



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Year 6 have been taking part in the national SATs tests for Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and we could not be prouder of how each and every one of them has approached this week! They were focused, worked hard and embraced our school motto of "Never Settle for Less Than Your Best!" Quite simply each and every child in Year 6 has been a



Thank you to Parents and Carers in Year 6 too, for your support with helping the children in their preparation for this week as it made a huge difference. You should feel very proud of all they have achieved not just this week but throughout their Primary Years. Finally, thank you to all the staff for all their hard work and encouragement to ensure the children shine! A huge team effort from everyone!

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 15th May
Year 5 Roman Workshop

Tuesday 16th May
Year 6 Maya Workshop

Tuesday 16th May
Group Walk to School from St Peters Church - 8:30am

Wednesday 17th May
Group Walk to School from Wilson Hall Social Club - 8:30am

Thursday 18th May
Census Day - Burger All Stars Menu

Tuesday 23rd May
Year 3 Tudor Workshop

Friday 26th May
Non-school uniform day - bring a bottle for Summer Fayre

29th May - 2nd June
Half Term

Thursday 15th June -
Year 4 Arts Mark Trip

Wednesday 21st June
London Matilda Theatre Trip

Wednesday 28th June
Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip

Attendance

Overall this week:

96%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am respectful
- I can be collaborative

School Menu

Week 2 (New Menu)

[Link to Menus](#)

*We have Census Day on **Thursday 18th May** with a special menu of Burgers and Hot Dogs (and quorn options) available with chips.*

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

We have started to look at our new topic of growing this week. The children have enjoyed exploring how different things grow including humans, animals and plants. Throughout the week, the children have been exploring growing through the continuous provision and have learnt new vocabulary to support their knowledge. They have particularly enjoyed exploring the soil and bulbs in the sand area.



Reception

This week the children have started a new topic all about growing. They have worked really hard to write shopping lists for the garden centre, instructions on how to plant seeds as well as tricky words on flowers. On dojo is a list of tricky words and some song links so your child can practise writing, reading and singing at home.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children planted their own runner bean as part of our Science topic on plants. We explored different parts of a plant, thinking about their functions as well as using new vocabulary in our discussions. The children really enjoyed planting their bean and have been examining their plant pot daily to see any signs of growth!

Next week the children will look back at the different stages of planting their bean and write their own instructions.

Year 2

We have had another shorter, yet busy week in Year 2, where we began the week with our new science focus 'Animals including humans'. We learnt all about the things animals and humans need to survive.

In our theme lessons, we have found out more information about the events of The Titanic and ordered these in chronological order on a timeline. In our classes we retold the events using actions to help us remember what happened and made a storyboard to show these events. As we are getting closer to the end of our theme, we wanted to let you know that we will be having a Titanic focus day when we come back after half term (W.C. 5th June) as our 'Fantastic Finish'. Children will be asked to dress up for this day but more information will be sent out on class dojo.

Year 3

Lots of opportunities to use digital technology in class across this week.

In Reading lessons they have researched the meanings of unfamiliar words and found images to clarify; for example differences between a forest and a jungle in a lesson starter. In Writing, they researched their chosen natural disaster to help when writing their non chronological report.



In Maths the children used QR codes to access activities to consolidate learning. They were exploring the properties of 3D shapes so were then able to create venn diagrams to sort and classify shapes. Have a go!

Year 4

We've managed to fit so much into our four days again this week.

Our highlight of the week was certainly our theme work, building on our learning from our theme day. Children created their own individual double-page piece of research about the Vikings invading Britain. Each and every child created unique pieces of work, displayed and set out differently, which is absolutely fantastic and what we would like to see.

Next week, we have our Fire Safety workshop on Monday and our visiting musician for a music workshop on Friday. Lots more to look forward to.

In Science the children revisited prior learning through quizzes around food groups and labelling the human skeleton and in Theme the children used 'Whiteboardfi' to show they knew what happened to each of King Henry's six wives!
A short but busy week! Enjoy the weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5

We've had another lovely week following the Bank Holiday weekend. The children have worked really hard and have made the most of every lesson in class.

Our highlight of the week has been the ChatterPix videos we made to end our Writing unit. The children have been writing a transmission report from another planet, encapsulating the feelings and emotions of a true astronaut within their work.

To finish the topic, the children drew their very own astronaut characters and animated them using the ChatterPix app on their iPads. These then read their space transmissions, as a real astronaut would if in space! What a great way to end the unit.

A quick reminder: it is our History workshop on Monday! The children should wear their normal school uniform and attend school at the normal times. We cannot wait!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6

We would like to thank all children for showing resilience and courage skills this week. They faced all tests with enthusiasm and dedication and were a credit to the school all week within their examinations.

Our school motto is Never Settle for Less Than Your Best and the children definitely lived up to that this week.

Well done to all children, we are very proud of you!

On Monday, we are going to the park to celebrate the children's efforts.

Although SATs are over, learning does not stop here. We still have writing assessments to complete as well as following the remainder of the Year 6 curriculum.

We hope you and your child have a restful weekend.


Pupil Achievements

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	
Ella (AM)	Elliott	Freddie	Dania	Tommy	Aizah	Inaaya	Jenson	Whitney	
Yaqub (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Harrison	Nageb	Poppy	Eva	Mason	All children!			

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Ivy-Beau	Isaac	Nathan	Elyas	Emily	Jake	Daniel	Aryaan	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Louie M	Seth	Jack	Mohammed	Caleb	Jacob	Layah	Travis	

[Club News](#)

We have had a great week at clubs this week. On Thursday alone we had over 100 children from reception right up to year 6 children taking part in the clubs on offer. Don't forget tomorrow is the WAT-a-Run event at school for the year 5 and 5 children who have been invited and that you can also go to the Halesowen Athletics Club on Sunday afternoon to join in the fun run.

There will be no netball club on Tuesday 16th May because the team has a match.

[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](#)

The Homer Hill Park 2.5km family challenge on Saturday 24th June 10 am - 1.00 pm, in aid of our new children's pump track.

Every challenger will receive an exclusive event medal. 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.

Please click on the link for more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homer-hill-park-challenge-tickets-632060298367?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

[Cradley Scout Group](#)

Cradley Scout Group is looking to recruit some more leaders. If you are interested in coming to a taster session at Beavers (6-8 years) The contact details are; curtis@2ndcradleyscoutgroup.co.uk or call 07581 516302.

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

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

More useful links:

[Term Dates](#)

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