



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



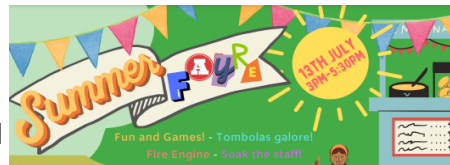
Newsletter - 7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun was shining today as we held our annual Mini-Olympics which involves every child from Nursery to Year 6 taking part in a carousel of events. It's a fabulous team event and the children gain points for their houses. Every area of the field and playground is used making for a very special morning. With that in mind, we are reviewing sports days for KS2 for next academic year so that we can invite parents in to watch, and maybe take part.

The Friends of Colley Lane have kindly purchased a reading shed for our KS1 playground. This is to become the new home of our 'Book Swap', where children will be able to borrow and return books to read and enjoy at home. To make this an engaging and enjoyable experience for all, we would like to stock it with texts that enthuse our readers. If you have any well-cared-for books that you no longer use at home, please could you donate them for others to enjoy. If you could hand these to your child's teacher, we will ensure they make their way into Our Colley Lane Reading Shed. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We are excited to begin the countdown to our first Summer Fayre in years, happening on Thursday, July 13th. Friends of Colley Lane are working hard to make this event a success, with a diverse range of stalls and activities for everyone to enjoy. We're also offering free participation in some stalls that still offer the chance to win prizes, which is a great opportunity. Thank you for your support and we can't wait to see you there!



We are busy preparing your child's annual report alongside the information for the class they will be in next year. Like last year, the children will have a transition morning, on Monday 17th July, and we will hold the parent "Meet the Teacher" events in the first two weeks back in September.

Kind regards
Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 10th July

Year 1 Sports Day 1.45pm (Parents invited)

Wednesday 12th July

Nursery Sports Day 9.30 am / 2.00 pm (Parents invited)

Thursday 13th July

Year 4 Sports Day (No parents)

Thursday 13th July

Summer Fayre 3pm - 5:30pm

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

Tuesday 25th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10am

Tuesday 25th July

Break up, last day of term

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Overall this week:

95%

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- I am creative
- I can become unstuck

Week 1
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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week we went on our Summer walk in The Glade. We looked closely at the changes which we could see in the area and on the field. We then had a discussion about how The Glade has changed throughout the year from our Autumn walk to our Summer walk. The children were able to make lots of great comparisons between the different seasons. We found lots of flowers, berries and even some mushrooms!



Reception

This week the children have been learning about shapes. They have been describing the properties of shapes and sorting them into different groups. The children particularly enjoyed the shape songs they have been joining in with.

Year 1

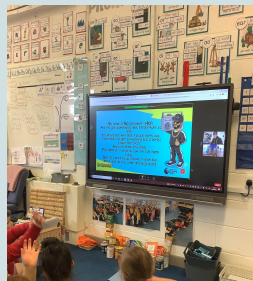
We've had another busy week in Year 1 and we went a little sunflower crazy this week! The children learnt about the lifecycle of a sunflower before planting their own sunflower. They were able to talk about how they would look after



their sunflower at home, drawing on their knowledge of how plants grow. We continued our sunflower theme with some Van Gogh inspired art. The children used thick paint, paintbrushes and spatulas to draw their own sunflowers. Don't they look great!



Another highlight this week was taking part in a fun interactive online Phonics session with MC Grammar. We had a go at Phonics Beatboxing and played Phonics Charade! We had



Year 2

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 2, full of sports!

In science we have been focusing on exercise and how it impacts your heart and bodies. The children completed multiple exercises and compared their heart rate each time to see which one raised it the most.

On Thursday we welcomed lots of parents and carers into school for our sports day! think you'll all agree, the children were fantastic! They took part in

multiple events: skipping, sack and bean bag races. With the final one being a running race! It was a great morning and was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members here to cheer the children on.



a great time. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing Year 1 parents at our Sports Day on Monday afternoon!

We continued our sporty theme on Friday, where the children took part in our whole school Mini-Olympics. It was great fun and a pleasure to see all of the children getting stuck in, taking part in multiple different activities.

Year 3

Lots going on in Year Three over the week. The children have been working on their research skills across the week.



In Science they worked well in teams to research facts about scientists from the past. The children use iPads to find out about different charities in Theme and really enjoyed researching an animal of their choice to write a non chronological report about next week.

The children have also continued working in teams in P.E and all felt they ran faster, jumped quicker and aimed with more accuracy this week.



Many of these skills were on show in our Mini Olympics today where the children competed to collect the most points they could across a wide range of activities. Fun was had by all!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4

Wow! Lots going on again this week in Year 4. The children have worked incredibly well on their assessments and we are so proud of their achievements.

In PE this week, Year 4 have practised a range of track and field events in preparation for the Mini Olympics and also Year 4's Sports Day.

In theme, children have started collecting their facts and information ready for their key assessment task - writing a letter to our local MP about reducing the usage of single-use plastic in our local community and especially in schools.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5

This week has been a very busy one for Year 5, including Assessments, science experiments, independent writing and the Mini Olympics.

In Science, we were testing soluble and insoluble materials, placing a range of materials into water to see whether they would dissolve. We tested items including sugar, coffee, rice and food colouring. It was great to see how quickly some of the materials dissolved whilst others took much longer than expected.

In Writing this week, we have completed our independent pieces about the late Steve Irwin. The children wrote fantastic biographies all about his life and his achievements around the world. It has been great to learn about the life of someone so inspiring!

Well done to all of the children in the Mini Olympics - they were absolutely fantastic!

Year 6

This week has been full of new beginnings. Most children have now visited their new schools. The build-up to the day was filled with excitement and nerves at the same time. However, on their return all pupils said that they enjoyed their time at their new school.

In school, we are still practising the play. They are improving day-by-day so well done so far!

Please sign up for tickets for the production below by **Friday 14th July at 12:00pm** so that we can reallocate tickets if they are not needed. Please message your child's class teacher if you would like to be added to a waiting list for extra tickets.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LPdxBzwo2jyC6QqQAEm7q_9Ja0yqx2pkTr5WqxxE5js/edit

In addition, can you please state how many tickets you need for the Leavers Assembly if you have not done so already. This is on Tuesday 25th July 9:10am.

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Have a restful weekend.

Pupil Achievements

Lily in 3W, Indi and Ellena in 3H and Sophie in 2E have been busy! They won the Kingswinford football tournament at the weekend with their team Starz Academy Tigers.

That makes 4 tournament wins in a month! Amazing teamwork girls - well done!



Finley Cheadle played his first ever water polo match this weekend. He played for the U13 team, making him the youngest player in the tournament against Coventry, Warwick and Kind Edwards school.



Max played in the Old Halesonians Hockey tournament on Saturday. They played 3 games, his team won one, lost one and drew the final match. He also scored.



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	
Charles (AM)	Muizza	Axel	Ryan	Lily	Ekrem	Koloyan	Connor	Courtney	★
	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Saarankan (Full-time)	Ahmed	Archie	Megan	Taylor	Zuhan	Amelia	Freya	Connor	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

Due to the Mini Olympics today, Hot Chocolate for this week has been postponed until Monday.

Club News

It's been a great week at clubs this week, we were enjoying ourselves so much on Tuesday Mr Simpson came out to see what all the excitement was about. Here are a few upcoming dates, letters will be sent via ParentMail if your child is involved.

Thursday 13th July No clubs (due to the Summer Fayre)

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:

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