

# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*

## *Newsletter - 11th November 2022*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have been spotty and dotty and all things bright as we supported Children In Need. We used assembly time to look at why we support others and to think about the many things that we take for granted. As a school, it is important to think of others but we are also reviewing the local charities that we support too. Our collection for the Black Country Food Bank continues to grow and if you would like to donate items, please send them in with your child.



This week has been a busy week for members of our Local Advisory Board (LAB) with the first termly meeting on Monday and yesterday their first visit of this academic year. The LAB has an important role within Colley Lane as it provides support for myself as the Head but also to be a critical friend and give quality assurance of what we as a school are providing for your children. It is always lovely to welcome them into school in their LAB role as even though many of them are parents, they get to look in greater detail at initiatives and ask questions.

The focus of the visit was to look at engagement and behaviour for learning and how we provide challenge for all learners. It started with a presentation from Mrs Oakley, our Teaching and Learning lead into our High Challenge for all approaches to teaching and the techniques that we have worked on to engage pupils in their learning. This ranges from using digital technology to sharing ideas with a buddy to simply allowing thinking time. The LAB members had the opportunity to visit classrooms, and talk to children and staff. It was an incredibly positive visit reflecting the supportive nature of our community. We look forward to the next visit in the Spring Term.

We now have an official "Friends of Colley Lane" group (formerly The PTA) and thank you to everyone who expressed their support and came to the meetings. On Wednesday, the group adopted their official constitution and voted in Joint Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer as well as 3 other committee members. This means that they can now register as a charity if they would like but more importantly start to bring back the events and activities that we have missed as a community. The first plans for events are underway and if you can help out at all or would like to come along, the next Friends meeting is Tuesday 22nd November at 4:45 pm.

Finally this week, Jake and Amelia, our Headboy and Headgirl, represented Colley Lane at the Sustainable Education Summit. Check out [the blog post](#) for more information but they are bursting with ideas and initiatives that we will be taking forward and as ever, they were superstars. Thank you for your continued support,



Mr Dominic Simpson.

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### Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am respectful
- I can be collaborative



# What's been happening in school this week?

## Nursery

We have had a very busy week in Nursery! We have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with World Nursery Rhyme Week, taking part in Bikeability training, wearing our odd socks for anti-bullying week, starting to learn our Christmas songs and celebrating Children in Need with our spots and bright colours!



Throughout this week we have looked at 5 nursery rhymes to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week and enjoyed lots of activities within continuous provision around different nursery rhymes. Our focus rhymes this week were The big ship sails, 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, 5 little speckled frogs, B.I.N.G.O and twinkle twinkle. We have also enjoyed singing lots of other rhymes throughout the week. On Friday, in praise assembly, we joined in with Reception to perform twinkle, twinkle little star.

In WCR this week we started to learn about our new book. We looked at the differences between night and day, comparing what we could see in the sky. We then looked at the different phases of the moon and how this changes over the month. Finally, we found out that our new book has lots of rhyming words in it so we worked on matching the rhyming couplets together. I wonder what our book might be?



In Phonics this week, we have recapped our previously learnt sounds and learnt our new sound of the week. Our phoneme this week was 't'. We introduced the tiger picture card and played a blending game with the words teeth, tin, tap and top. The children are really enjoying hearing the initial sounds in different words and you can support this at home by emphasising the initial sound in their name.

In maths, we have been working on cardinal values. The children have been counting carefully and using the sentence stem 'I know I have ... because it was the last number I counted'. We practised our careful counting skills using objects and actions and worked hard to stop at the correct number.

We really enjoyed our first bikeability session. We went out onto the key stage 1 playground and practised moving on the balance bike and then played a range of games to encourage us to lift our feet off the floor. We also had lots of races with Kieth! **Children will need to wear trainers and have a waterproof coat in school on Wednesday 23th November for their second bikeability session.**



We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

## Reception

Reception children have had another busy week in school! They have been communicating clearly, learning new phonics sounds, new words and phrases in their Write Stuff lessons and maths sessions, singing nursery rhymes and new Christmas songs as well as taking part in balance bike sessions! They will need a rest at the weekend ready for next week!

The children have really enjoyed exploring in continuous provision this week using nursery rhymes to support their learning. They have remembered and sang a variety of rhymes and even performed in assembly to KS1. Well done Reception for taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week.

