



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after, what I hope was, a restful half-term break for everyone. The children have returned looking incredibly smart and ready to learn. Over this half-term we are going to be focussing on healthy habits and one aspect of this is looking at healthy lunches and lunchboxes. Getting lunchboxes ready can become a chore so you might like to look at some [different healthy lunchbox ideas here](#). Nuts, chocolate and fizzy drinks should not be in lunchboxes.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the Friends of Colley Lane for organising a fantastic disco at the end of last term. The photobooth and glitter tattoos were a huge hit! It is these types of events that the children will remember fondly as they grow older. They raised over £1000 which is amazing for only their second event and this money will be put towards the school focus of reading, so watch this space. I also know that they have some "eggciting" news coming up about the next "eggcellent" fundraising opportunity.

What a successful World Book Day we had yesterday! The day started with a parade of all staff and children around school and the playground, wearing the most imaginative costumes from treasured books. The children enjoyed an assembly, reflected on their favourite stories, planned how to spend their book vouchers and danced to MC Grammar's rap. A Reading Safari was a highlight for the children as the teachers all visited different classrooms to share some of their favourite stories. Thank you to those of you who joined your child/grandchild in visiting the Bedtime Library and enjoyed reading together last night.

Finally as a school that values its community, please can I remind parents to show respect towards our neighbours particularly when dropping off and picking up. The area by the bungalows is becoming quite unsafe recently and causing concern for our neighbours so please use the Social Club carpark or park and walk to prevent a possible accident.

Kind regards

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Tuesday 7th March
Year 4 Swimming starts

Friday 17th March
Comic Relief - Come to School with Messy Hair

Tuesday 21st March
Nursery Closed
Nursery Parents and Carers Meetings

Tuesday 28th March
Nursery new starter Discovery session
3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 28th March & Wednesday 29th March
Parents Evening for Reception to Year 6 parents

3rd April - 14th April
Easter Holiday

Monday 1st May
May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 8th May
King Coronation Bank Holiday - School Closed

9th - 12th May
Year 6 SATs Week

Attendance

Overall this week:

96% 😊

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am courageous
- I am resilient

School Menu

Week 3

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What a wonderful first week back we had in Nursery! The children have enjoyed exploring the new continuous provision this week all based on books. They have enjoyed visiting the Three Bears cottage, dressing up as their favourite book characters and looking through non-fiction books about animals.

Throughout the week the children have also been choosing some of their favourite stories for us to share as a group. The children all thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and looked wonderful in their costumes. We really enjoyed taking part in the whole school parade to show off our costumes and see what everyone else was wearing.



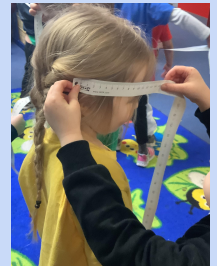
Reception

Reception children have started exploring their new continuous provision this week linked to books.



They had a fantastic world book day, dressing up and showing the school their super costumes, listening to stories and writing about their character.

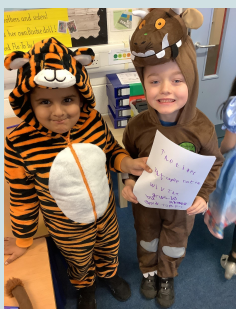
Earlier in the week, they created stories in the sand tray, planted seeds and measured their partner for glasses using the book Jim and the Beanstalk as inspiration.



Year 1

We have had a wonderful week of storytelling in Year 1. The children really enjoyed exploring our focus book 'The Baddies' by Julia Donaldson and looking at storybook villains. We delved into lots of reading and writing activities across the week including the children using their phonics to read a description of a villain before using their Rex Retrieval skills to draw out the clues to draw a matching picture. They even got to write their own descriptions of classic villains Miss Trunchbull and the Big Bad Wolf!

We ended our week with a wonderful celebration of stories for World Book Day. To celebrate the day the



children teamed up as authors and illustrators to create their own fantastic books which we have added to our class

Year 2

What a busy, but mindful week we have had.

We have been focusing on the British Value 'Individual Liberty' and have learnt all about different feelings and what it means to be grateful for something. We discussed what we are grateful for and created our own gratitude jar.

