Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 30th September 2022

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating items to the Black Country Food Bank over the week. Our new Headboy, Jake and Headgirl, Amelia had the task of loading the van with all the food and other goods that will go to help families across the Black Country. Just like last year, we will have a permanent food collection point within school so if you are able to contribute any items at any point over the year that would be fantastic. We are also looking this year to become voucher holders for the Black Country food bank so we can support within our community too.



With the rising cost of living affecting many families, we would also like to signpost everyone towards these Dudley Council links which provide information, advice and help for everyday essentials. It also links to family centres offering support if there are children under 18 in the house.

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/everyday-essentials/

There is the council tax rebate support for energy bills here:

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/council-tax/council-tax-rebate/

As a school we value our community and please approach the school if you need support or advice. We may not have all the answers but can help direct you towards the right support.

Last week, we introduced Boom Reader App for Years 4, 5 and 6 and we hope that as parents, you are finding it easier to comment on your child's reading. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and we are continuing to invest in new reading books and magazines across a range of interests to promote the love of reading. Remember reading for 20 minutes a day will mean that your child will hear or read approximately 1,800,000 words in a year - an amazing statistic!

Next week, we will be sending out information on how to book Parents Evening slots for Wednesday 12th October and Thursday 13th October. We will be using the online booking system as before and you will receive a short report on how your child is progressing against their targets in Reading, Writing and Maths, things that are going well and next steps that you can support with. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend. Kind regards,

Mr Dominic Simpson.

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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am courageous
- I can be collaborative



What's been happening in school this week?

<u>Nursery</u>

What a super week we have had in Nursery! The children have really enjoyed learning all about Autumn. We have a lot of natural Autumnal resources in our indoor and outdoor classrooms which the children have enjoyed exploring. We have been learning new vocabulary such as pinecone, conker and acorn as well as encouraging descriptive language such as spiky, shiny and smooth. On Thursday all of the children enjoyed a walk in The Glade where we looked to see the signs of Autumn in the trees. The children were using some great language to describe the different colours, sizes and appearances of the different leaves and sticks.

This week in WCR we have started to look at our new story. The children have found out that our new story has something to do with the zoo and that within the story we will meet a lion, camel, elephant, giraffe, monkey, dog, frog and snake. We have also introduced the children to some of the key language used to describe the animals within the text such as, jumpy, fierce and tall. The children are very excited to reveal our new book next week, I wonder what it might be?

In Maths this week, we have started to look at sorting objects by one attribute. This week we have been focussing on sorting objects by their colour. The children were challenged to sort a box objects into the right groups, have found objects from around the room to sort into coloured groups and have played a game on the interactive whiteboard where they have to sort coloured gems into the correct boxes. You could support this at home by asking your child to tidy their toys away a colour at a time or splitting their blocks into different colour groups. This will support their colour recognition as well as their maths skills.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Reception children have had a great week exploring all things Autumn! They have been using new words to describe the weather like blustery, foggy, frosty, gusty and chilly. Encourage your child to use these words at home when talking about the weather.

Reception

Next week each class will be going on a 'Leaf Hunt' around school inspired by the story We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. Children will be accessing spaces on our school site for around 1 hour. **RR will need to bring in a coat and wellington boots on Thursday 6th October and RTW will need to bring in a coat and wellington boots on Friday 7th October.**

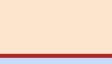
In maths children have been grouping items and stating which group has the fewest and which has the most.

The children also had their first Doh Disco session this week. Each child has their own pot of playdoh and are encouraged to follow along to different actions and songs. Doh Disco helps to strengthen hand muscles ready for writing and drawing.

The children have also focused on kind hands, kind feet and kind words this week. We have talked about how kind hands make other people feel happy and how we can make good choices at school. We have lots of emotions books in school which you can borrow to read with your child at home.

<u>Year 1</u>

We've had a very busy week in Year 1. The children have worked so hard and have had lots of fun! The highlight of our week definitely came at the end of our whole class reading session for our book Rosie Revere Engineer. The children followed instructions superbly as they made their own drop copters. They tested them in class before thinking of ways to make them better. Some children chose to add additional creative resources to their drop copters









before testing them outside. Such was the interest in the drop copters, some children chose to make their own at home! We loved exploring Rosie Revere Engineer and can't wait to see where our next whole class reading book will take us!

