



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*



## *Newsletter - 26th May 2023*

Dear Parents and Carers,

If we had blinked we would have missed this half-term or that's how it feels. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard in a short but very packed few weeks. Y6 and Y2 SATs, Coronation parties, sporting events, parents workshops and History experiences from the Mayans to the Romans name many opportunities that the children have had and show how much we have achieved and enjoyed. I hope that you continue to enjoy looking at the class stories on Dojo and engaging in what the children get up to each day. Having this range of experiences to achieve academic and personal potential for every child is a key part of what makes Colley Lane special!

We have a number of projects on the go at the moment to improve our school facilities from enhancing the Nursery outdoor provision and Reception garden to replacing the wobble bridge in KS1 playground. We are also updating the library which will be launched in the Summer term and creating library space downstairs in KS1. With reading in mind, please can I encourage you to share a story or book with your child during the holidays and share the enjoyment it brings.

Thank you for all the contributions to the bottle tombola. On Friday 9th June we hold a non-school uniform day for rainbow coloured donations but more information will follow. We are hoping to make the Summer Fayre a tradition again and all the support is appreciated.

Can I remind parents that as the weather gets better and the temperatures rise, that it is important we stay safe in the sun. Please apply suncream before the children come to school and ensure they have a cap or sunhat.

I wish everyone a happy half-term holiday and hope you have a peaceful holiday whatever you are doing. Thank you for the continued support.

Kind regards  
Mr Dominic Simpson  
Headteacher

### Key Dates

**29th May - 2nd June**  
Half Term

**Friday 9th June**  
Non- School Uniform Day -  
Rainbow donations

**Monday 12th June**  
School Photos for Year 6, Nursery  
& Sports Clubs (More information  
to follow)

**Thursday 15th June -**  
Year 4 Arts Mark Trip

**Monday 19th June**  
Reception trip to Smethwick  
Mosque

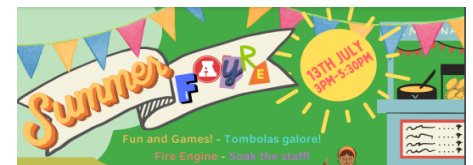
**Wednesday 21st June**  
London Matilda Theatre Trip

**Thursday 22nd June**  
Year 6 Mini Market

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

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

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



### Attendance

Overall this week:

**95%**

[Attendance information](#)

### Aspire

- I am respectful
- I can be collaborative

### School Menu

**Week 2**  
[Link to Menus](#)

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

### Nursery

What a super final week of the term we have had in Nursery. This week we have been enjoying the sunshine and spending more time exploring the outdoor area. The children have particularly enjoyed exploring the sand, water and mud areas.

We have also been learning all about our oral health this week. The children have enjoyed exploring the dentist role play, using the dentist equipment and taking on the role of dentist or patient. We have discussed the importance of oral health and the children were able to share a lot of good ideas about how we can look after our mouths and teeth!



### Reception

Reception children this week have learnt about the importance of brushing their teeth twice a day. They have enjoyed being dentists in the role play area, brushing the dolls teeth and using 'floss' to get pretend food off the bricks! Today the children will be taking their own toothbrush and toothpaste home to promote good oral health.

Please take photos of your child brushing their teeth over the holidays and send to your child's class teacher.



### Year 1

Year 1 finished the term in style! We marked the end of our Theme on the Great Fire of London by spending an afternoon burning houses and eating damper bread! Well not real houses - paper houses in fact which the children made in preparation for our fantastic finish. To understand how fast the fire ripped through the streets of London the children watched as a fire torched their paper houses. The children also enjoyed eating some damper bread and jam. What a wonderful end to our Theme and term!

Head on over to Class Dojo to see more pictures of our wonderful afternoon.



### Year 2

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the children in Year 2, for their hard work and effort in their SATs the last couple of weeks. As teachers, we couldn't be prouder of the children. The children approached their 'special booklets' with a positive attitude and demonstrated their knowledge and skills across both maths and reading. We really are so proud of the resilience they showed and their determination to succeed.

The children have also taken part in lots of fun activities. We had a great start to the week by going to the library. The children had a lovely story about visiting the library and had an opportunity to swap their books. Please feel free to visit the library in between visits and swap your child's book. The children have also finished their DT project this week too. They will be coming home this evening.

