



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the Summer Term! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter break and for those of you who are celebrating Eid today or tomorrow, we wish everyone a very happy Eid Al-Fitr. May this special day bring you and your loved ones peace, happiness, and blessings. Eid Mubarak!



We have started the term by reinforcing with the children and teachers the expectations from our Aspire Mountain and looking at the Character and learner skills. It is important for everyone to see what they are in control of and how even a small amount of effort or learning can have a huge impact. With SATs approaching for Year 6 and other year groups working to achieve their year band objectives, everyone has come back with a "can do" attitude and I have been incredibly impressed as I have visited classrooms this week with how the children have come back after the holidays. We hosted Mrs Bridgwood, Executive Head of Rivers and Goldsmiths Academies, for a SEND Learning Tour and she commented on how respectful but also engaged the children were in this first week back. Fantastic to hear!

We would really encourage reading at home and practise with times tables at home over this term. It doesn't have to take long but every little bit helps your child achieve their potential.

There are a number of events and activities planned this half-term including [WAT a RUN](#), and a picnic for Kings Coronation, weather permitting. Please continue to use the [school website](#) and Class Dojo to keep up to date.

Don't forget that on Sunday 23 April 2023, at 3pm there will be a national **test** of the UK Emergency Alerts Service. The alert will come to your mobile or tablet. More information can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 1st May

May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 3rd May

Year 4 Anglo-Saxon & Viking Workshop

Thursday 4th May

Year 3 Parent Reading Workshop
9.15 - 9.45 am

Monday 8th May

King Coronation Bank Holiday - School Closed

9th - 12th May

Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 15th May

Year 5 Roman Workshop

Tuesday 16th May

Year 6 Maya Workshop

Tuesday 23rd May

Year 3 Tudor Workshop

29th May - 2nd June

Half Term

Attendance

Overall this week:

91%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am creative
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

Week 2 (New Menu)

[Link to Menus](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into Nursery and hear all about their wonderful Easter adventures.

This week the children have been learning all about Eid and how it is celebrated. On Monday we had a special visit from Mrs Edhah who spoke to us about Ramadan and Eid. She spoke to the children about fasting, praying and Eid celebrations.

The children were all very respectful and learnt lots of new vocabulary.



Reception

This week reception children have explored and learnt about Islam. They have actively taken part in literacy lessons all about a girl who wears a hijab, listened well to Mrs Edhah who visited and taught the children all about Eid and Ramadan, tried dates and henna style tattoos, decorated the classroom and created Eid party plates. We wish all who are celebrating a happy Eid.



Year 1

We have had a lovely return to school this week in Year 1. It has been lovely seeing the children come back focussed and engaging really well with their learning. We have had so many highlights this week, where do we start! The children had a fantastic PE lesson with Mr Blount practising forward rolls and using the climbing frames. The children showed wonderful courage when tackling the climbing frame!

We launched our new Theme with the children taking part in an interactive audio experience all about the Great Fire of London. We will be exploring more in the coming weeks!

The children also took advantage of the lovely weather by going on a Spring walk and practising their Kinetic Letters in the sun!

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating this weekend.



Year 2

What a busy but brilliant first week back we have had! The children have settled back into school well, where they've been ready to learn and begin the final term of the school year. We have had a real focus on reading this week and have loved reading lots of books. The children enjoyed finding different nooks and crannies around school to read whilst in their pyjamas and with their furry friends. We also went to the library and took out books to read at home too.

Finally, thank you to the parents and grandparents who could come into school this week for the reading session. We hope you found it useful and benefited from the documents provided which gave you ideas of questions to ask and different comments to write in your child's diaries. This document, alongside a 'Maths in Year 2' document has been sent out to all children. Next week we will also share this on class Dojo too.

For those who are celebrating Eid, we hope you have a wonderful celebration and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday for another fantastic week!

Year 3

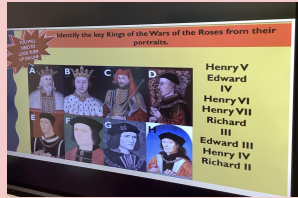
The children have thoroughly enjoyed being historical detectives in school this week as we begin the Summer term. Our new theme is all about the Tudors - a rather gorey period in history!

They used ipads to match the pictures of the Tudor Kings from this period to their name. Great detective work.

They found out about the warring families and the huge number of battles that took place. Great fun was had predicting whether the House of York or Lancaster would win each battle!

The children found out the roses of these families had their own colour - can they tell you the colours? The children then designed their own family rose. Some lovely work.

Happy Eid Mubarak to those celebrating!



Year 4

A warm welcome back to our Year 4 children as we begin our final term.

We started the week discussing mental health and how our diet can impact how we are feeling. Children independently researched what a varied and balanced diet would look like and what food groups are. We also discussed what they can do if they are not feeling ok and who they can talk to.

We've had lots of fun in English whilst learning about how to write playscripts. We explored stage direction and enjoyed reading aloud the same line with different expressions for our peers to guess how we were saying it. .

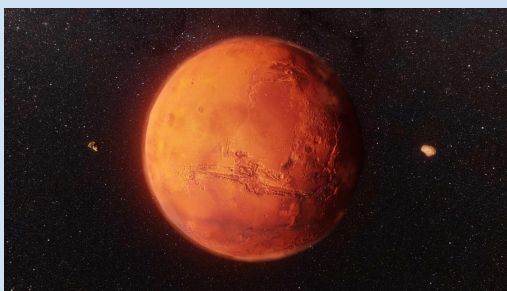
Have a wonderful weekend and a Happy Eid Mubarak to our families celebrating.

Year 5

We are into the Summer term and we've had a busy week back in Year 5. This week we have started a new English unit - a non-fiction report transmission from Mars!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed researching and collecting facts about Mars, learning about the importance of space transmissions and their purpose.

We can't wait to get stuck into our sentence stacking lessons all about this.



We wish all families celebrating a very happy Eid Mubarak!

Year 6

Welcome back to you the last term of Year 6. We hope you all had a great rest. This week, we have started our new History theme 'The Maya'. We used Google Earth to look at the part of the world the Maya originated from and we looked at where this ancient civilization fits on a timeline.



Just a reminder that SATs Week is Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. Please remember it's a bank holiday Monday on the 8th and we need all children back to school Tuesday 9th. We will send out a reminder about SATs expectations in the next few weeks.

Happy Eid Mubarak to those celebrating!


Pupil Achievements

Louie M (4A) won Man of the Match for his football team during half term. Well done Louie!




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	
Elias (Full-time)	Karo	Myah	Louie	Jack	Chad V	Noah	Madiha	Olivia	
Kyla (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Archie		Nora	Reuben	Jake	Olly	Lucas P	Lacee-Mae	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Jack	Arianna	Audrey	Harry	Jacob	Sophie B	Layton	Daniel	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Layla	Dalton	Summer	Ella-May	Amelia	William	Amelia L	Ella	

Club News

We have enjoyed a great week back at clubs, with the new clubs well supported and the children enjoying learning new skills. There are still places available at all clubs apart from dance so there is still time to get involved during this term.

Letters will go out next week to the year 6 children who will be invited to the WAT a run school event on Saturday 13th May. Hopefully the children invited will be able to join us to help warm up the teachers taking part in the main race.

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](#)

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

[Colley Lane Website](#), [School Blogs](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Class Dojo](#)

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