



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



## Newsletter - 17th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week and, indeed the half-term, has come to an end and as we shared with the children in Praise assemblies today, it is amazing to reflect on how much has taken place but also the individual progress that children have made. The children embrace our Aspire Values on a daily basis whilst also enjoying school life and this is a wonderful thing to be part of. It helps the children to become independent and reflective learners but also think of others and how they can show compassion and kindness. Over this holiday you might like to talk to your children about the Aspire diagram and what it means to self-quizz or be courageous or explore other character and learner skills.



Thank you to the Friends of Colley Lane for organising 3 fabulous discos' yesterday. It was lots of fun with bubbles and photo booths and we will be letting you know how much was raised after the holiday.

Please remember that we will be celebrating World book day on Thursday 2nd March. A letter was sent out about different ideas for the day so please do not feel the need to buy expensive costumes. It's all about the reading!

Have a lovely half-term break and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dominic Simpson  
Headteacher

### Key Dates

**Monday 20th-24th February**  
Half Term

**Monday 27th February**  
No Tuck for KS2

**Wednesday 1st March**  
9-10am - 3.30-4.30  
Nursery Open Day for prospective parents

**Thursday 2nd March**  
World Book Day

**Tuesday 7th March**  
Year 4 Swimming starts

**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

### Attendance

Overall this week:

**95%**

[Attendance information](#)

### Aspire

- I am responsible
- I can be collaborative

### School Menu

**Week 2**

[Link to Menus](#)

On Thursday 2nd March, there will be a themed menu for World Book Day with Burgers and Quorn Hot Dogs with Chips, Beans or Sweetcon and Assorted Desserts

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# ***What's been happening in school this week?***

## **Nursery**

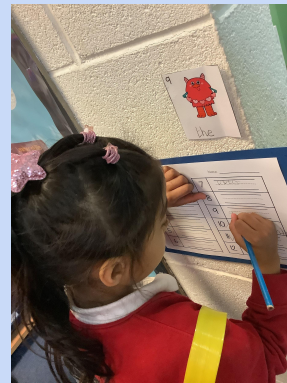
We have thoroughly enjoyed our final week of this half term in Nursery. Our theme for this week has been love and kindness and it has been wonderful to talk to the children about how to be kind to others. The children have enjoyed making kindness potions in the water tray and making bracelets for their friends.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break!



## **Reception**

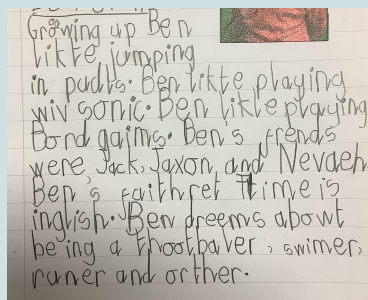
Reception children have been showing compassion and kindness this week. They have been writing about how they could be a good friend to others, making friendship bracelets and searching for tricky word kindness monsters. Their writing is improving each day and they have been working really hard on forming letters using our kinetic letter handwriting style.



## **Year 1**

Children in Year 1 have been writing their biographies this week. Our inspiration came from our previous writing unit on the American sprinter Florence Joyner. We found out lots about her and it has been equally as fun finding out about the children in Year 1. Our final writing lesson saw the children writing some funky facts about themselves! We found out some children love to sing in the morning, others who have pet snakes, and even one who is able to count to 10 in Welsh! Wow!

Thank you for your support this half term and we hope you have a wonderful break.



## **Year 2**

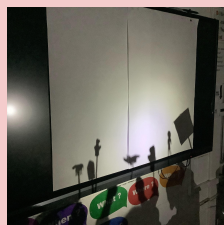
This week in Year 2, we have been very busy writing stories and getting our hands dirty investigating seeds in science. The children had lots of fun dissecting different fruits to find the seeds that were hidden inside of them. Did you know that strawberries have their seeds on the outside? We compared the seeds and then learnt about what happens to seeds when animals eat the fruit.