In English the children have continued to work on writing sentences as part of our Write Stuff unit on the story The Proudest Blue. We have enjoyed bringing our lessons to life through exploring artefacts and drama sessions. The children have also enjoyed coming up with interesting vocabulary with the help of Grandma Fantastic who brings wonderful words to our lessons.



In Maths this week we have explored the properties of 2D shapes looking at sides and corners. We have also begun to look at addition and have used number lines and number tracks to explore counting on.

Thank you to all children who have returned their Phonics home learning sheet or uploaded their work onto Class Dojo. Look out for this week's sheet which continues to consolidate our Phase 3 and 4 Phonics learning.

Have a great weekend!

Year 2

We've had another fantastic week in Year 2, delving deeper into our 'Will we ever get to Mars?' theme by exploring the achievements of both Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. We thought about the questions we would like

body feels: energised, op to tell us: Life is going

to ask the astronauts, as well as watching clips of them living in space.

We have been learning about the emotion 'happiness'. We have been thinking about what makes us happy and signs that we are happy. When we spoke about the

things that made us happy, we noticed we had big smiles on our faces. We also discovered that music and dancing can increase our mood and make us smile.

In science, we have been working scientifically. This week, we had some skittles and we poured warm water over them. We watched as the sugar dissolved and a skittles' rainbow was made. We made some excellent predictions about what might happen.



We are also really enjoying Beegu, our whole class reading text and were really eager to learn more about our main character. In our writing lessons, we have continued our story 'The Way Back Home', where we have written about how the boy has crashed suddenly on the moon because he ran out of petrol!

Year 3

We have been historical detectives in Theme this week, continuing on our journey through the Victorian era. This week the children have been learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the impact his designs and constructions (ships, bridges and tunnels) had during the 19th century.



In Science the children worked collaberatively to discover what was hidden under the sand and then decided how to classify the rocks they revealed. A practical start to our new topic of 'Rocks and soils'.

In Music we found out what 'pitch', timbre' and 'dynamics' meant regarding a piece of music. Can they still remember?! We listened to a piece of orchestral music and drew the images the instruments helped us to create in our minds. The timbre really helped with mood!

The theme of 'mood' continued in our writing this week too. Tom, our character is very puzzled and confused about the star he has found. His mood was represented by the night garden he was peering out into today. The children collected negative verbs to suit the behaviour of natural objects in the garden indicating how Tom was feeling. Good 'chotting' everyone! That's chatting and jotting!

In Maths we have been exploring strategies to use when adding and subtracting. We have partitioned numbers into tens and ones and used number lines to jump forwards and backwards. Keep working on number bonds children - ways to make 10 and 100. If we know 2 + 8 =10, we can use 20 + 80 to equal 100.

We have been finding out a lot more about the BFG this week. We know what he eats, what he collects and that he speaks in a rather odd way! The children are enjoying Sophie's adventure so far.

The children have been quizzing over the week on the ipads when they have completed their AR book and hopefully had a good discussion about it with you at home.

Top tips for the children: Don't rush your reading to get to a quiz. Talk about your book to an adult. Make sure you understand the plot, characters and any unfamiliar vocabulary - especially if you have a nonfiction book when vocabulary may be technical.

Enjoy the weekend everyone and see you on Monday.

<u>Year 4</u>

We've been very busy this week in Year 4. We've linked our reading, writing, theme and art lessons together and all around the topic of the Stone Age. It has been fantastic to see and hear children share their writing also linked to our focus book: Stone Age Boy. As each lesson progresses so too does the childrens' writing confidence. Year 4 staff are already excited at the prospect of reading the childrens' independent writing at the end of this project. It is going to be good, we can feel it already. We shall look forward to sharing their successes during Parents Evenings and also via Class Dojo. Children will also have the opportunity to photograph their work on their iPads so they are able to share with family members.

During our maths lessons this week, we started a new unit block: addition and subtraction. This has already proved to be successful as children have shown that they can add and subtract using appropriate strategies, which will be useful throughout Year 4 and will be built on during the next two years in school. It is really positive so we shall look forward to this continuing.

