



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*



## *Newsletter - 23rd June 2023*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a fantastic week for personal potential for so many of the children, and the skills and characteristics that the children have shown have made us very proud.

We had the Year 6 mini market yesterday and thank you for all the support with that. Year 6 were fantastic with the younger children,

showing compassion and understanding as year bands visited their stalls.

Last Friday, children represented Colley Lane at the Halesowen Schools Athletics competition at Halesowen Athletics Club, showing sportsmanship, resilience and a competitive desire to do their best.

We have had children visit London to take part in dance workshops and watch Matilda and to top that, the Netball team were crowned Champions of the Halesowen League yesterday.



Yet all of this news has been topped by news of one of our superstar pupils in Year 4, Violet. Violet was diagnosed with Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia two and a half years ago and she has been receiving chemotherapy treatment ever since. She has been determined not to miss school despite this and shown resilience and grit, all with a cheeky smile and positivity. So it is lovely to hear from Mum and share with you as our school community, that on Monday it will be Violet's last ever chemotherapy treatment and that she will hopefully ring the bell to mark the end of her treatment in the Summer holiday. I know that you will all join with the school in wishing huge congratulations to the family but most importantly to a very brave and courageous pupil who is an example to all of us. We will be marking the occasion on Tuesday with Violet and when we return from the Summer holiday. Just superb news!

Can I wish all our Muslim children and parents a very Happy Eid-al Adha for next week and a peaceful time with family. عيد مبارك و كل عام و انتم بخير.

Kind regards  
Mr Dominic Simpson (Headteacher)

### Key Dates

**Monday 26th June**  
INSET Day - School Closed

**Wednesday 28th June**  
Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip

**Friday 30th June**  
Year 3 Sports Day (No Parents)

**Thursday 6th July**  
Year 2 Sports Day 9.05 am (Parents invited)

**Monday 10th July**  
Year 1 Sports Day 1.45pm (Parents invited)

**Wednesday 12th July**  
Nursery Sports Day 9.30 am / 2.00 pm (Parents invited)

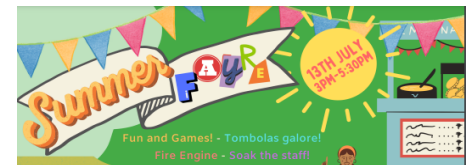
**Thursday 13th July**  
Year 4 Sports Day (No parents)

**Thursday 13th July**  
Summer Fayre 3pm

**Wednesday 19th July**  
Reception Sports Day 9.30am (Parents invited)

**Thursday 20th July**  
Year 5 Sports Day (No Parents)

**Friday 21st July**  
Year 6 Sports Day (No Parents)



## Attendance

Overall this week:

96% 😊

[Attendance information](#)

## Aspire

- I am respectful
- I am compassionate

## School Menu

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

### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have started our new topic all about Summer. The children have enjoyed exploring all the Summer activities and talking about the seasonal changes we have noticed. We have also been talking about how we can stay safe in summer by wearing a sun hat, using sun cream and staying in the shade. As the weather gets warmer, can you please ensure children have sun hats and a water bottle with them for every Nursery session. Thank you!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



### Reception

This week the children showed lots of our Aspire values on our trip to Smethwick Mosque. They were respectful, compassionate and communicated clearly. They explored the mosque noticing lots of different items and asked some interesting questions. Well done Reception.



### Year 1

We've had a fab week in Year 1! The children really enjoyed attending the Year 6 Mini-Market and we would like to say a big well done to the Year 6 children on a wonderful event.

In Theme this week the children really enjoyed exploring food waste by looking at wonky fruit and vegetables. Even though some of the veg looked a little funny, the children undertook a taste test to see if there were any differences between the wonky veg and regular looking veg and were surprised to find there weren't any!



On your next visit to the supermarket see if you can grab yourself some wonky fruit or veg!

### Year 2

We have had such a super week in Year 2. Our budding scientists have continued with their observation over time, looking at how the eggs in the different drinks have changed. It was great to see the curiosity and interest when they saw (and smelt) the changes. Following on from this, we also welcomed Chartwells in for a 'sugar savvy' workshop. The children made some healthy chocolate hummus and tried it with wraps and apples. It was a hit!

In 2E this week the children shared an unforgettable moment when they released the class butterflies they had been carefully nurturing throughout their life cycle. The children have loved having them and enjoyed





waving them off this afternoon. We look forward to seeing 2D's butterflies hopefully emerge this week.

## Year 3

Congratulations to Year Six on a thoroughly enjoyable mini market!

Year Three visited the market after going over to the local library, so a busy morning! The children enjoyed looking at all the stalls of games and things to buy - so much choice! Some had their tattoo done or face painted. Lots of fun was had by all and with the sun shining, it was a great morning.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## Year 4

Year 4 had a special day on Wednesday. We had a group of children that attended dance workshops and watched Matilda in London with Miss Hale. Some children represented Colley Lane in athletics and some had an art lesson with Mr Abbott.

Everybody had a wonderful time and it was lovely to celebrate sport, performing and creative arts.



## Year 5

We have had another lovely week in Year 5. The children have worked incredibly hard in all lessons but our main focus this week has been reading the end of our book, War Horse.

Over the last few days, we have read the final chapters of our book and the children have really enjoyed finding out what happens to our main character Joey. The children also worked on creating a double page spread all about the book and the journey we have been on.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to the coming week ahead.

## Year 6

### Mini-market

Well done to all children this week for their role in the mini-market.

Children worked very well in their teams and set a fantastic example to the school!

All the children were so helpful and kind to the younger members of the school.

In turn, the children from all year groups were also very polite.

Thank you to all children and adults at home for your support in this endeavour! It is greatly appreciated.



## *Pupil Achievements*



Maddie passed a ballet duet examination this week, scoring 83% and winning a bronze medal. Well done, Maddie!

Sameer was photographed by the professional photographer at his mum's work: Birmingham City University's Family Inspired Day recently. This was chosen for the daily digital newsletter that goes out to over 4,000 staff!



Indi in 3H had a presentation for her football team Starz academy Tigers, she came away with the trophies for Players Player and top assist!



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)	Isabelle	Kushman	Omer	Gabriella	Kess	Sebastian	Layton	Harvey	
Zoya L (Full-time)	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6CW</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Blake	Leelan	Summer	Lujain	Caleb	Layla Allen	Abdulrahman	Kaid	

**Hot Chocolate Tuesday children (rescheduled from last Friday):**

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Maham	Danie	Finley	Siena	Saffa	Rueben	Malikah	Riley	
<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 Ev.	Zak	Isabelle	Timmy	Gracie	Hussain	Fozzy	Lacee	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Rouen	Archie	Bella	Wendy	Paisley	Matthew	Clementine	Luke	
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6CW</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Archie	Muhammad	Tuliyah	Thierno	Jake	Anas	Scarlet	George (next week)	



## [Club News](#)

We have had another excellent week at clubs and competitions. Our athletes won 6 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals at the Halesowen Athletics last Friday. Followed by our year 2, 3 and 4 athletes competing in a competition on Wednesday at school where they finished in 2nd place.

Then last night our amazing netball team were victorious in winning the Halesowen Netball League. We are so proud of the commitment from all the children throughout the year and it proves that hard work does pay off.

Well done to all competitors this week!!

## [After School Club](#)

Don't forget to check out our After School Club Blog to see what the children have been up to!

We do now have a pre-loved school uniform rail that all parents are invited to use. It is located in the entrance to school and all we ask is for a small donation to the foodbank. Ask the office for sizes.



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

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