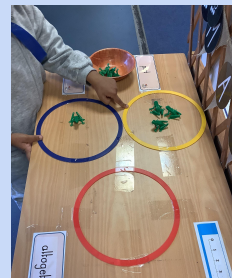
Even though it was a wet day for their first balance bike session, the children still enjoyed it and took part. Lots of children showed real resilience and courage when learning a new skill and children who were confident supported their peers and enjoyed the races.



In

writing, the children have continued to learn new letter formation rhymes and have tried really hard to control their letter size. Children have been focusing on matching images to initial sounds and searching for letters around the classroom. They have also learnt the tricky word is. Tricky words are words which can not be sounded out and children need to learn to read these words from sight.

In maths, children have learnt the part part whole model as an introduction to addition. Items are placed in the parts first then moved to the whole to work out how many items there are altogether. Children have been using the language my part is xxx my part is xxx my whole is xxx to develop their understanding. For example, my part is 1, my part is 3, my continuing with this next week so please have a go at home as well.



whole is 4. We will be

In whole class reading, children have started to learn all about goats and bridges. I wonder if your child could predict the book they are going to unwrap next week?

Next week, the children will have their second balance bike session on Thursday so please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit, outdoor shoes and a waterproof coat. There will be no PE on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful week! We started our week supporting Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks. It was great seeing all the children proudly showing off their odd socks! We hope you enjoyed our photos and video on Class Dojo! We also celebrated Positive Noticing Day where the children had to look out for wonderful things we did for each other. We linked this to our Aspire Mountain and talked about ways we can be compassionate. The children were so proud to wear their positive tags and it has been lovely seeing the children come to school the following day wearing their tag. Well done Year 1 on being such wonderful friends.

In Literacy we spent the week doing independent writing for our story 'Max and his Wild Adventure'. The children used some wonderful vocabulary to match the relevant lenses for their sentences. They are using their phonics so well and we loved reading their fabulous sentences. Next week we will begin our first non-fiction writing unit which will focus on writing a postcard. If you have any postcards at home you can share them with your child over the weekend and bring them into school for the children to explore.



In Maths this week we have continued our learning on numbers to 20 looking at comparing numbers using the words 'greatest' and 'smallest'. The children ordered sets of numbers in groups using a range of manipulatives and explained what they did. We even had a visit from Mr Simpson during one lesson and it was wonderful hearing the children explain what they were doing.

We finished our whole class reading book this week, The Enormous Crocodile. The children spent the week 'hot



seating' as the crocodile and predicting what his next 'secret plan and clever trick' would be. We had lots of positive book reviews written by the children and it was clear their first exploration of a Roald Dahl book was a huge hit!

We ended the week learning about Road Safety at our Hive and celebrating Children in Need. Thank you for your donations!

**The children have also been practising Christmas songs this week for our forthcoming Christmas event. They are trying really hard to remember the words and we are sure you will enjoy the show which will take place in the morning on Thursday 8th December. More information will be sent out soon.**

Have a great weekend!

## Year 2

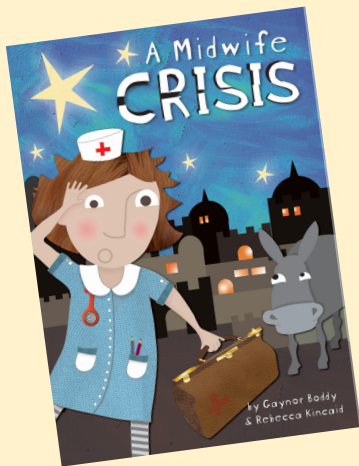
Year 2 have had another fantastic week of learning! We started the week off in our odd socks to support 'Anti Bullying Week', where we celebrated the children's individuality! They also used the Now Press Play headphones to take part in an experience where they thought about friendship, bullying and how to be kind to each other. This week we have also had 'Positive Noticing Day' where the children created labels for each other, celebrating something nice they had noticed.



Earlier in the week, we were being scientists and exploring the properties of materials, checking if they were stretchy, bendy, squashable and twistable. The children loved investigating how some materials changed shape.

The children have all been working hard in our Geography lessons. This week we have learnt about the 7 [continents](#) and 5 [oceans](#) in the world and located them on a map. They enjoyed the catchy videos which helped us learn them.