Homework tasks

- Weekly spellings are set each Tuesday (after the children have been introduced and learnt the spell rules during their weekly SPaG lesson). Each spelling assignment will be set on EdShed - Spelling Shed.
- Our first TT Rockstars battle begins today. This week it is 4A vs 4H. Who will win?
- Home reading. Lots of children have been reading regularly already this year and have successfully
 completed their reading quizzes. Reading books should go home each day and should be returned to
 school the next day so children can read their books as part of their daily timetable and also read to an
 adult.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

<u>Year 5</u>

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 5; it has been a busy one but certainly full of fun!

To begin, in Reading this week, the children have been working through the first chapters of 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl. They are loving the book and really have taken to the character of Danny. The children have been exploring the book's themes of poaching and the impact it has. They can't wait to continue reading the book next week.

In Writing, the children have continued to explore the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and have been constructing sentences incorporating skills such as dialogue, similes, onomatopoeia and semicolons. They have been working incredibly hard to understand the structure of their new lessons and are really beginning to grasp the contexts of 'chotting' (chatting and jotting to create vocabulary lists) and 'kind calling out' (feeding back ideas with putting their hands up). We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this week and are looking forward to seeing what next week brings.

In Theme this week, the children explored the Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring these new and exciting individuals who lived on Mount Olympus and created outstanding fact files to go alongside these. Their second lesson of Theme looked at what life was like for an Ancient Greek, exploring housing, food, clothing and schooling. The children were shocked to find out that only boys went to school! We are so excited to see what our next lesson about The Ancient Greeks brings. Finally, in Science, the children conducted another exciting experiment using torches. They investigated light and shadows, measuring the shadows in relation to the distance of the light. The children had so much fun!

Just a quick reminder about our upcoming trip to the National Space Centre. We are so excited to take the children to Leicester and can't wait to make lots of amazing memories. Payment for this can be made via ParentMail and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Year 5 team.

Have a wonderful weekend!

<u>Year 6</u>

Children in Year 6 have been learning this week about the Art of Happiness and how to approach life with a positive mindset. We looked at how we can look at a situation in learning that might be tricky and think of a way to get better at that particular learning. In fact, we learned that to be really great at something, you need to practise, practise, practise. Experts in their field have taken many hours of practice to be the best! We are aiming to be an Outstandingly Happy School and the children in Year 6 spreading happiness is part of that journey. Each week, on this part of the newsletter, I will share an activity, thought or just a phrase that you can talk about with your children or your child can talk to you about it! (Brilliant Me) In addition, the Head Boy and Girl along with their deputies will be helping to spread the joy of happiness across the school. Ask your child about the Brill-o-Pad they wrote on during our day. What does it mean? What did they have to write on there? This week's Brilliant Me is, 'Give up screen time for 24 hours. Write a log of what you did instead'. I wonder who can manage this?

This week, we have been distributing prefect roles to those that applied. All children chosen will receive a prefect badge and will be shining examples of how to behave in Year 6. Roles we have distributed include; librarians, playground leaders, corridor monitors, register monitors, assembly monitors etc. Good luck to all pupils starting their role next week! Most children have roles and responsibilities but if they do not and they would like one, they can talk to their teacher who will be able to help.

Within English this week, we have began to answer comprehension questions about Roald Dahl and Egyptian Gods in the style of SAT questions. We have also continued to read our book, Boy. In writing, we have continued to write in our new style of writing by creating lists of fantastic vocabulary through chotting (chatting and jotting) and then using these words within our work. We have created some beautiful sentences together and the teacher chooses three sentences from three different pupils which are placed on the wall with the child's picture next to the writing to show whose amazing writing it is!

In theme, the children have worked extremely hard to work in groups to investigate life in Ancient Egyptian times. Children learned about rulers, farming, housing, clothing etc using their iPads.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Pupil Achievements



Lucas in 5P completed his ball boy training with Prosser Academy and attended his first tournament. Well done Lucas!

Henry in Nursery has received a Certificate of Achievement for 'Kicking' at Mighty Kickers. Well done!





Well Done to Piper-Blêu in 3W who got Parents Player of the match at Saturday's game and who also got trainer of the week this week at goal keeper training. Super work Piper-Blêu.

