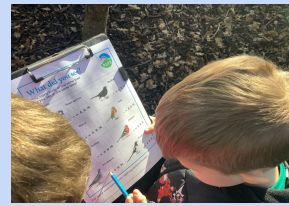
This week in maths we have started to look at 3D shapes, learning about cubes and spheres. Children have then enjoyed exploring our indoor and outdoor environment identifying cubes and spheres in everyday objects.



Reception

Reception children have enjoyed exploring their new topic; occupations. They have had a visit from the school nurse where they learnt about her role and asked some great questions. They have also been labelling police and fire service images, subtitising items on police badges and dressing up as police officers, nurses, doctors and builders. They have had a lot of fun!

RTW took part in The Big School Birdwatch and worked well with their partners circling the different birds they saw. RR will be birdwatching next week!



Year 1

Year 1 children turned into rapid, red-hot runners this week as part of our experience day for our new non-fiction English unit. We have begun learning about American sprinter Florence Joyner and this week we delved into her athletic achievements. Did you know Florence Joyner ran the 100m in under 11 seconds? A mighty world record which the children tried their hardest to beat! A big well done to Year 1's quickest sprinter, Harrison, who reached the 100m finish line in 24 seconds! Not quite a world record but a gold medal for effort!

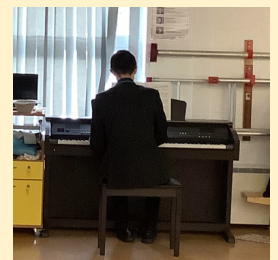


Florence Joyner 100m	
Harrison	24.26
Fintley	24.50
Ellis	24.84
Sophya	25.00
Hung	25.12
Simon	25.22
Elton	25.25
Brodley	25.45
Thomas	26.28
Zachary	26.60
Ben	26.75
Sophia	26.85
Dehya	27.22
Shahar	27.24
Senia	27.66
Olivia	28.08
Camilla	28.09
Lilly	28.78
Mia	29.28
Isabella	30.82
Jack	30.66
Amelia	30.84
Ruby	31.05
Rosemary	32.28

Year 2

The Year 2 children had a great time during our Stunning Start this week. We launched our new musical theme, which has a focus on stories. 'How are orchestral instruments used to tell a story?' The children shared different stories with some of their furry friends and their friends. As part of their afternoon, they also enjoyed singing along to different songs associated with some well known books.

On Friday we were also treated to a performance from some students from Kingswinford Academy. The children were engrossed and listened brilliantly to the piano and violin being played. We even had a couple of children saying how much they were inspired and want to play an instrument now!



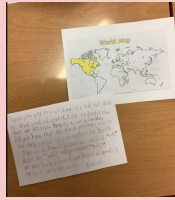
Year 3

We were treated this week to guest speakers! 3W went to 3H and 3H went next door to 3W to present their DT project. The children explained how they made

Year 4

What a fantastic week Year 4 have had. We have begun our new music theme of 'Rivers' where we look

the animal and its moving tongue and their favourite fact they had researched about one of the endangered animals. The visiting Design engineers were able to all communicate clearly in the Q and A session! We were very proud and impressed at the courage and respect shown. Well done everyone.



at how music can take us on the journey of a river. The children loved listening to a variety of songs that mentioned the word 'river' and have even begun practising a song to sing in the round! We have also been delving deeper into our class book, with the children showing great compassion for Ahmet, the 'refugee kid'. Well done on another great week, Year 4! Have a restful weekend and we can't wait to do it all again next week!

Year 5

Year 5 has had a very exciting week, one highlight being to learn our new song, which we will be performing as part of our Musical Theatre theme.

We have been learning about what makes up a musical theatre performance, including choreography, dialogue, singing and props being some of them. Not only that, but we have spent time learning about how theatre has changed and developed over the last few centuries, from operas, to book musicals, to jukebox musicals. This has involved watching, listening and singing along to lots of productions! It has been great fun and we can't wait to get stuck in when creating our own.

Year 6

Last week, Year 6 visited the local library. All the children enjoyed the visit and they looked through the books there. On our next visit, we will take out books to bring home. It is a great place to visit and borrow books from as they have a wide range of new titles and you can even request a book that you would like them to have at the library. Why not visit this weekend and let children choose their own books? It doesn't cost a penny!



Pupil Achievements



Finley in class 4H won the cub scout rifle shooting competition at the weekend!

Lucas in 5P. Won Player of the Match and Parents Player of the Match in his football match on Sunday, where his Team won.




Bailey-Joe in 4H took part in his first sports hall competition last weekend representing Halesowen Athletics Club, well done Bailey!


Piper-Blêu in 3W, got player of the match last Saturday in her game!! Well done Pipes!!



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

NURS	RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Charles (NAM)	Jack	Axel	Jessica	Ellis	Zaakirah	Oscar P	Malikah	Zaynah	
Muhammad (NAM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Oliver	Gabrielle	Jack S	Mohammed	Lille-Mai	Lucas	Dolcie	Jake	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Amal	Luke	Dania	Bradley	Brody	Oscar B	Cain	Kayla	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Louie P	Renesmay	Sapphire (next week)	Pippa	Khirad	Amelia	Lydia	Scarlett	

Club News

Well done this week to the netball team who played their second game in the netball league against Hurst Green Primary School. Coming away with a really comprehensive win. Next week we have an extremely busy week of competitions, good luck to everyone taking part.

There will be no dance clubs next week on Monday or Tuesday.



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

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