In English, the children have written their own versions of 'If I were in charge of the world'. They had to remember all of the poetic features which we have been rehearsing over the last couple of weeks. It was wonderful to read their unique ideas! There was lots of excitement this week when we started to read our WCR 'The Dark'. The children have loved learning about Lazlo, our main character and have made predictions about the adventure he will go on.



In Maths, we have been learning about pictograms and block graphs. The children have had to gather and interpret data, answering questions on what they have learnt. As well as reading we would also like the children to start accessing [II Rockstars](#) at home. It will help support them in their understanding of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Rehearsals for our Christmas play are well underway and it has been lovely to see the children showing off their singing and acting skills. Please can we ask that costumes are in ASAP to ensure we can get the additional accessories ready and that the children continue to practise their lines at home. **Year 2's Christmas performance 'A Midwife in Crisis' will be in the morning on Tuesday 13th December. More information will be sent out separately.**

We finished our week in our spotty and bright clothes for Children in Need. Thank you all for being so generous and donating lots of coins. Have a wonderful weekend.

## Year 3



Lots going on across the week! Monday saw us all wearing odd socks for Anti-bullying week and recognising and appreciating all of our differences. Wednesday was 'Positive Noticing day' which shone a light on acts of kindness. The children loved receiving their label with an act of kindness written on it. Today, of course is 'Children in need', so lots of bright colours and spots were worn along with Pudsey ears!

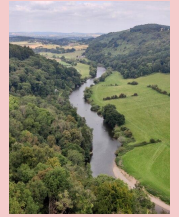
Thank you for sending in donations to help raise money for those in need.

English this week has seen us complete our sentence stacking lessons for the explanation text work we have

been doing. The children love to see if their sentence gets to go on the wall! Next week they will be using all their chotting work and shared ideas alongside 'Way points' and 'lenses' to help plan and write their own version of what happens under our feet. Can your child explain what 'Way points' and lenses' are and how they help writing?

In Maths the children have been using a range of strategies when adding and subtracting. They used number lines, partitioning, place value charts, Diennes and the column method to calculate answers. They discovered knowing which multiple of 10 comes before or after a number helps as does knowing number bonds to 10.

The children have loved learning about rivers and oceans in our Geography Theme lessons over the week. They used maps to locate where rivers are across the U.K, know the names of the oceans around our island and found out the names of the parts of a river. Can they tell you what the source is?



In Spanish we made sure we could tell people what our name is, how we are feeling, ask others how they are and can now count 1-12! The children are doing very well! " ¡muy bien!"

The children all bring home a grammar/spelling sheet on a Friday to help consolidate their class learning. They do not need to bring it back to school. Keep using TTRS and Edshed as well as reading!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## *Year 4*

There have been lots of interesting things going on in Year 4 this week. Firstly, children enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Monday. We had whole-class discussions about the importance of kindness and celebrating differences. On Wednesday, we also had a Positive Message day which involved each child sending a message to a peer.

During our writing lessons, children have been busy planning and writing their independent work about Stonehenge. As part of the week, they have edited and improved their work. Children are very proud of what they've written, as are the teachers. Well done to all!

During our maths lessons, we have recapped key skills from units 1, 2 and 3. This has been a valuable process and children have felt increasingly confident as the week progressed. During theme, we have used grid references and eight compass points to find and locate landmarks.

We had lots of fun during science which included exploring our playgrounds to find leaves from a checklist and we also discussed which minibeasts might live on our school grounds.

This week's spellings have been shared on Class Dojo and are live on EdShed. They are words with the suffix 'ation'.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## *Year 5*

This week has yet again been another wonderful one, with lots happening every day. Our newest event this week was swimming! We started our Year 5 swimming lessons on Tuesday morning - the pupils were outstanding, with all of them trying their best during their initial assessments. Lots of the children faced their fears and demonstrated their resilience and determination to succeed. Well done Year 5 on your first week of swimming!

In Whole Class Reading, we have continued on with our new book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The children are loving the storyline, learning about life at a juvenile detention centre in the desert of Texas. We can't wait to find out what happens next! In Writing, we have continued through our sentence stacking lessons relating to the journey of Captain Robert Scott to the South Pole. We have been thinking about different experiences Scott and

his team faced during their journey across the Antarctic. He really did go through so much.

