



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have celebrated being an "Outstandingly Happy School" as Felicity from "The Art of Brilliance" presented Year 6 and the school with our official banner. Year 6 children and staff have been working with Felicity this year to look at motivation, resilience and what we can do in school to promote these skills. They shared ideas and got everyone thinking about positivity and being a "2%er" - happy and positive.



The Summer Fayre is fast approaching and thank you for all the donations so far. Next week, if your child would like to contribute, we are asking for teddy bear donations.

Throughout the week you can donate one teddy to our Teddy Bear Stall and at the Summer Fayre someone else will be able to adopt them. It's another lovely idea from

Friends of Colley Lane but we do ask for only one teddy bear donation. Thank you.

We have started our transition arrangements within school with teachers looking at the classes they are receiving and how we ensure a great end to this year and a smooth start to next for all children. There will be information coming out to parents shortly about new classes and other end-of-term arrangements. Please keep an eye on Parentmail and Class Dojo. **If you have any parents or friends that would like to join our wonderful community, we do have a few places in Reception for September so please let them know.**

Kind regards
Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

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

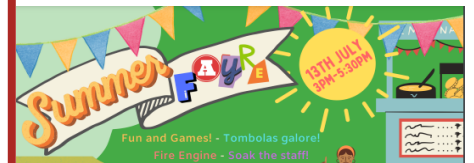
Year 5 Sports Day (No Parents)

Friday 21st July

Year 6 Sports Day (No Parents)

Tuesday 25th July

Break up, last day of term



Attendance

Overall this week:

87%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am responsible
- I can be organised

School Menu

Week 3

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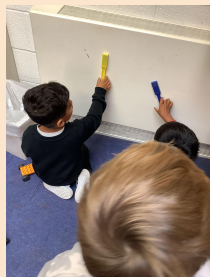
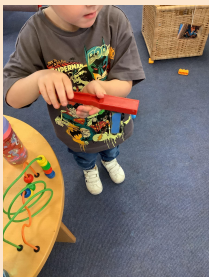
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What's been happening in school this week?

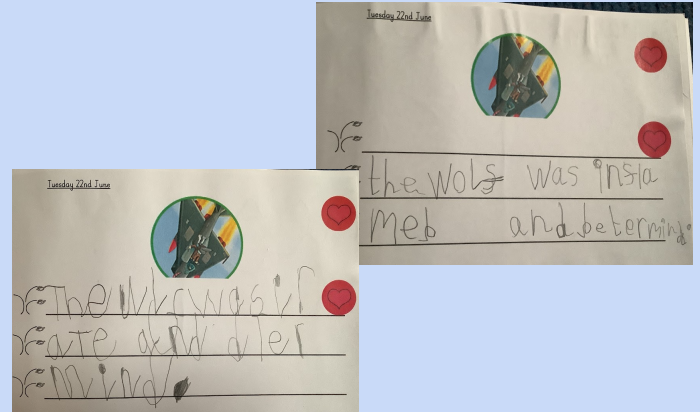
Nursery

We have been having lots of fun investigating in Nursery this week. One of the children noticed that someone had put a toy into the radiator so we all thought of some ideas for how we could retrieve it. One of the suggestions was to use a magnet to attract the toy and pull it back out. We then spent some time exploring this theory to see which materials would attract or repel from the magnet. This also led to discussions about which materials were magnetic and which were not. Unfortunately it didn't help us get the toy out of the radiator but it did allow us to do some great investigative science!



Reception

This week the children haven't taken a real interest in their new writing unit Pigs Can Fly. They have used adventurous vocabulary and created some great sentences. The children are now applying their phonic skills independently, forming letters correctly and remembering finger spaces between words.



Year 1

This week the children enjoyed planting as part of our Theme. We have been looking at food and thinking about where it comes from. We discussed our weekly food shops before exploring how other communities across the world access their food. The children then followed some instructions to plant their own cress seeds. They were amazed we planted the seeds without any soil! The children have been challenged to grow their cress at home and we're hoping to see lots of pictures of their cress in about 7 days time!



Year 2

We have had such an exciting week in Year 2 this week! We were astonished and mortified to receive a letter from the felt tip pens saying that they had QUIT! We haven't been treating them well and we think we owe them an apology. In our writing lessons over the next few weeks, we shall be writing them a letter to say sorry. Also, we have been continuing our global affairs theme and were saddened by the effects of plastic pollution and deforestation. We decided it's time to take care of our world.



