

Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 13th January 2023

Reminder: School will be closed on Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I have decided to focus my part of the newsletter on E-Safety and providing support to parents in regards to gaming and online safety. Many children of all ages enjoy the use of digital technologies, playing online with friends or exploring the latest apps and it can feel as parents that they know more than we as parents do. And whilst the world of gaming and online collaboration are exciting and fun, it can be a source of vulnerability for children. All devices which allow both unfettered access to the internet and expose children to voice chat, text chat and photo sharing with complete strangers.



Often children learn about online gaming or platforms from older brothers and sisters or friends at school who are already playing and might not think of the risks of such games or platforms. There is also a pressure that children place on parents about age-restricted games and they want to play "because my friends Mum or Dad let their child play." Age restrictions are there for a reason but it is easy to overlook with gaming. Fortnite is a case in hand as it has got to the point that there is not a school pupil in the country who hasn't owned it, begged their parents for it or played it round a friend's house. There has also been a big rise in the use of Virtual Reality Headsets and it is important that children use them safely.

Please see the links below for support and advice:

- [Child Safety and the Metaverse](#)
- [Understanding the Playground - Fortnite](#)
- [A Guide to Online Safety and Gaming](#)

On Thursday as part of school census, all children having a School Dinner on this day will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a Craft Set. There are three prizes up for grabs, a craft set for KS2 and one for Early years/KS1 and one family will win a £50 Tesco voucher!



Thank you for your continued support of our fantastic school community.

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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am respectful
- I am responsible
- I am compassionate



What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome the new children into Nursery this week. The older Nursery children have been very responsible and compassionate with their new peers. All the children have been settling back into the routines of Nursery and have been enjoying learning all about Winter.



The older children have been working really hard in phonics, recapping their previous sounds, showing their sound knowledge during play and identifying our new sound which is 'd'. We have also been working hard on our counting and finger numbers in maths.

Please remember to complete the Google form for the EYFS reading session which can be found on dojo stories. The sessions are to be held on Monday 16th January at 9am, 2:15pm or 3:30pm in the school hall.

Reception

In literacy this week, children have been learning to write tricky words and three letter words. They have been using both their phonics and kinetic letter knowledge to write new words. They are working really hard on reducing their letter size and including flicks on their letters. The children also enjoyed their tasting session where they tasted and described hot chocolate as part of their Write Stuff lessons.

In Whole Class Reading, they uncovered their new book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and even went on a headteacher hunt around school, which they really enjoyed.

In numeracy children have been using a tens frame to represent 7 and 8 and will be exploring number 9 and 10 next week.

This week reception children started their group reading sessions. Every Wednesday children will change their reading and choice book. Children will be heard read throughout the week as well, so please ensure your child brings their book bag daily.

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Year 1

The highlight in Year 1 this week was the launch of our DT 'Grand Designs' theme. Our stunning start involved dumping a pile of recyclable rubbish in the middle of the classroom! You can imagine the children's reactions when they walked back into class after lunch! They were tasked to turn our pile of 'junk' into their own piece of treasure. The children began by thinking of what they wanted to make, before selecting their pieces of junk and sketching a design. The next hour was then spent turning their junk into fantastic 'grand designs'. It was wonderful watching the children embody our Aspire character values and skills as they worked. Being creative, becoming unstuck, being resilient and organised - we could see it all! By the end of the session the children had made a wonderful array of items, including a laptop, hammer, a house, a bus and even a bird! We can't wait to see where our Grand Designs theme takes us next!



Year 2



The highlight of Year 2's week, has been our trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo! During our writing sessions, we have been learning all about a bear who visits the big city in search of the theatre. It was great for us to experience a theatre ourselves and we look forward to using these experiences in our writing. The children loved the performance and were great at joining in!



Year 3

In our WCR Domain lessons this week we have been making 'retrieval' our focus. The children enjoyed reading about how and when New Year is celebrated around the world.