In Science, we have continued our topic of Space. This week, we investigated how the seasons of the year are created, exploring how the rotation of the Earth around the Sun affects the amount of light in each season and how the weather is affected. We really enjoyed learning about how the world works!

In Theme this week, we have delved further into our new geography topic about the world. We have looked at compass points and Ordnance Survey maps, as well as beginning to explore 4 figure grid references. All of these skills will continue to help us build our map work knowledge. What a great way to begin our topic!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to another great week!

## Year 6

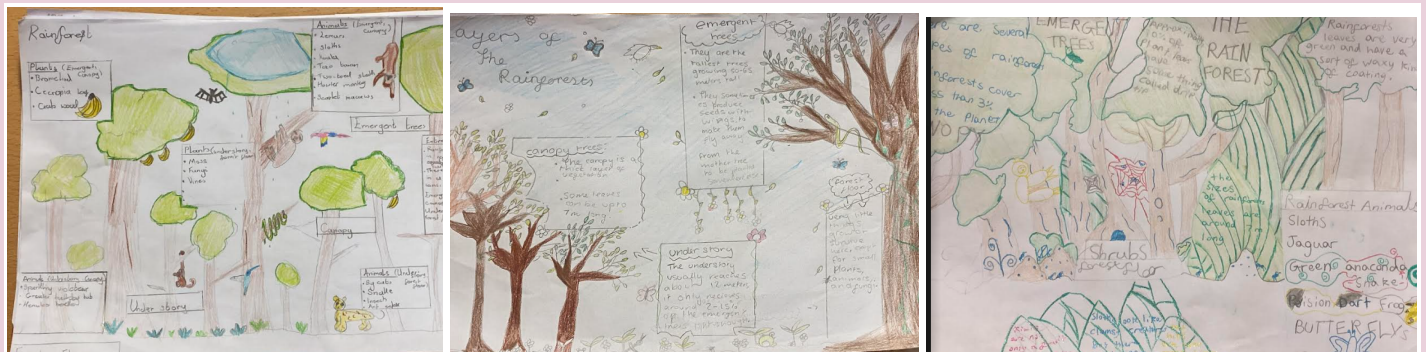
In Year 6 we have been having a lovely time this week learning about the layers of the rainforests. Here are the facts the children researched and underneath are some amazing posters that represent these facts. Why not quiz your child on this information to see if they were being active in their learning?

**Emergent Layer** - very sunny because it is the very top. Only the tallest trees reach this level. Who lives here? birds, butterflies and small monkeys live with bats, snakes and bugs.

**Canopy Layer** - much of the rain is stopped by the thick foliage. Most trees in the forest grow to this height. There are plants that grow in the canopy layer. Their roots don't reach the ground. These are called air plants. Who lives here? birds, monkeys, frogs, and sloths, as well as lizards, snakes and many insects.

**Understory Layer** - many vines, dense vegetation, not much light. Who lives here? birds, butterflies, frogs and snakes

**Forest Floor** - dark, damp, full of many dead leaves, twigs and dead plants. The forest floor is dark due to the trees above stopping the sunlight from entering the forest. It is estimated that only 2% of the sunlight actually reaches the floor. Who lives here? jaguars in South America, gorillas and leopards in Africa and tapirs and tigers and elephants in Asia.



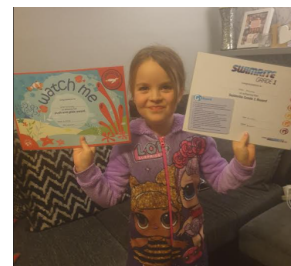
In Science, we learnt about how the eye actually sees light once it reaches the eye. We labelled an eye diagram and we wrote definitions for each part of the eye.

We have had a huge focus on PSHE this week. Firstly, It was anti-bullying week this week in school and children wore odd socks to help raise awareness of the event. In addition, it was also Positive Noticing Day on Wednesday where children tagged a child with a positive message. Many of the children wrote some deep and amazing words about children that they do not normally work or play with, which was great to see. They also wrote kind words about adults in Year 6 too!

Finally, here is our mental wealth card; List three ways you are amaaaaazing!  
Have a lovely weekend.