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	RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Jana (NAM) Tyler-Jay (NFT)	Logan	Ella	Olivia	Hayyin	Муа	Matthew	Yasseen	Charlie	~
	4A	4H	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
	Sumaia	Salina	Logan	Tuliyah	Lucan E	Scarlett	Zahy	Bawen	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RTW	RR	1Y	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Freddie	Elias	Bradley	Laycee-Ma e	Eva	Noah	Amelia	Beau	Ð
4H	4A	5K	5C	5P	6CW	6R	6S	
Leelan	Logan	Emaan	Jack H	Zahra	Lucas A	Younes	Paris	

Key Dates	Reminders
 Thursday 6th October - Space Themed Lunch (see under 'School Dinners') Wednesday 12th October - Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm Thursday 13th October - Parent's Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm (No choir) Friday 14th October - School Photographer Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - October Half Term Monday 31st October - Flu immunisation in school Friday 2nd December - INSET Day - School Closed 	 School start and finish times Start time - All years - Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.55am Finish time -Reception and KS1 - 3.05pm. All KS2 - 3.15pm Uniform Please can all children's uniforms, hats, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name. PE All children are to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days.(Days listed below) Parking Can we remind you that the car park is for staff only and permit holders. If you need to use the car-park, please see the office for a parking permit. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge. Lunchboxes Can we remind you that we are a nut-free school therefore no nut products are allowed in school. This includes nutella, peanut butter, kinder bueno type biscuits etc. Please note that no sweets or chocolate bars are allowed in school unless it is biscuit based. Any lost unnamed lunchboxes or water bottles will be kept in school for 1 week before disposing.

Iris ParentMail

ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

We encourage all parents to register if you haven't already. For those who haven't and if you have an email address, you will be receiving a verification email soon via your emails. Please follow the link on the email to register. You will get notification when we send out forms for trips, all payments will be via Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

General Reminders

School Dinners

Just a reminder that you no longer need to book meals in advance, children can choose what they would like to eat on the day at the counter. Parents will still need to ensure that there is money in their child's ParentMail account but children will indicate they are having a hot dinner on the day in registration.

Next week's menu will be Week 1 Menu, please note there will be a change to the menu on Thursday 6th

where there will be a Space Adventure themed menu with BBQ beef meatballs or bean burritos with mini potato asteroids with dessert options of warm raspberry ripple crater cake or Space rocket chocolate crispie cake There will also be Halal chicken hot dogs, jacket potatoes and tomato pasta bake available.



The menus rotate on a 3 week cycle and all menus can be found on the website under 'School Life' then 'Essential Information'. You can also pick up a copy from the school office.

<u>Asthma</u>

Just a reminder that if your child needs an inhaler in school, please can you come to the office to fill in the relevant paperwork. You will be asked to leave one inhaler in school.

Class Dojo

Please sign up to Class Dojo this weekend using the letter provided from school. For more information please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

<u>PE Days</u>

Nursery - Monday (AM) & Tuesday (PM) Reception - Wednesday Year 1 - Monday & Friday Year 2 - Monday & Thursday Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday Year 5 - 5C - Monday & Thursday / 5P - Tuesday & Thursday / 5K - Wednesday & Thursday Year 6 - 6S - Tuesday & Wednesday / 6R - Wednesday & Friday / 6CW - Wednesday & Friday

Road Safety Awareness

The Road Safety & Travel Awareness Team provide road safety education and advice across the borough of Dudley, provide cycling and Bikeability advice and training, again across the Borough, both in schools and within the community as a whole. The team also coordinate the School Crossing Patrol service in Dudley

Please see links below for more information.

Road Safety & Travel Awareness Web Page - https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/

Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyDudleyCouncil

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please let us know as soon as possible by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to <u>attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</u>
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App Please do not use DOJO to report absence.

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend school.

News....

Parent LAB member Vacancy

We are seeking a parent representative to sit on the LAB (Local Authority Board).

The parent representative should bring professional knowledge and personal experience that can be used to enhance the governing board's knowledge of the school and could assist the board in making decisions that will benefit pupils, the school and the community.

The LAB sits 3 times per year, usually in September, March and June. If you think you have breadth of experience and drive to help ensure the school runs effectively, please contact Mrs Dodd at sdodd@colley.windsoracademy.org.uk in the first instance.

Adult Learning Classes

Colley Lane will be restarting the Adult Classes this term. The classes are run by Dudley Adult Learning. We have had such a great outcome from the classes that were run last academic year and many learners have achieved a new qualification and are ready to move up to the next level. Classes will take place at Our Hive (formerly Little Colliers) opposite the school.

