



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to Year 2 this week, who have started their KS1 SATs and been absolute superstars! The KS1 SATs are different in approach to Year 6 SATs as they inform teacher assessments which is what is reported in Year 2. You may have heard the children in Year 2 talking about their "special booklets" and how well they are doing. As a school, we know that the children try their best but also that they have many more skills that assessments like this don't test.

Thank you for all the support with WAT A Run and I hope that the families who came to the Fun Run on Sunday had a lovely time. There was a good turn-out of runners from Colley Lane staff and you can get a flavour of the day and the achievement [by the team here](#). The money raised is for the WAT Community Foundation and you can donate on the [Fundraising Page](#).

Next week is the last week of a short, but busy half-term and we will be finishing on Friday with a non-school uniform day. This is the first of 3 planned non-school uniform days as part of our preparations for the Summer Fayre on Thursday 13th July at 3pm. In exchange for wearing their own clothes, we are asking the children to bring in any bottle - drinks, wine, shampoo, etc. This will go to the Tombolas on the day. If you feel that you can support with any preparations in the lead-up or on the day, please contact the Friends of Colley Lane (FriendsOfCLPA@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

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

Lunch boxes / Water Bottles

Just a reminder that no hot food should be brought into school in children's lunch boxes. We are a healthy eating school and promote healthy food choices. For some ideas for your children's lunchboxes, please click here: [Healthy Lunch Ideas](#)

Can we also advise that Prime drinks and Prime bottles are **not allowed** in school, even if just used as a water bottle.

Attendance

Overall this week:

94%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am respectful
- I can be collaborative

School Menu

Week 3 (New Menu)

[Link to Menus](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

It has been a busy week in Nursery exploring our growing topic further. The children have been able to spend more time outside enjoying the sunshine and have particularly enjoyed helping to water the plants to help them grow!



This week we also introduced our new Whole Class Reading book which was Green Eggs and Ham by Dr Seuss.

To support our new learning the children have been enjoying playing a rhyming bingo game with a little healthy competition.



Reception

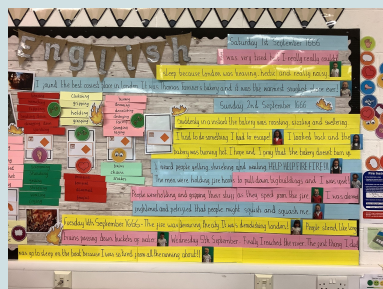
This week in Reception the children have been exploring their new Whole Class Reading book Handa's Surprise. The children enjoyed tasting a variety of fruit from the book and used the vocabulary they have learned to describe how the fruit smelt, tasted and looked.



Year 1

This week in Year 1 children completed their first diary style writing task based on the Great Fire of London.

The children had to imagine themselves as a small rat in London, caught up in the fire. We added dates in our diary and collectively created a bank of wonderful vocabulary which the children used in their wonderful diary entries. The children have really enjoyed learning all about the Great Fire of London!



Year 2

We have had a very creative week in Year 2. We have been hard at work learning more about the Titanic and the reasons why it sank. We have begun to use our DT and Art skills to make a moving image based on the Titanic. We started the week exploring sliders and levers and how we could make an image move. Later in the week, we used our art knowledge of tone to create a wash background (the ocean) and used collage to create an iceberg. Next week we will add our drawing of the Titanic (with a lever or slider) to depict it crashing into the iceberg.



Year 3

Year Three became drummers this week! They loved each having their own drum to play and were very creative coming up with their own drumming patterns as well as copying the rhythm set for them as a call and response.

Every Tuesday afternoon, after half term, the children will now have a drumming lesson, which is fantastic. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing how they get on!

Next Tuesday is our Tudor experience day which we are



Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderfully creative week, which included making symmetrical letters to spell their names in maths and also working with our visiting musician.

During music, children have written their own Colley Lane song and have also contributed towards a WAT song, both of which will be performed next half term. We have really enjoyed being part of this project and are looking forward to sharing the day with the other school across Windsor Academy Trust.

all looking forward to. You can see the Year Five children had a great time being Romans, so a little hint of the types of activities for us next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5

What an incredible week we have had in Year 5! It has been so eventful, filled with fantastic experiences for all of the children.

We began our week with our Romans Day. We began with our guide Matt, introducing the story of the Battle of the 14th Legion and their fights with the Barbarians in Britannica. The children learned all about the life of a Roman soldier and the hardships they faced.



Throughout the day, the children got to be archers, using bows and arrows to shoot Boudicca; archeologists, hunting for Roman treasures;

historians, learning about the armour and clothing of Roman soldiers; mathematicians, playing Roman games; and soldiers, creating battle formations.



Wow! What a busy and exciting day!



Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to our final week of Summer 1!

Tuesday 23rd May is our final swimming lesson.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6

What a fun week Year 6 pupils have had! We kicked off the week on Monday with a lovely visit to the park where all the children enjoyed each other's company and played very well together.



On Tuesday, the Maya theme was brought to life with a visit from Dr Diane. Dr Diane talked to the children about the Maya way of life, discussed life in a rainforest and talked about the different games the Mayans used to play.



To complete the week, children painted Mayan gods on fabric.



A fun week all round! Have a restful weekend.

Pupil Achievements

Henry, in Nursery, is super proud of himself for receiving his Duckling 2 swimming badge and certificate. Keep working hard Henry!



Well done to Taylor in Y5 for his fantastic Roman Shield made with his Dad using sheet metal. It achieved a Headteachers Award and is taking home learning to a new level!



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	
Kamylah (AM)	Jax	Isla	Ethan	Amira	Chad	Sulaiman	Cain	Gerald	
	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Angelika (PM)	Finley B	Ayham	Aabid	Umaymah	Lucia	Junior	Bobby	Poppy	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Muizza	Casey	Dylan	Siena	Aafiya	Leo	Ayah	Alyvia-Mae	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Abdul	Gabrielle	Hala	Logan	Lilia	Olivia	Lewis	Mayson	

Club News

A great sporting week for Colley lane with wins in both the tri-golf competition at Windsor for year 4 and another win in the netball league. The netball team now have one match left to decide who will be Halesowen Netball League winners. We are also attending a girls cricket competition this week and have a boys one next week. Details about how we get on will be in next week's newsletter.



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>

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

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