They circled unfamiliar vocabulary to discuss first. We then read each question carefully and circled key words to help us to retrieve the answers from the text. We know dates are numbers to look for and names of people or places will start with a capital letter. We also know when we retrieve we 'pick up the information' and don't change it!

Good work skimming and scanning the text for answers to retrieve everyone.



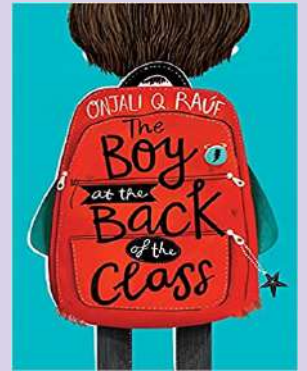
Year 4

The highlight of our week has to be starting our new class book - The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q.Rauf.

A summary of the book:

When a new boy joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure.

Children have read parts of the first three chapters aloud and we are really pleased at the continued progress in reading fluency. Well done Year 4!



Year 5



This week has been another fantastic one. Our main highlight has been drumming! On Tuesday afternoon, the children started their first music lesson, learning to play the African Drums.

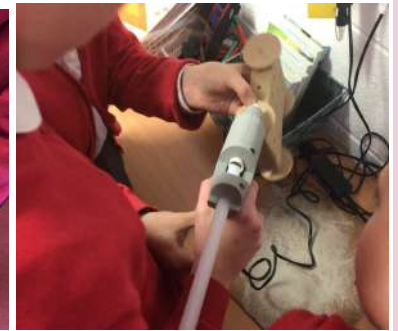
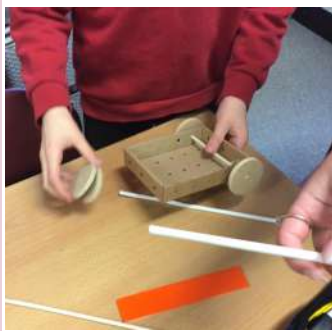
They created rhythms and patterns using the instruments and also began to sing songs to the rhythms they created. Some of the pupils even had a go at their very own solos. The children loved it!

We are really looking forward to seeing how creative they are in their music lessons over the coming weeks!

Year 6

Design and Technology

Design and Technology has been a great focus this week in Year 6 as we are now well into our new Grand Designs theme. As we said last week, this theme's key question is Can I design an eco-friendly car? Last week, we completed a tally of the types of vehicles that went past and then we designed our cars. This week, the children chose teams to work with to work on their final design. Our main focus for this week was to build the chassis or shell for the car. After being told safety instructions, the children then started to make their shell. They used a cardboard chassis and folded it like a net. They measured using a ruler and then used a saw to cut the wooden dowling. Using a glue gun, they attached the wheels to the axle of the car. Next week, they will be focusing on making their vehicle motorised. We can't wait to see their final products!



Mental Wealth Card : be the better version of you.

Pupil Achievements



Well done to Maddie (5C), who took part in a dance show on the weekend. She performed 2 ballet dances at Stourbridge Town Hall, to support Stourbridge Orchestra in their annual Viennese Gala. What a star ★ Great work Maddie!



Congratulations to Alyssa Hadley from 4H who passed her Gymnastics Badge 6 from Halesowen Earls Gymnastics Club. Well done Alyssa!

On Sunday Daniel in 3W was awarded Man of Match for his football team Forest Falcons. He played brilliantly in heavy rain and a hailstorm. Super work Daniel!




On Saturday Pippa in 5K attended a creative writers group in Walsall. Although she was nervous, and did not know anybody she did amazing. Pippa produced some beautiful pieces of writing and made some new friends.