We are offering Functional English on Mondays and Functional Maths on Tuesdays from

1 p.m - 3 p.m

Functional Maths will start on Monday 3rd of October and Functional English on Tuesday 4th October. It is required that the learner is at least Entry 2 level to access the course.

If you would like to join any of the classes above, please could you fill in the google form below or if you prefer, phone the school office and leave a message for me with your name, number and the course you would like to attend. Please bring a form of ID to the first session which will be enrolment.

Functional Maths: Mondays

https://forms.gle/jQJRkkHGEx7WCRJq5

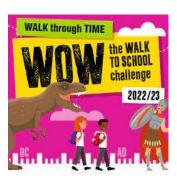
Functional English: Tuesdays

https://forms.gle/BJZaKpGSXDhsqA3A9

Walk to School

This week we have relaunched our Walk to School Campaign. Classes have taken baseline surveys to see how children currently travel to school and have also started logging journeys. They will continue to log journeys throughout the school year with the aim of achieving a badge each month.

It would be great if you could send any autumnal walk to school photos to the <u>info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</u> email address. Photos will be shared on social media and dojo. If you would prefer the photos to not be shared on social media please state this in your email.



Local Events

CRADLEY HEATH MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Saturday 8th October 2022 10:00am - 4:30pm



St Michael's C of E High School Curral Road · Rowley Regis West Midlands · B65 9AN



Adult £6.50 Child (Age 5 to 15) £3.50 Family (2 + 2) £15.00 Children under 5 go FREE!

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The Kindness Corner

Black Country Food Bank



The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is now in the school foyer where donations can be brought in at any time throughout the school year. If you are able to donate any non-perishable food items please bring these along to the school office where we will collect them before donating them to help our local food bank and community.

Take a look at the amazing work they do by visiting their website at https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/

Thank you to Poppy's family (5C) who have kindly donated books to Colley Lane's school library. We can't wait to share them with the children.

Diary Dates

Autumn Half Term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Return to School on Monday 31st October 2022

Winter Holidays

Monday 19th December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Return to School on Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring Half Term

Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Return to school Monday 27th February 2023

Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023

Return to school Monday 17th April 2023

Summer Half Term

Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Return to school Monday 5th June 2023

Inset Days

Friday 2nd December 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

One more INSET Day TBC

Bank Holidays

May Day - Monday 1st May 2023

Clubs

Colley Lane Club News

It has been another busy week at clubs with the children working hard to hone their skills for many upcoming competitions across different sports. This year will see some of the pre covid competitions back and some new ones starting so it's not too late to join a club and have the chance to represent Colley Lane. Children who are lucky enough to represent the school this year will have the chance to wear the amazing new kit brought out of last year's club money.

There will be **no choir on Thursday 13th October** because it is parents evening all other clubs will continue as normal that week.

The weather has definitely changed this week so can you please make sure that your child is bringing warm clothing for clubs, we will still go outside most of the time.

The price of clubs is £1 per club to a maximum of £3 regardless of how many clubs attended per week (this doesn't include JSB clubs.)

Unless your child has PE on the same day as a club they must come in school uniform and bring their kit to change into. If they are participating in a club before school they can come in their kit and bring their uniform to change into if they don't have PE that day, this also applies to the JSB club.



Sports and Music Clubs						
	Before school (Start time)	Cost	After school (Finish time)	Cost		
Monday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15) Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)*JSB	£1.00 £1.00 £3.00		
Tuesday			Y5 &Y6 Netball (4-15)	£1.00		
	Y3, Y4. Y5 & Y6 Tri Golf (8.10)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Dance (4.15)	£1.00		
			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00		
Wednesday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby (4.15)	£1.00		
	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£3.00		
Thursday		£1.00	Ч5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)	£1.00		
	All A/F & A/C Course Course (9.10)		Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Choir (4.15)	£1.00		
	Y4. Y5 & Y6 Cross Country (8.10)		YI & Y2 Football (4.30)*JSB	£3.00		
			Y3 & Y4 Football(4.30) * JSB	£3.00		
Friday		£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00		
	Y6 Gymnastics (8.10)		Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)	£1.00		
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30)	£3.00		