



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year and what a great first week back it has been! The children have started their new themes around Geography and Global issues from plastic pollution to "Do we think we live in a fair world?" During assembly on Monday, we looked at the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals and classes debated which they felt were most important for their class. **No Poverty** and **Good Health and Well-being** were the most discussed and over this term, we will be looking into how we can raise awareness about these. It also links with our work on sustainability with the Ministry of Eco-Education. This Monday, we are having an assembly and workshops on bees as we develop our school grounds to encourage a wider range of wildlife. Ask your child what they talked about this week.

A friendly reminder to parents driving to school: Kindly use the social club carpark during morning and afternoon hours, instead of the entrance and exit to the bungalows. Although it may be more convenient, there have been instances where residents were unable to access their homes or emergency vehicles would be restricted due to parking. Let's show consideration for our neighbours by refraining from parking in the red-highlighted area shown in the photo.



Remember to keep the children sun-safe this term by using sun cream and hats. Thank you for all the rainbow donations that came into school today. The summer fayre is going to be great!

Kind regards
Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 12th June

School Photos for Year 6, Nursery & Sports Clubs (ParentMail gone out to those involved)

Thursday 15th June -

Year 4 Arts Mark Trip

Monday 19th June

Reception trip to Smethwick Mosque

Wednesday 21st June

London Matilda Theatre Trip

Thursday 22nd June

Year 6 Mini Market

Monday 26th June

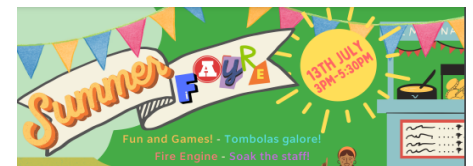
INSET Day - School Closed

Wednesday 28th June

Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip

Thursday 13th July

Summer Fayre 3pm



Attendance

Overall this week:

97% 😊

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I can give and receive feedback
- I am responsible

School Menu

Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have started to look at our new topic all about space. The children have been excited to learn all about the Solar System and have been exploring lots of new vocabulary.



Throughout the week we have been watching some videos about meteor showers and rocket launches. We have also listened to some stories being read in space which the children really enjoyed.



The children have also had the opportunity to explore space further through continuous provision. They have been role-playing as astronauts, exploring and naming different planets, finding and identifying phoneme rockets as well as counting asteroids!

On Monday 12th, we have individual and class photos so please send children into Nursery in their school uniform.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Reception

This week in Reception we began our new topic all about space. The children have enjoyed learning about our solar system and the different planets. We also explored this new topic through our new space station in the classroom!

The children used the vocabulary they have learned this week to write about if they were an astronaut. We have also watched a video about the solar system and different facts about the different planets. The children were in awe of how many planets there are in the solar system! I think we might have some future astronauts in Reception!



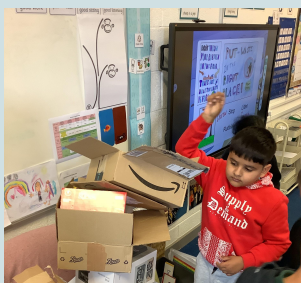
Year 1

We have had a wonderful return to school in Year 1 this week. We started our week with a focus on World Environment Day with the children discussing their roles and responsibilities to our planet.

Can you imagine their shock and horror then when they found their classroom filled with rubbish after coming back into class from break! They were particularly disappointed that someone had littered in their classroom! After discussing the damage littering does to the planet they set about making 'No Littering' posters.



We had some wonderful designs as you can see!



When the children had completed their posters they set about clearing the rubbish, carefully selecting that which could be recycled! Well done Year 1!

Year 2

It has been lovely seeing the children back after their week off, ready for our last half term together in Year 2!



On Monday there was a special delivery of caterpillars. We are going to watch as they grow to help us learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have loved watching them wriggling around in the pots and have also given them some great names!