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	
Daisy	Florence	Danie	Laycee-Mae	Bobby	Paisley	Rueben	Sienna	Zakai	
Marwah	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Louie P	Muhammed	Naseeb	Emaan	Zahra	Riley	Lewis	Mason	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Peter	Ryan	Harper	Mia	Chad V	Sinan	Olivia	Harvey	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Oliver	Muhammad	Orla	Lujain	Alaa	Braiden	Lucas D	Amelia	

Key Dates

Reminders

- Monday 16th January - Nursery & Reception Phonics Parent Session - 9.00am / 2.15pm / 3.30pm
- Tuesday 17th January - Year 6 Residential

Items for the School Day

Children should come to school with all their belongings needed for school that day for example water bottles, lunch boxes, iPads, PE kits for clubs etc. We cannot guarantee items brought in throughout the day will get

Meeting 5.00pm

- Thursday 19th January - Census Day - The All American Menu. Prizes to be won for those who have school dinners this day!
- **Friday 27th January - INSET Day - School Closed**
- Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th February -Year 6 Residential to PGL
- Monday 20th - Friday 24th February - Half Term

to your child.

Uniform

Please can all children's uniforms, hats, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name.

Parking

Can we remind you that the car park is for **staff only and permit holders**. If you need to use the car-park, please see the office for a parking permit. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge.

Iris ParentMail

ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

We encourage all parents to register if you haven't already. For those who haven't and if you have an email address, you will be receiving a verification email soon via your emails. Please follow the link on the email to register. You will get notification when we send out forms for trips, all payments will be via Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

General Reminders

School Dinners

Just a reminder that you no longer need to book meals in advance, children can choose what they would like to eat on the day at the counter. Parents will still need to ensure that there is money in their child's ParentMail account but children will indicate they are having a hot dinner on the day in registration.

Next week's menu will be **Week 3**, however on **Thursday we have a themed menu for Census Day of Burgers or Quorn Hot dog served with chips, peas or beans with a dessert of Strawberry jelly or Honey cookie and vanilla ice cream.**

THE ALL AMERICAN

MAINS
Burger in a bun OR Quorn Hot Dog

SIDES
Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

DESSERTS
Strawberry Jelly, Honey Cookie and
Vanilla Ice Cream

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY

Prizes to be won!

All children having a School Dinner on this day will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a Craft Set. There are 2 Prizes up for grabs. 1 for KS2 and 1 for Early years and KS1.
One family will also win a £50 Tesco voucher!

KS2 Prize

KS1 Prize

WEEK 3 MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2022	Hot Main Dish w/ with Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Wedges Served with Peas and Carrots	Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Wholemeal Rice	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese With Garlic and Herb Bread Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips, Peas and Beans
	Alternative Dish Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholemeal Rice	Vegetable Chow Mein Served with Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Pie Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Sweetcorn, Green Beans and Gravy	Quorn Mince Served with Chips, Peas and Beans
	Salads Freshly Prepared Salads Available every day				
	Jacket Potato Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato With a choice of fillings
	Pasta Wholemeal Pasta with homemade Tomato Sauce Available every day		Tomato Pasta		
	Vegetables Peas and Carrots	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Peas and Beans
	Dessert Strawberry Ice Cream	Fruit Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Slice	Crispy Crackle Bar

PACKED LUNCH – AVAILABLE DAILY
 HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT DESSERT OF THE DAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
 WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT AND FRESH FRUIT

V Vegetarian D Oily fish W Wholegrain F Fruity!

Internal

The menus rotate on a 3 week cycle and all menus can be found on the website under 'School Life' then 'Essential Information'. You can also pick up a copy from the school office.

Asthma

Just a reminder that if your child needs an inhaler in school, please can you come to the office to fill in the relevant paperwork. You will be asked to leave one inhaler in school.

Class Dojo

Please sign up to Class Dojo this weekend using the letter provided from school. For more information please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

PE Days

Nursery - Monday (AM) & Tuesday (PM)

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 - Monday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 - 5C - Monday & Thursday / 5P - Tuesday & Thursday / 5K - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 - 6S - Tuesday & Wednesday / 6R - Wednesday & Friday / 6CW - Wednesday & Friday

Walk to School

Over the next few months there will be new activities linked to Walk to School.

The Walk to School Badge design competition will be launched next week where children have the opportunity to design next year's badges and in February we will be taking part in the Walk to School Walk of Fame Challenge where we will aim to top the leaderboard for local schools.