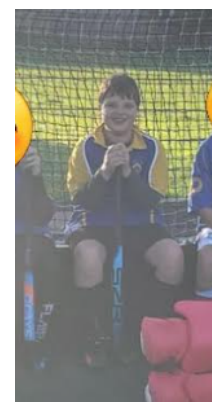
## *Pupil Achievements*

Well done to Violet Holloway in 2E who achieved 2 Swimming Awards in 1 lesson and got her Grade 1 award - super work!



Finley Cheadle in class 4A was Team Captain for his Football Team this week. He was also awarded Player Of The Match for fantastic defending! He was so proud. Fantastic work Finley!

Last weekend not only did Max get Badge 7 and 6 in Gymnastics but he also played hockey for old Halesonians and they won 2 out of 3 matches. Congratulations Max!



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        |  |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Luca (AM)    | Zunairah  | Arzu       | Dylan     | Harrison  | Brody     | Alexa      | Daniel    | Phoebe    |   |
| Mekaal (NPM) | <b>4A</b> | <b>4H</b>  | <b>5C</b> | <b>5K</b> | <b>5P</b> | <b>6CW</b> | <b>6R</b> | <b>6S</b> |   |
|              | Sasha     | Scarlett S | Alishbah  | Ella-May  | Eshara    | Mariya     | Eleanor   | Ishan     |   |

### Hot Chocolate Friday children:

| RR        | RTW       | 1MS       | 1Y        | 2D        | 2E         | 3H        | 3W        |  |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Florence  | Lyla      | Ryan      | Jaxon     | Aizah     | Jacob      | Indi      | Lacey-Mai |   |
| <b>4A</b> | <b>4H</b> | <b>5C</b> | <b>5K</b> | <b>5P</b> | <b>6CW</b> | <b>6R</b> | <b>6S</b> |   |
| Isla      | Ashlie    | Ziann     | Blossom   | Lukas B   | Junior     | Clara     | Mason     |   |

### *Key Dates*

- Thursday 24th November - Flu Immunisations for children who were absent
- Friday 25th November (9.00 -10.30 am)- Parent Workshop for Anxiety Awareness
- Tuesday 29th November - 3H Trip to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve (Rescheduled)

### *Reminders*

#### Lunch boxes

Please note, any lost lunch boxes and water bottles will be kept for 2 weeks. If they are not claimed after that time, they will be disposed of.

#### Items for the School Day

Children should come to school with all their belongings needed for school that day for example water bottles,

- Friday 2nd December - INSET Day - School Closed
- Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Dinner (No tuck served this day)
- Friday 9th December (9.00-10.30 am) Parent Workshop for help with low mood.
- Thursday 12th January - Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Town Hall to see The Gruffalo
- Friday 13th January - Young Voices Concert (For selected children)



lunch boxes, iPads, PE kits for clubs etc. We cannot guarantee items brought in throughout the day will get 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.

## ***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. We have a new menu starting after October half term, please see **Week 1 Menu**:



| WEEK 1 MENU        |  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| AUTUMN/WINTER 2022 | with   | Macaroni Cheese<br>Served with Peas and Carrots                                | Chicken Korma<br>Served with fluffy Rice   | Roast Turkey<br>Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy       | Beef Bolognese With Garlic and Herb Bread<br>Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli and Sweetcorn | Breaded Fish<br>Served with Chips, Peas and Beans  |
|                    | Alternative Dish   | Vegetarian Sausage<br>Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy                      | Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Wedges<br>Served with Sweetcorn and Salad                     | Vegan Sausage Casserole<br>Served with Carrots and Cabbage | Vegetarian Bolognese<br>Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Broccoli and Sweetcorn                      | Quorn Dippers<br>Served with Chips, Peas and Beans |
|                    | Third Choice   | -  | Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise   | -  | -  | -  |
|                    | 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  | Tomato Pasta<br>Wholemeal Pasta with homemade Tomato Sauce Available every day |  |  |  |  |
|                    | Vegetables   | Carrots and Peas   | Sweetcorn and Fresh Salad  | Carrots and Cabbage  | Broccoli and Sweetcorn   | Peas and Beans                                     |
|                    | Dessert  | Vanilla Ice Cream  | Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard  | Oat Cookie with Fruit Slices                               | Apple Crumble with Custard   | Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl Cake                 |
|                    | <b>PACKED LUNCH – AVAILABLE DAILY</b><br>HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL<br>VEGETABLES AND FRESH FRUIT<br>DESSERT OF THE DAY |  | <b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b><br>WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD<br>YOGHURT AND FRESH FRUIT |  | V Vegetarian   O Oily fish   W Wholegrain   F Fruity!   N Nutritionist's choice                  |  |

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.