We have also had our Titanic focus day this week, where the children came to school in their smartest dress. They looked absolutely fantastic. It was a jam-packed day full of excitement and learning. The children recapped the three classes and learnt dance moves from that era too. In the afternoon, they enjoyed an afternoon tea of sweet treats, with some of the children also having a cup of tea too! Don't forget to check Dojo to see lots of photos from the day.

They have also concluded their learning all about the Titanic by producing some fantastic double page spreads! The children had to decide on their title, layout and information, where they could really show

their creative side! The children have shown resilience and had to be organised to make sure their work was presented well. They should be very proud of their wonderful work!

Year 3

A busy week to start Summer 2. The children enjoyed exploring the UN 17 Sustainable goals and, being democratic, we then voted to find out the goals we felt were the most important. Lots of good discussion and reasoning too. Some of their posters are in our windows. The children felt 'Good health and well being' was an important issue and one we will be weaving into lessons across the half term.

We introduced our next Theme; our Global theme looking, in Year Three at the Commonwealth countries. The children used their ipads to research a selection of the 56 countries and made flags of those countries too. It has been lovely to see how interested the children are in our Commonwealth family of countries and some have been doing extra research at home too.

We also introduced the children to our new WCR book all about Akimbo and his adventures out in the African Savannah. We start reading it next week and the children can't wait! They had an extract in our Domain lesson this week to 'wet their appetite'!

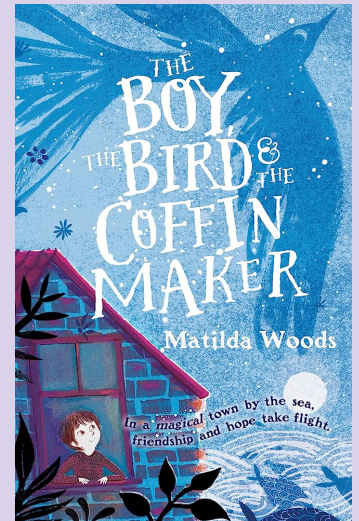


Year 4

It has been a busy first week back in Year 4 with lots of new projects started and also valued rehearsal time - singing our two songs, ahead of our performance next week. With regards to the trip next week, please can you make sure consent is given (if it hasn't been done already). Children and staff are really looking forward to the event, they have put so much effort into it and we are incredibly proud of them. Further details and reminders will be posted on Class Dojo next week, please look out for them and please ask if you have any questions.

Next week, we will be having a focus on times tables. We will encourage extra practice over the weekend (where possible). The TT Rockstars battle between 4A and 4H is heating up and both classes are battling to win 'highest score'. Can your child help towards their class' total?

We have started our new whole-class reading book - The boy, the bird and the coffin maker by Matilda Woods. Even Though we are just two chapters in, children are already hooked and are looking forward to reading the following chapters in the coming weeks.



Spelling Shed homework is set and the spelling list is shared on Class Dojo. Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5

We have had a lovely first week back in Year 5!

We started our week looking at World Environment Day and exploring how we can protect and care for the world around us. We explored the sustainable development goals and discussed which were the most important - in the end, we decided they all were!

In addition to this, we discussed the impact of landfill

Year 6

We have had a jam-packed week in Year 6 this week!

Firstly, we went swimming on Tuesday to Halesowen Leisure Centre. Many children were very nervous as it was something new for many of them but everyone was brave and showed courage by having a go!

On Wednesday, we had a fun-filled afternoon! Some children had the opportunity to learn a new sport- volleyball! Some children, who are going to Windsor High School and Sixth Form, began their transition

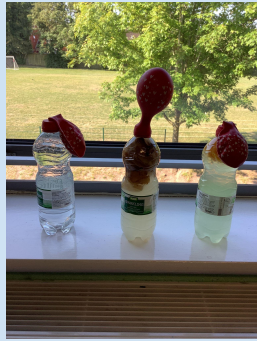
sites and the devastation they can cause to the planet and the ozone layer.