Thank you again for walking to school as often as possible.

Road Safety Awareness

The Road Safety & Travel Awareness Team provide road safety education and advice across the borough of Dudley, provide cycling and Bikeability advice and training, again across the Borough, both in schools and within the community as a whole. The team also coordinate the School Crossing Patrol service in Dudley



Please see links below for more information.

Road Safety & Travel Awareness Web Page - <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/>

Facebook Page - ask Parents to like and share - <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyDudleyCouncil>

Childcare Choices



UK Government | Help for Households

You might not realise you could get help with childcare costs

Check if you're eligible today
Go to [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare Choices



UK Government | Help for Households

Up to £2,000 to help with childcare costs
Per child, each year

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UK Government | Help for Households

Do you get Universal Credit and need help with childcare costs?

Check today at
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Eligibility criteria apply

Childcare Choices

Please take a look on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Attendance



Our Attendance for this week (09/01/23 - 13/01/23) is 97.1%

This has beaten our set target of 96% and we are so proud. Well done everyone! Let's keep this going 😊

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please let us know as soon as possible by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App - **Please do not use DOJO to report absence.**

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend school.

News....

Pop up Vaccination Clinic

I wanted to let you all know about a new project that is starting this week in Brierley Hill Town Centre at the Moor Centre, DY5 3AH.

There will be a vaccination van in Brierley Hill on 24th December 2022, 7th & 22nd January 2023, 4th & 18th February 2023, 4th & 18th March 2023 from 9am–1pm.

The van is there to have conversations about all vaccinations (not just COVID) and answer any queries you may have. There will be the opportunity to have a COVID vaccine if eligible.

The van will be moving around to other places across Dudley borough, please see below for further information.

<https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/pop-up-vaccination-black-country>

The Kindness Corner

Black Country Food Bank

The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is located in the school foyer where donations can be brought in at any time throughout the school year.

If you are able to donate any non-perishable food items please bring these along to the school office where we will collect them before donating them to help our local food bank and community.

Take a look at the amazing work they do by visiting their website at

<https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/>



Action for Happiness

Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

The bottom of the calendar features several line-art illustrations. From left to right: a simple face with a wide smile; a hand holding a heart; a group of three people with their arms raised in celebration; a person holding a large flower; and a person with a leaf on their head, possibly representing a tree or nature.

Diary Dates

Spring Half Term

Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Friday 27th January - INSET Day - School Closed

Return to school Monday 27th February 2023

Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023

Return to school Monday 17th April 2023

Summer Half Term

Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Return to school Monday 5th June 2023

Break up for Summer - Tuesday 25th July 2023

Inset Days

Friday 27th January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

Bank Holidays

May Day - Monday 1st May 2023

King's Coronation - Monday 8th May

Club News

Colley Lane Club News

It was brilliant to watch the girls football team on Tuesday night play against three other local primary schools. They played some really good football and managed one draw and two wins. They play again in a couple of weeks to see if they can go through to the next round of the competition against the schools in the other leagues..

There will be no art club on Monday 16th January.

The price of clubs is £1 per club to a maximum of £3 regardless of how many clubs attended per week (this doesn't include JSB clubs.)

Unless your child has PE on the same day as a club they must come in school uniform and bring their kit to change into. If they are participating in a club before school they can come in their kit and bring their uniform to change into if they don't have PE that day, this also applies to the JSB club.



Clubs

	<i>Before school (Start time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>After school (Finish time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Monday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Art (4.15) cancelled Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30) * JSB	£1.00 £1.00 £1.00 £3.00
Tuesday	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Tri Golf (8.10)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Netball (4-15)	£1.00
			Y3 & Y4 Dance (4.15)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
Wednesday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Basketball (4.15)	£1.00
	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Football (8.00) * JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
Thursday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.00)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)	£1.00
			Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Choir (4.15)	£1.00
			Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
			Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
Friday	Y4 Gymnastics (8.10)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)	£3.00