



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 10th March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your understanding regarding the decisions today and yesterday regarding the snow and weather conditions. It is never an easy decision to make whether to stay open, close early or even fully close but the decision making process always has the children, parents and staff at heart. As I finish writing this, the snow is disappearing but I hope you understand the decision I made. With that in mind, if you did anything on your "Snow Day" that you would like to share, please send in photos or let me know. It's always lovely to see what we get up to as a community.

As part of Windsor Academy Trust's big moves for the future, sustainability is very much a priority, with the Trust moving towards being a carbon neutral organisation. There have already been a number of initiatives across the Trust from installing solar panels, LED lighting and moving away from paper copies of documents and we are now looking at how we can incorporate sustainability into our curriculum. As part of this, we welcomed Paul Turner from [The Ministry of Eco Education](#), a charity that works with schools and communities to look at teaching resources but also help put sustainability at the heart of what we do. Alongside Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay High schools, we will be working with Paul to look at our curriculum and school site to see how we can weave sustainability into what we do but also be more creative with the spaces we have. Paul worked with staff and held an assembly for KS2 around the climate and our planet. Did you know that earth is called the "Goldilocks Planet?" Some of the children did and could share their passion for the topic. As the work with Paul continues we will keep you updated.



Kind regards

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

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:

90%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am courageous
- I am responsible

School Menu

Week 1

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week the children have really enjoyed looking at non-fiction texts. We have been looking for facts in animal books and the children were able to tell us lots of things about dinosaurs!

On Thursday, the children arrived at school in the snow and were very excited to tell us all about it. We got the children wrapped up in their coats, scarves, hats, gloves and wellies and heading into the Nursery garden to explore. We had great fun sledding down the hill!



Reception

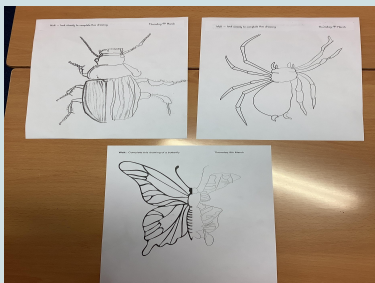
To end our theme all about books the children took part in a Now Press Play experience. They all wore headphones and listened to and acted out the story Little Red Riding Hood. It was a lovely experience for the children as they acted out the story as if they were Red Riding Hood. It was also a great opportunity to explore stories in a different way and a chance for the children to develop their listening skills!



Year 1

This week we launched our 'Magic Moments' Art theme in Year 1 which focuses on Minibeasts. The children enjoyed talking about their favourite and least favourite minibeast before going on a minibeast hunt. In our first art lesson we explored how artists use simple lines to create vivid art. We practised drawing different lines, from straight to wavy to thick and thin before the

children put their new knowledge onto paper by completing drawings of insects. The children focussed brilliantly on their drawings and completed some wonderful pieces of art.



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been starting our new theme 'Ice Worlds' and our new Whole Class Reader text. We have used the characters from our new story to help us with our writing. We used exciting vocabulary to describe features of Bean, Boggis and Bunce. They are all evil, horrid crooks!

In art, we have explored the work of Frances Hatch and thought about our opinions of her art work. Also, we got creative when using acrylic and watercolour paint to practise painting techniques, ready to help us create our background next week.



Year 3



In Computing this week the children have been coding using an algorithm. They have been making the 'Beebots' move using compass directions and then used coding language on the ipads to make the online turtles move.

Can your child tell you a mnemonic to remember compass directions?

We also had some visitors from Reading University to see how well we are getting on with learning Spanish. "Bien hecho Year Three!"

Year 4

We've had a lovely, creative week in Year 4. We have started our art project in theme - Art of Africa. Children have painted their own African landscape in the style of African artist, Edward Tingatinga.

We've also started a new writing project based on the poem 'I Rise' by Maya Angelou. Children have discussed the negative impact other people's words and actions can have on you and how we can build self-esteem.

Year 5

This week has been another lovely one!

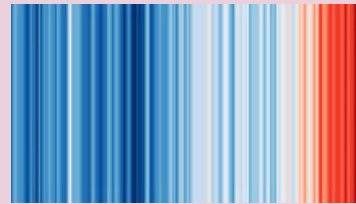
We have started our new theme this week, all about sustainability. We have been researching what sustainability is and how we can protect the environment around us. Over the coming weeks, we will be creating a year group art piece, which will highlight the use of sustainable resources and the impact we can have upon our world if we care for it properly.

We look forward to sharing our art with you over the coming weeks.

Year 6

Year 6 have been showing off what they have learned this year so far in their Year 6 practise SATs. Well done to all children who gave 100% effort. There is a SATs meeting for parents on Thursday 23rd March from 5-5.30pm and invites will be sent out on a Google Form.

We have also been to a special assembly this week about sustainability. The children learned about global warming and the effect it has on the planet.



Ask your child what this picture shows!

Pupil Achievements

Finley Cheadle from class 4A was awarded man of the match this week. He was brilliant in midfield scoring 2 goals!



If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Club News

What a busy sporting week we have had, on Monday the boys football team played their monthly fixtures in the Halesowen Football League winning both of them to move themselves to mid-table in the league.

Then on Tuesday we went to the High 5 Netball tournament where we finished runners up after playing some amazing netball.

Also on Tuesday, 34 dancers went to the Alexander Theatre in Birmingham to perform in the Great Big Dance Off. Our teams came 5th and 6th, an awesome result.

Finally on Wednesday, the girls football team went to finals day in the Dudley Football League where they finished in 6th place, an incredible achievement.

Well done to everyone who represented the school this week. Children can still join most clubs and have their chance to represent school this year.



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