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## **Year 3**

The children have had a busy half term. We finished our topic of 'Light' in Science and presented our new knowledge as a 'double page spread'. The children enjoyed making shadow monsters outside, measuring shadow length and presented a shadow puppet show! The children are rightly proud of all their new vocabulary accumulated over the weeks. They completed their end of



## **Year 4**

What a fantastic week in Year 4! The children really enjoyed creating their own stitches in Science, using their knowledge of Conductors and Insulators. In Music we have explored percussive ostinatos and have even begun adding vocals to our pieces.

4H bid a fond farewell to Mrs Green and wish her luck in her next student placement.

unit assessment applying their new knowledge and 'working scientifically' skills. Well done everyone. Our next topic is 'Plants'. Happy half term.

Have a fabulous half term and we look forward to seeing everyone in a weeks time.

## Year 5

Wow, what an amazing final week of this half term! We have been so incredibly busy with lots of wonderful activities but our favourite moment this week has to be our Alice in Wonderland Day.



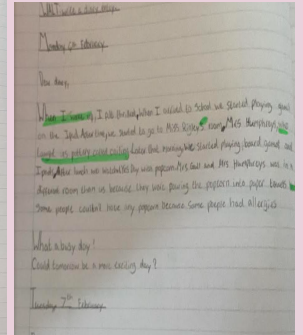
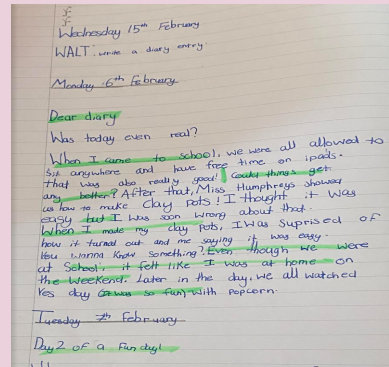
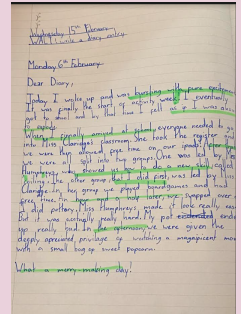
To celebrate the end of our Whole Class Reading text, the children dressed up as characters from the book and watched Disney's Alice in Wonderland film. The children were even treated to jam tarts. They absolutely loved it! Such a fabulous way to finish our week.

We wish you all a lovely half term.



## Year 6

Children in Year 6 have been focusing on writing this week. We used activities week as inspiration to write a diary entry about the activities the children participated in either in school or on residential. Children used a range of punctuation and sentence types to engage the reader. Well done to all children.



Have a lovely rest this half-term.


## *Pupil Achievements*

Well done to Louie M (4A) for getting Man of the Match and scoring 2 goals for his team on Sunday!




If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email [info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto: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	
Eloise (AM)	Mohid	Casey	Poppy	Ewan	Evan	Ruby	Jaiden	Oscar	
Simrah (AM)	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6CW</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Abdul	Amal	Maddie	Blossom	Chantelle	Florence	Leo	Molly	

## Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Kaelan (absent)	Eviee	Angel	Lily	Laylan	Michaela	Michael	Charlie	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Sumaia	Scarlett F	Kaydon	Clara	Ayaarn	Lottie	Eleanor	Ali	

## Club News

Last Friday, saw us enter the Dudley Cross Country at Summerhill Secondary School. There were 31 primary schools taking part on a very tough course, our children did amazingly with everyone of our 12 runs finishing before half away in the race meaning our combined score gave us a 4th place finish.

This week, saw us take on Manor Way in the netball league and the children produced another brilliant performance to win the match convincingly. Well done all.

There are some changes to clubs after half term  
 Thursday morning will be cricket for years 4, 5 and 6  
 Friday morning will be gymnastics for years 1 and not year 4.



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

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More useful links:

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