Just a reminder about our sports day on **Thursday 6th July at 9:05**. It will be great to see you all there!

We hope that all our children and families celebrating Eid had a wonderful day. We look forward to another fabulous week next week.

Year 3

In our Global Theme lesson this week the children reflected on the question 'Should everyone have an education?' What a lot of ideas they shared.

We watched video clips showing different schools around the world and found out not all children have the

Year 4

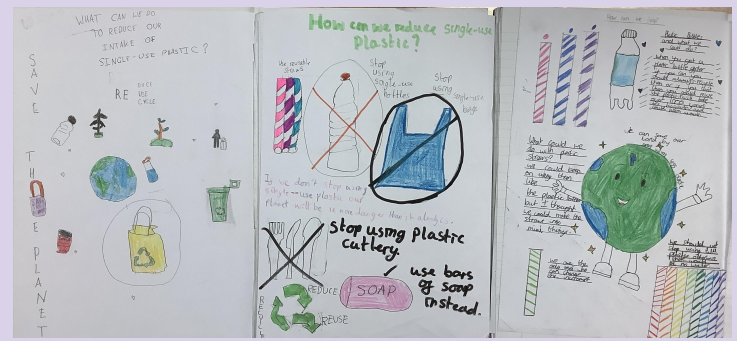
Year 4's highlight of the week was our theme lesson. Our big enquiry question is: *what is the global problem with plastic?* To answer this question children have discussed and researched the over usage of single-use plastic. We discussed how we can (where possible) action swaps which will reduce our single use

same fantastic opportunities and experiences as children here do. It really made the Year Three children think!

The children have shown many of the ASPIRE qualities across the week. They have been resilient and self-quizzing in their assessment tasks during the week. They have done their best and are rightly proud of themselves.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you as always for the donations of sweets and treats for our Summer Fair next month.

plastic usage in school. One of our ideas was always ensuring we bring into school a reusable water bottle and not a new single-use plastic bottle each day. Children made information posters to share their thoughts and ideas.



Year 5

We have had another fantastic week in Year 5.

This week's highlight has been our Science lesson. The children are in the middle of their Forces topic and this week, we investigated magnets and the forces they use to repel and attract different materials.

The children conducted an experiment, testing different materials to see if they were attracted to the magnet or not. This was great, because the children got to use tin foil, paper clips, cotton, coins and many other objects to test during their investigation.

The children found out that magnets are attracted to metal objects and repel other materials.

Another super experiment for the children to enjoy.

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Year 6

Drayton Manor

The children had such an amazing day at Drayton Manor on Wednesday and it was great to see the children enjoying themselves!

The weather was perfect for a day out with no rain and it was not sunny.

It was a great day for the wet rides such as Storm Force Ten and The Rapids.



Children and teachers who enjoy more of a thrill seeking challenge went on The Maelstrom and Shockwave.



For an easier ride, children enjoyed the Viking section where there was a wide selection of rides for everyone.

Although, as always, the children's favourite part of any trip was the gift shop!

What a fantastic week! We hope you enjoyed Eid if you celebrated this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Pupil Achievements



Jonah (4A) and Grace (RTW) have both taken dance exams.

Jonah took a freestyle exam and Grace did her very first ballet and freestyle exams. Well done both!



Well done to Bailey-Joe in 4H who was awarded 'Manager Player of the Season' last weekend! Well done Bailey, we are all so proud of you!



Siena in 1Y received a medal for doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Homer hill Park. Great work Siena!



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	
Jana (AM)	Jack	Grace	Milenko	Bradley	Amelia	Annie-Rose	Oliver	Kendall	
Oscar (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Brandon	Oliver	Justin	Tereska	Daniel Mihai	Zak	Lucas D	Seb	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Lyla	Luke	Laycee-Mae	Wendy (missed last week)	Ariah	Sophie-Mae	Connie	Lily	
4A	4H	5C	5K	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Nico	Salina	Maddie	Clara	Amelia	Braiden	Freya	Connor & George	

Club News

Well done to our year three and four cricket team who came third in their competition on Tuesday, they won three or their four matches with some great batting, bowling and fielding on display. Well done all!

Club awards night will be on Tuesday 18th July this year with more information to follow about timings next 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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