After half term we will be having our Titanic focus day. This will be on **Tuesday 6th June**. Please can we ask that your child comes to school dressed like they are going for an afternoon tea on the Captain's table. Examples of what to wear include; a party dress/outfit, smart trousers and top, or even a shirt and bow tie. Please note, these are just suggestions.

Have a lovely half term all!

## Year 3

Year Three had a fabulous day experiencing a little of what life might have been like in the Tudor period, drawing our Tudor Theme to a close.

They loved handling and wearing the armour and clothes, loved pretending to be soldiers in battle and shooting arrows at targets on the field! The children asked some fantastic questions.

Have a lovely half term and see you in Summer Two for our last half term together. Time is flying!



## Year 4

Year 4 has managed to fit lots into the final week of this half-term. This includes finishing our instruction writing - informing Vikings how to raid monasteries. This linked to our theme work and helped to conclude our project.

After half-term, children will undertake their national multiplication check and we've practised whenever possible within school. We would encourage little and often at home as well to support this further. Next half-term we will also have our trip and have our musical performance. Children have lyrics to learn (posted on Google Classroom.)

We have lots to look forward to in the next (and final) half-term, but for now, we wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing break.

## Year 5

We have finished the term with a wonderful final week in Year 5!

We have reached the end of our Romans theme this week. We retold the story of Romulus and Remus in our English lessons, practising the use of our SPAG techniques including expanded noun phrases, subordinate clauses and relative clauses.

We explored the housing and baths in Roman Britain, learning all about how they washed and bathed to keep themselves clean. Our final theme lesson explored the downfall of the Roman Empire; it looked at how the Romans came to an end in Britain as the Anglo-Saxons began to take over.

We hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to our final term together!

## Year 6

What a wonderful end to the term we have had this week in Year 6!

Firstly, we began our auditioning process for our end of year production. We would like to thank all children for taking part and we would like to thank parents at home who helped their child to learn their lines. We were very impressed with everyone who auditioned. It is a very hard decision making process to cast children and we have not taken any decision lightly. We have given scripts out on Google Classroom and we expect children to practise their lines over half-term so that they are ready to go straight into play practising after the holiday.

Also this week, we received training about Road Safety as very soon, some children will be making their own way to and from school when they go to secondary school. The training was based upon being aware of your surroundings when crossing roads, for example, can you hear traffic if you have your headphones in or should you take them off?

Also, if you have a football, you should put it in a bag if you are walking from one place to another as many children would go into the road to retrieve it if it was dropped. Another interesting fact is that boys are more likely to be involved in road accidents than girls as boys tend to take more risks than girls!

## *Pupil Achievements*


Well done to Caleb Nicholls in 5K who successfully passed his first guitar examination with merit, very proud parents.

Lily in 3W was awarded player of the match this weekend after a great game with her Sunday team Ridge FC! She also got star player this week for Starz Academy Tigers. Fantastic game for Lil, played the ball really well, showed great strength against an older team and did not give up battling for possession.



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        |  |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Jaxson (NFT)<br>Mayzie (NPM) | Harrison  | Hunter    | Imaan & Audrey | Bradley   | All of 2D | All of 2E  | Sienna    | Beau      |   |
|                              | <b>4A</b> | <b>4H</b> | <b>5C</b>      | <b>5K</b> | <b>5P</b> | <b>6CW</b> | <b>6R</b> | <b>6S</b> |   |
|                              | Evie      | Logan     | Sapphire       | Pippa     | Gracie    | Lottie     | Chloe     | Amelia    |   |

### Hot Chocolate Friday children:

| RR        | RTW       | 1MS       | 1Y        | 2D        | 2E         | 3H        | 3W        |  |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Safiya    | Layan     | Jessica   | Adam      | Icia      | Filey      | Inaaya    | Libbie    |   |
| <b>4A</b> | <b>4H</b> | <b>5C</b> | <b>5K</b> | <b>5P</b> | <b>6CW</b> | <b>6R</b> | <b>6S</b> |   |
| Alicia    | Fergus    | Jack S    | Raniyah   | Jack S    | Skyla      | Jorgie    | Ishan     |   |

## *Club News*

Our cricket teams have had an amazing week. The girls finished 3rd in their competition only losing to the overall winners all day. Then the boys finished 2nd and 5th in their competition, with the 'A' team now going on to Worcester for the county finals.



## *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:

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

More useful links:

[Term Dates](#)

[Attendance](#)

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