### Parent Workshops

As part of our continuous work to support our children's mental health, we have arranged for Reflexions to come into school and deliver some workshops just for our parents and carers. The dates for the workshops are;

**Friday 25th November 9-10:30 for Anxiety awareness**

**Friday 9th December 9-10:30 for Help with low mood**

Each workshop will take place in the small hall. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope to see you there!

### 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

### 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>

## Attendance

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](mailto: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....

### Adult Learning Classes

Colley Lane will be restarting the Adult Classes this term. The classes are run by Dudley Adult Learning. We have had such a great outcome from the classes that were run last academic year and many learners have achieved a new qualification and are ready to move up to the next level. Classes will take place at Our Hive (formerly Little Colliers) opposite the school.

We are offering Functional English on Mondays and Functional Maths on Tuesdays from 1 p.m - 3 p.m

Functional Maths will start on Monday 3rd of October and Functional English on Tuesday 4th October. It is required that the learner is at least Entry 2 level to access the course.

If you would like to join any of the classes above, please could you fill in the google form below or if you prefer, phone the school office and leave a message for me with your name, number and the course you would like to attend. Please bring a form of ID to the first session which will be enrolment.

### **Functional Maths: Mondays**

<https://forms.gle/jQJRkkHGEx7WCRJq5>

### **Functional English: Tuesdays**

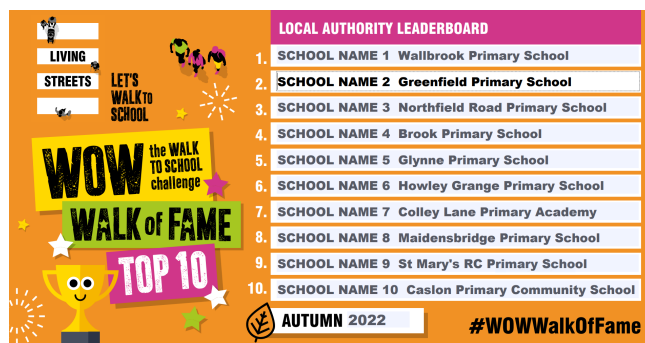
<https://forms.gle/BJZaKpGSXDhsgA3A9>

### Walk to School

Well done to 6S and 4A who were awarded the most walk to school badges in October. They have won an extra PE session with Mr Blount. Well done to all classes for walking as often as you can to school.

Overall we came 7th in the Dudley School Leaderboard for National Walk to School Month. A great achievement, thank you!

Next week is National Road Safety Awareness Week. When walking to school please talk to your child about road safety and where and when to cross.



The graphic features a trophy, a star, and the text 'WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge WALK of FAME TOP 10'. It also includes the text 'LIVING STREETS LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL' and 'LOCAL AUTHORITY LEADERBOARD'.

| LOCAL AUTHORITY LEADERBOARD |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1.                          | SCHOOL NAME 1 Wallbrook Primary School         |
| 2.                          | SCHOOL NAME 2 Greenfield Primary School        |
| 3.                          | SCHOOL NAME 3 Northfield Road Primary School   |
| 4.                          | SCHOOL NAME 4 Brook Primary School             |
| 5.                          | SCHOOL NAME 5 Glynne Primary School            |
| 6.                          | SCHOOL NAME 6 Howley Grange Primary School     |
| 7.                          | SCHOOL NAME 7 Colley Lane Primary Academy      |
| 8.                          | SCHOOL NAME 8 Maidensbridge Primary School     |
| 9.                          | SCHOOL NAME 9 St Mary's RC Primary School      |
| 10.                         | SCHOOL NAME 10 Caslon Primary Community School |

AUTUMN 2022 #WOWWalkOfFame

## *The Kindness Corner*

### Cost of living help

# Help for Households

Countries around the world are facing rising goods and energy prices, inflation and cost of living pressures after the pandemic and Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

We know people are worried so the government is offering help for households. Visit this website to see what cost of living support you could be eligible for, from Household bills to childcare and travel help.

