



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*

*Newsletter - 17th March 2023*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks, the teachers have been reviewing how the children are making progress in their classes with the objectives that are being taught. As teachers, we assess all the time as you know but every term, we have more formal assessments that highlight the achievements of the children as well as where there are gaps or misconceptions in the learning. During parents evening these next steps to learning will be discussed but a common question that comes up is "How can I best support my child with their learning?"

The best way with anything is little and often - 10 minutes times tables in the car on the way to school, 15 minutes reading before bed or curled up on the sofa, or sharing 10 minutes together to go through EdShed. All of these support learning and get the children into the habit of home learning, which is a skill that they need. Even something as simple as opening up the class story on Dojo and talking about the activities that they have taken part in during the week, all helps your child see the importance of learning.

We are very fortunate to have subscriptions to resources like Edshed, Century Tech, Time Tables Rockstars and Boom Reader that all support learning but in a different way that your child might prefer. Whatever way you choose to support learning at home, even a small amount of time can have a huge impact on your child's achievements over their time at Colley Lane.

There were some very strange hairstyles today, and that was just the staff, as we supported Red Nose Day in a very different way this year. It is always good to try something different and the contributions to the food bank are much appreciated too. Next Friday, we are holding a non-school uniform day as part of the next Friends of Colley Lane event. We would like the children to bring in an Easter themed chocolate and in return they can wear their own clothes. All the chocolates and eggs will be made into Easter Baskets and Chocolate bouquets, which will be raffled off - tickets will be on sale at Parents Evenings. All funds raised will go towards the "Book Shed" that the committee is purchasing for school. A fun way to end this short term! (See below)

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for the continued support.

Mr Dominic Simpson  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

### **Tuesday 21st March**

Nursery Closed  
Nursery Parents and Carers Meetings

### **Thursday 23rd March - 5.00pm**

Year 6 SATs Meeting

### **Friday 24th March**

Own clothes day - bring an Easter themed chocolate

### **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

### **29th May - 2nd June**

Half Term

## Attendance

Overall this week:

**94%**

## Aspire

- I am respectful
- I can be collaborative

## School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

## Colley Lane Primary Academy

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

### Nursery

It was lovely to see all the wonderful work that was shared with me on Friday as well as the pictures of the children enjoying the snow! We shared the pictures in class on Monday and the children really enjoyed talking about their experiences with their peers.

This week we have been thinking about the special ladies in our lives in preparation for Mother's Day. The children have enjoyed making cards for their loved ones and talking about how they help us. We hope that all the special ladies in our lives have a wonderful time on Sunday and want to say a massive thank you for all that you do!



### Reception

The children this week have been enjoying creating their own mixed up fairytales. They have worked well in pairs to roll the dice and draw the different parts of their story. We then shared the stories with each other. The activity was inspired by the story [Prince Cinders](#).

This week children have also been thinking about people they love. They have designed and made some great cards both with and without adult support.



### Year 1

Our highlight in Year 1 this week was cutting bread to explore fractions! We began by looking at a series of pictures and discussing what we noticed using our 'star words' 'half', 'equal' and 'unequal'. The children were fantastic using their mathematical language in their partner talk.

The children were then tasked to find as many different ways to cut their piece of bread in half. For each piece they cut they checked by laying the pieces on top of each other. The children agreed it was a very fun way of exploring fractions!



### Year 2

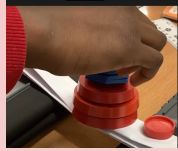
It's been a great week in Year 2. We have been very creative in both our art and science lessons. In art we have continued to research Frances Hatch and replicate some of her ideas. To start, the children experimented with watercolour; dabbing and creating brush strokes using the paint. They then created their wash backgrounds, ready to sketch onto next week. The children really enjoyed sketching their very own penguins, thinking about how they use their pencil to create different tones.

We had a great end to our week, making cress heads in science. The children loved designing their pots with funny faces and are looking forward to bringing them home soon.



## Year 3

A really busy week but the highlight was building bridges in Science week!



We set the children a challenge to make the strongest bridge out of paper! They began with one sheet and a selection of weights. They soon found one sheet was not strong enough so they used up to five sheets which helped to reinforce the bridge and then folded the paper to make it even stronger! They added weights carefully and recorded their results. Great STEM work everyone!

