



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have embraced our civic duty as the Black Country Foodbank collected 132kgs of donations (14 crates) from our school - our largest donation to the food bank yet!. This is all thanks to your generosity last Friday for Red Nose Day as alongside the food donations, we raised £137 for Comic relief. It is lovely to think of others and all contributions help those who are in need. Today, your generosity has come out in force again as we are overflowing with eggs, chocolates and easter crafts for the Friends of Colley Lane Easter raffle next week - thank you so much.



Well done to all our children who took part in the Easter Celebration of Dance at Stourbridge Town Hall last night. A great evening and a super opportunity to show personal potential. We are very lucky to offer so many clubs and experiences for the children and this was just one this week alongside sporting competitions, children involved in a diversity project, children speaking on Black Country radio about well-being, welcoming Ms Dunn from WHS for Spanish lessons as just a few. The academic side of school is always important but equally important is the development of personal potential and we strive to get the balance right. Please check out the blogs and Dojo for more about the recent events and experiences.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to Parents Evenings next week.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 27th 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

Thursday 20th April
Year 2 Parent Reading Session
9:05 - 9:35

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:

93%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am creative
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

Week 3

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

It was lovely to see so many parents on Tuesday and discuss your child's progress with you. The children were very eager to be at Nursery and see their friends again on Wednesday!

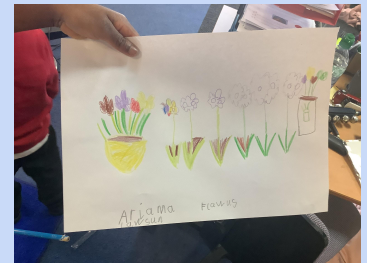
In maths this week we have been looking at sequencing a series of events and the children have been encouraged to use key words such as first, then, next and last. As a fun test of their new skills the children worked together to sequence how to make a jam sandwich and had to explain the sequence to the teachers so that they could make and eat their sandwich!



Reception

Reception children have started to explore their new theme Spring and Easter. They have really enjoyed playing with the Easter eggs and listening to Spring and Easter stories.

They have also had the opportunity to be creative, one of our Aspire character values, through completing observational drawings and creating transient Easter egg art.



Year 1

This week the children have continued planning their report writing task all about spiders - and what better way to do that than have a visit from a spider! Cuddles the Tarantula made a surprise visit to Year 1 to inspire the children in their writing. The children were excited to be up close to one of nature's most fascinating minibeasts. We had wonderful discussions and some brilliant writing! Well done Year 1!



Year 2

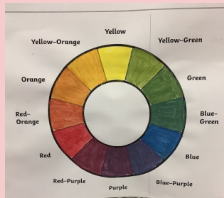
This week the children in Year 2 have been very busy writing character descriptions for three horrible crooks; Boggis, Bunce and Bean. They have carefully chosen effective language to portray how evil these farmers are. The children loved creating similes to also add that extra detail, thinking about how plump, tiny or skinny the farmer was. The children can't wait to share these with you at parent's evening next week.



Year 3

Lots of creativity in Year Three this week. The children have been creative in their writing through planning and writing their twist on the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs' - the children enjoyed sending the wolf to prison!

The creativity will continue next week when we will be reading and writing our own Cinquain poems celebrating the importance of plants and the Earth.



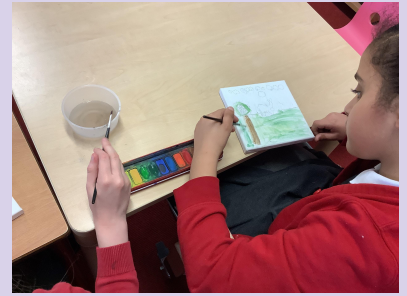
As you may have seen on dojo the children have also been learning how to use the primary colours of red, yellow and blue to create secondary colours. They enjoyed trying out the colour combinations to create their colour wheel. They will

be using these skills next week to paint pictures of the endangered sea turtle. Shades of blues, greens and browns will be needed to help create the turtle and the ocean.

Creativity continued with the children beginning to make their Easter or Ramadan cards through drawing and printing.

Year 4

We've had a creative week in Year 4. This has included creative writing in English, singing and songwriting with our visiting musician (as part of our special music project) and also in our art lessons.



In our art, children have explored the work of African artist Edward Tingatinga and have created their own paintings influenced by his style and techniques. Children have planned the background scene and also created their own patterns to decorate the animals.



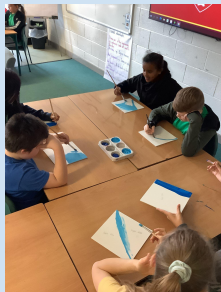
In our music lesson, we've added verses to the song we started collaborating on a few weeks ago.

We will be attending a special music concert on 15th June. Further details about this will follow next term.

Year 5

This week has been another lovely one with the children.

Our most exciting lesson this week was related to Theme. We have been looking into 'Sustainability' - what this means and the impact we are having upon our planet. The children researched a number of sustainable artists and creators who utilise recycled materials to create their artwork and installations.



Using these as inspiration, we began to create our own recycled materials pieces using the bottle tops that have been collected. We painted the backgrounds of the canvas and began to assemble the bottle tops on the canvases.

Year 6

This week, we have been continuing the fun Science activities from Science Week. The children have really enjoyed the practical activities over the last few weeks. We created an investigation that shows how blood is pumped around the body. We have covered so much content on the heart this term that I am sure they will pass the assessment for this unit with flying colours!





We can't wait to show you the finished pieces!


Pupil Achievements

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	
Christopher (AM)	Isabelle	Logan	Harper	Ayah	Ariah	Frankie-Louise	Indi	Laila	
Hibba (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Abdul	Ethan	Mia	Dillon	Laxmi	Saahil	Jorgie	George	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Asrar	Isabelle	Megan	Gabriella	Chad P	Ocsar P	Oliver	Tyler-Jay	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Evie	Dacey	Emma	Emily	Lucas E	Georgia	Lydia	Jack	

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

It has been a very good week for the school's netball squad. On Tuesday the girls came 2nd in the Windsor Netball competition. They played some wonderful netball in the competition, only losing one game. Then on Wednesday night the boys were back involved in a fantastic win over Tenterfields Primary Academy. Well done everyone who had played this week!



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](#)

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School and Local Events

Tickets will be on sale at Parent's Evening next week so don't forget to bring cash on the night. It's £1 per strip.



Cradley Library

Book Trust Story Time Challenge!

Why not try one of this year's best books for under 5s?

Every time you read a book you can earn a new sticker for your story time sticker book.

Don't forget to ask if you would like a member of staff to read the book with you. We love reading!

Yay it's nearly the Easter holiday!

HAPPY EASTER

Remember to come and visit us at Cradley Library ...

Throughout the holiday you can come and enjoy...

- An Easter themed treasure hunt
- Creative egg colouring and dotty 'dot-to-dots'
- Easter baskets for you to colour and make
- Fabulous hoppy bunny bunnies to craft
- 'Easter themed activity packs' for you to have fun with!

Please note we are closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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Cradley Community Centre Table Top Sale

Preloved RUMMAGE SALE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
SPRING SALE	APRIL 2 nd 12pm - 3pm
SUMMER SALE	JULY 2 nd 12pm - 3pm
AUTUMN SALE	OCTOBER 1 st 12pm - 3pm
WINTER XMAS SALE	DECEMBER 3 rd 1pm - 4pm

At Cradley Community Centre

Come sell your unwanted items or browse the stalls and grab a preloved bargain

For a table contact via

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