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>



You may be able to get a payment to help with the cost of living if you're getting certain benefits or tax credits. If you're eligible, you'll be paid automatically in the same way you usually get your benefit or tax credits. Click on the link to find out what help you may be entitled to.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>



Black Country Food Bank helps vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food and toiletry supplies while a longer-term solution is developed. The services we provide have an enormous impact on the people who use them, giving them an important breathing space at a time of great need.

Need Help? Click [here](#).

Our Black Country FoodBank Donation box is based in the school foyer. If you are able to donate to this wonderful charity please drop any items to the school office. Thank you so much for your support.



**Keep them warm  
keep them well**

Children living in cold homes are at greater risk from flu and breathing illnesses. They may also suffer mental health problems and underachieve at school.  
Don't put their health at risk this winter.

Contact the Winter Warmth Support Service for a free home visit for:

- advice on keeping warm and keeping well
- advice on accessing energy discounts and cheaper tariffs
- energy-saving tips
- help to set temperatures and service heating appliances

Insulation • boilers • blankets • heaters • hot water bottles can also be provided (criteria apply to all).

**Call us now on 01384 817086**  
or email: [WinterWarmth@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:WinterWarmth@dudley.gov.uk)

For more information, please click here:

[Winter Warmth Support Service - Dudley MBC](#)

## *Diary Dates*

### Winter Holidays

Monday 19th December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Return to School on Wednesday 4th January 2023

### Spring Half Term

Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

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

**Inset Days**

Friday 2nd December 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

One more INSET Day TBC

**Bank Holidays**

May Day - Monday 1st May 2023

***Club News***

**Colley Lane Club News**

Last Friday saw our year six boys football squad go to the EFL cup at the WBA Dome. The boys played four matches in total, winning two and losing two. The boys had a great time even getting to wear the brand new kit won from the Arnold Clarke kits for schools competition. They really represented the school well. Congratulations to all of you!



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>  |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|
| <b><i>Monday</i></b>    | <b><i>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Cross Country (8.00)</i></b>  | <b><i>£1.00</i></b> | <b><i>Y3 &amp; Y4 Multi Sports (4.15)</i></b><br><b><i>Y5 &amp; Y6 Dance (4.15)</i></b><br><b><i>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Art (4.15)</i></b><br><b><i>Y1 &amp; Y2 Multi Skills (4.30) * JSB</i></b> | <b><i>£1.00</i></b><br><b><i>£1.00</i></b><br><b><i>£1.00</i></b><br><b><i>£3.00</i></b> |
| <b><i>Tuesday</i></b>   | <b><i>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Tri Golf (8.10)</i></b>   | <b><i>£1.00</i></b> | <b><i>Y5 &amp; Y6 Netball (4-15)</i></b>   | <b><i>£1.00</i></b>  |
|                         |   |                     | <b><i>Y3 &amp; Y4 Dance (4.15)</i></b>   | <b><i>£1.00</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Wednesday</i></b> | <b><i>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB</i></b> | <b><i>£2.00</i></b> | <b><i>Y5 &amp; Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15)</i></b>   | <b><i>£1.00</i></b>  |
|                         | <b><i>Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3 Football (8.00) * JSB</i></b> | <b><i>£2.00</i></b> | <b><i>Y3 &amp; Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</i></b>   | <b><i>£3.00</i></b>  |

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| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.00)</b>                 | <b>£1.00</b> | <b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Hockey (4.15)</b>                      | <b>£1.00</b> |
|                 |  |              | <b>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Choir (4.15)</b>               | <b>£1.00</b> |
|                 |  |              | <b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB</b>              | <b>£3.00</b> |
|                 |  |              | <b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB</b>              | <b>£3.00</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Y5 Gymnastics (8.10)<br/>Y6 Gymnastics - invite only (8.10)</b> | <b>£1.00</b> | <b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Girls Football (4.30)</b>              | <b>£1.00</b> |
|                 |  |              | <b>Y5 &amp; 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)</b> | <b>£1.00</b> |
|                 |  |              | <b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)</b>                   | <b>£3.00</b> |