To test this, we created our own landfill bottles. We created three bottles: one control bottle with only water inside, one with banana peel and water and another with orange peel and water. We wanted to investigate how anaerobic respiration at landfill sites creates methane gas which damages the Earth's atmosphere.

It worked! Take a look at our photos from start to finish - our conclusion, composting is a much more environmentally friendly way to dispose of food waste.



Start



After 4 days

sessions with ex-pupils and the head of Year 7..

On Monday, we have individual and class photos along with sports team photos. If you are needed for a sports photograph Mrs BEvan will be in touch via CClass Dojo.

Also on Monday, the Year 6 children have been asked to have their teeth checked for a national survey. Please complete the questionnaire that was sent out on Wednesday and return it to school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Pupil Achievements



Lily in 3W, Indi in 3H and Ellena in 3H won 2 football tournaments at the weekend with their team Starz Academy Tigers! Saturday they travelled to Leicester where they won the Groby football tournament and Sunday they competed in the SDYFL girls tournament in Kingswinford and emerged winners again! Well done!

Well done to Lyla RTW who danced on the big stage at the Birmingham Hippodrome, you were a star!




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	★
Aamina (AM)	Rouen	Eden	Marni-Lea	Jovan	Layan	Violet	Michael	Piper-Blue	
Mila (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Hala	Regan	Dylan	Oliver	Shubmeet	Jack	Isabella	Travis	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Mohid	Ismael	Reuben	Olivia	Mya	Ruby	Skyla	Whitney	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Finley C	Alyssa	Ziann	Tereska	Eshara	Flo	Zahy	Sammy	

Club News

A great first week back at clubs in the sunshine, well done to everyone who has attended. Next week sees the start of summer competitions. Good luck to all the children taking part.



After School Club

Don't forget to check out our After School Club Blog to see what the children have been up to! [After School Club Easter Newsletter](#)

Local events / News

Homer Hill Park 2.5km Family Challenge - Updated Information

The Homer Hill Park 2.5km family challenge on Saturday 24th June 10 am - 2.00 pm, in aid of our new children's pump track. This is now a FREE event.

Walk, run or be pushed in a stroller 5 loops of Homer Hill Park's Fitness Track.

We provide drinks, snacks, music and plenty of high 5's. Please enter and let's have fun while raising money for our new children's Pump Track.

Donations on the day or / <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/homer-hill-park> / sponsorship forms (available at the school office, Cradley Library and Cradley Community Centre). Please let us know if you'll be there! – email to: friendsofhomerhillpark@hotmail.co.uk

Summer Fayre and Family Fun Day at St Peter's Church - Saturday 10th June



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Summer Fayre & Fun Day with Handmade Crafts



Saturday 10th June

at St Peter's Church
Church Road
Cradley
B63 2UL



BBQ

Homemade cakes

10.00am until 2.00pm

Come and browse our range of stalls and bring the kids too!

We have lots of stalls to browse with homemade crafters selling many individual items.

Bouncy Castle

There are also old favourites including homemade cakes, tombolas, prize a time, refreshments (including BBQ) and much more.....

Tombola

ALL WELCOME!

Face Painting

FREE ENTRY

Homemade
Crafts

Visit our website at www.stpeterscradley.org



PRESS RELEASE

St Peter's Parish Church, Church Road, Cradley B63 2UL
www.stpeterscradley.org

Summer Fayre & Family Fun Day with Handmade Crafts
Saturday 10th June 2023

10.00am – 2.00pm

FREE ENTRY

Come along this Saturday and browse our wide range of stalls in the church grounds with homemade crafters selling many individual items.

There are also old favourites including homemade cakes, tombola, BBQ, Refreshments, bouncy castle, face painting, live music from musician Andy Harris and much more.....

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!!

(Please note that the churchyard will be closed to vehicles for safety so please use local on street parking and car parks.)

ALL WELCOME!

Full details can be found on our website www.stpeterscradley.org

ENDS. Please feel free to use the attached photo (1 to 1) of
Gavin Pearson, James Turner and Sharon Turner.

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

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