Also we had our music Fantastic Finish where we used orchestral instruments to help tell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We continued the theme of storytelling for World Book Day. We have loved focusing our learning on 'The Wolf's story'. The children put on fantastic performances of their very own versions, they even had props!

We had a fantastic WBD, where the children all looked super. They enjoyed sharing lots of books as a class, the whole school parade around school and their special visit from the Year 5 teachers.

reading areas! It was also great seeing parents and children choosing books to take home as part of our Bedtime Reading initiative. Thank you for all your support!



Year 3

We have had a lovely week all around stories. We had read, listened to, watched, reviewed and shared stories all week.

We have enjoyed making animals a focus in many of our stories over the week. We have been hearing about how the big, bad wolf in 'The Three little pigs' may not have been the criminal we thought!

We appreciated the differences between us through the story 'Giraffes can't dance' in our British values lesson earlier in the week and based our alliterative writing around it. We were reminded about the values of respect and tolerance.

We all thoroughly enjoyed World book day yesterday! The children were buzzing about books and loved sharing and recommending their favourite stories as well as being creative when making their character bookmarks.



Year 4

We've had a truly wonderful week celebrating storytelling. During this week, we have created our own version of 'The Princess and the Pea' in the form of an animation, using the Stop Motion app on our iPads. We've worked in pairs and have created the script, different backgrounds and characters.



It was brilliant seeing how much we enjoyed World Book Day talking about all things 'books, books and books!' Year 4 and Year 1 swapped teachers for story time.

We finished the week working on our WAT music project with our visiting musician Paul Wilcox. A great start to this half term.

Year 5

Wow! What a fabulous first week we have had yet again!

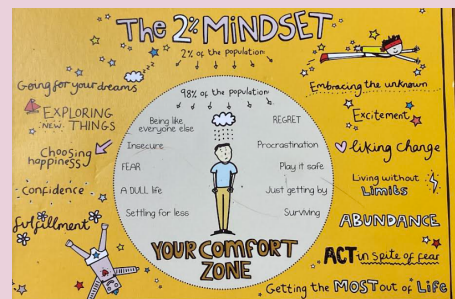
We've had many highlights this week, including a visit to the local library and World Book Day but the main event of this week has been filming our 'Alice in Wonderland' performance.



The children looked fabulous and had a great time performing their piece in front of the camera. We are really looking forward to putting the final video together and sharing it with our parents. A great start to our Spring half term!

Year 6

We kick-started the term with a visit from Felicity and "The Art of Brilliance". All the children went to the hall to take part in activities to change their mindsets. 98% of people live in their comfort zone of procrastination and fear whilst 2% of people like to try out new experiences and live without limits.



Children from across Year 5 and 6 will be producing an assembly for the rest of the school all about being brilliant!

Mental Wealth Card - Design and make a lucky charm containing one wish for all your classmates. (Dojos will be given out if you show your teacher!)

Pupil Achievements

Henry in Nursery has been working so hard during his swimming lessons. He has now got his certificate and badge for 'Duckling 1'. Keep it up Henry!



Lily in 3W received Star Player for Starz Academy Tigers U8's Girls Team this weekend for great work rate, solid performance and a nice goal assist too - Well done Lily!

Well done to Bailey-Joe 4H, who got 'Player of the Match' on Sunday after 3 weeks off with an injury! He also got 'Players Player' with his Saturday team!



Well done to Piper-Blêu 3W, who received, 'Parents Player' of the match last weekend!!




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	
Safiya (NAM)	Elora	Ellie	Raid	Adam	Caleb	Jacob	Clementine	Zak	
Justin (Full-time)	4A Robyn Ev.	4H Ayham	5C Ayat	5K Lexi	5P Daniel	6CW Mia	6R Clara	6S Enya	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Aayan	Myah	Harry	Joshua	Amelia	Lilly P	Sienna	Phoebe	
4A Jonah	4H Archie	5C Thayne	5K Lily	5P Adam	6CW Layla Allen	6R Emma	6S Bawen	

Club News

We had a lovely end to the hockey club last night when the children had a tournament against each other that their parents came to watch. The parents were very impressed with the hockey skills on show from everyone and

hopefully some of the year six will go on to play for high school teams. Next Thursday sees the start of the rounders club for children in years five and six.

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

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