(STEM = science, technology, engineering and maths)

## Year 4

We've been busy working on our assessments and having a science focus this week in Year 4.

Children have done really well with their assessments and we will be able to identify a few areas to work on in the coming weeks to continue to help support every child to move forward in their learning.

We celebrated National Science Week with an additional science lesson and discussed the importance of a balanced diet. We also explored food chains found in a typical English woodland.

We are really into our poetry writing at the moment and children are writing a poem about bullying.

## Year 5

It has been assessment week this week for Year 5. The children have worked incredibly hard in Reading, Maths and SPAG, making great progress across all of the subjects. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, well done Year 5!



Additionally, our highlight of this week has been our parent reading workshop. On Thursday afternoon, we invited our Year 5 parents into school to spend time

reading with the children - it was a great success! Thank you to all of the family members who joined us for a wonderful afternoon of reading.



## Year 6

We have been celebrating Science Week in Year 6 this week. On Monday, we watched a video about a scientist called Charles Richard Drew who studied in the field of blood transfusions and then we researched more information about the heart.

In addition to this, we also investigated fingerprints. We placed flour on the table, dipped our thumbs and fingers in, then pressed them onto a piece of sellotape before placing them onto some coloured card. By placing them on the coloured card, we could see the style of fingerprints we all had. This reacted the way that forensic investigators find fingerprints in crime scene situations.



We look forward to seeing parents on Thursday 23rd March at the Year 6 SATs meeting starting at 5:00pm in the hall. Please use this link to state if you are attending, if you have not done so already.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBS-o\\_gjh\\_EFzzqh6659elodvwBJb4tfSN97moO3pbtCbg\\_NZA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBS-o_gjh_EFzzqh6659elodvwBJb4tfSN97moO3pbtCbg_NZA/viewform)

## *Pupil Achievements*



Well done to Isabelle Mills in RR who achieved her 5 metre swimming certificate! Fantastic work Isabelle!




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	
Lexi (AM)	Haitham	Ryan	Aamna	Joshua	Aafiya	Lilly-Mai	Alfie	Muhammad	
Emilia (PM)	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6CW</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Robyn Ed	Ashlie	Antonia	Grace W	Daisy	Anas	Fozzy	Bella	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Lillith	Juliette	Hayyin	Finley	Petra	Alexa	Feb	Hudayr	
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6CW</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Grace	Finley	Alishbah	Taylor	Eshara	Rhys	Abdulrahman	Jalal	

**Ramadan**

With Ramadan approaching we have put in place provisions for our Muslim pupils that wish to fast at school.

Firstly, we ask if you could send a dojo message to your child's teacher to give consent for your child to fast at school. This is to allow us to support them and monitor their wellbeing throughout the day. Could you also state if you are happy for them to break their fast should they find it difficult to continue.

The following provisions have been put in place to support your child in this holy month:

At lunch times if your child requires some quiet time then they are welcome to sit quietly in the library to read a book or to use their ipads.

If they would like to perform the dhur prayer then they can use the spare 4A classroom next to the staff room which will be supervised.

Finally we wish all of our Muslim pupils and Community a Blessed and Happy Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak!

**Club News**

Over the last few weeks it's been nice to see some new faces at clubs with the start of some of the summer sports. After the Easter holidays some other clubs will be changing to new sports, so keep a look out for the letters in the next few weeks and hopefully your child will find something they want to try out and hopefully then get the opportunity to represent the school.

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](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Breakfast and After  
School Club](#)

[Essential information](#)

[ParentMail](#)

[Extracurricular Activities  
and School Clubs](#)

[Mental Health and  
Wellbeing](#)

[Dudley's Cost of Living  
Support Hubs](#)

[Worrying about money?](#)

[Support for Parents](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

## **Friends of Colley Lane Event**

Next Friday (24th March), children can come to school wearing non-uniform and in return we ask for your child to donate an Easter themed egg or treat. (No products containing nuts please)

These will be then made into Easter hampers and chocolate bouquets by Friends of Colley Lane to be raffled off.

You will be able to buy raffle tickets at both parent evenings (28th and 29th March) at the cost of £1 per strip. Please bring cash with you on the night.

Nursery parents will be able to purchase raffle tickets from the office from Friday 24th March till Wednesday 29th March.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30th March and winners will be notified.

