



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 31st March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter holiday! We hope that this break will provide you with an opportunity to rest, relax, and spend some quality time with your loved ones. This morning, we all got into the Easter Spirit as EYFS and KS1 children paraded around school, upstairs and downstairs, with their amazing Easter bonnets! So much creativity!

It was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents into school this week for Parents Evenings and I know from speaking to many of you that you are amazed with how much the children have achieved and the progress made from last term. The positive feel around the school over the few evenings reinforced how we are all one community and thank you for all the positive feedback for our office staff. There are a few recommendations and suggestions that we will be looking at but thank you once again for your support. As you know the Friends of Colley Lane Egg raffle was taking place and it has raised £680 profit, which is amazing, and adds to funds for school projects and initiatives. Well done to the team!

As part of being a community school, we are looking at how we can be more sustainable and take responsibility for our actions. The Big Moves from Windsor Academy Trust is part of this drive and we have been part of a sustainability video that was presented at the World Education Summit. I am very proud that Colley Lane started the video. [Take a look here.](#)

So, have a wonderful break, enjoy family and friends however you celebrate but keep up with reading and a little bit of maths. We have put a [blog together](#) with some of the events taking place locally that you might like to take part in and can I wish a peaceful Ramadan to our families who are fasting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

3rd April - 14th April
Easter Holiday

Monday 17th April
School re-opens 8:40am

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

Monday 1st May
May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 3rd May
Year 4 Anglo-Saxon & Viking
Workshop

Monday 8th May
King Coronation Bank Holiday-
School Closed

9th - 12th May
Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 15th May
Year 5 Roman Workshop

Tuesday 16th May
Year 6 Maya Workshop

Tuesday 23rd May
Year 3 Tudor Workshop

29th May - 2nd June
Half Term

Attendance

Overall this week:

92%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am creative
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

Week 1 (New Menu)

[Link to Menus](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

Nursery have had a super last week of the Spring Term filled with lots of fun activities. We have been learning all about Ramadan and Easter, talking about what people do for these religious events and how they are celebrated.

This week we also took part in our Spring walk to The Glade. The children were able to notice lots of signs of Spring on our walk including green leaves, flowers and bird song. We had lots of fun exploring The Glade and comparing what we could see now to our Autumn and Winter walks.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and wish you all a Happy Easter and Ramadan.



Reception

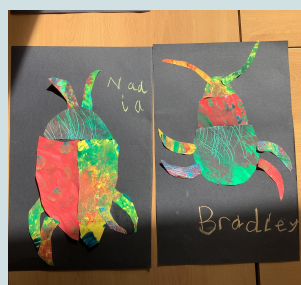
Reception children have had a fun filled Easter activity week. They started their week making Easter nests working collaboratively to weigh and mix. On Tuesday, they visited St Peter's Church and created some great observational drawings. On Wednesday, they visited the library, Thursday watched a Jack and the Beanstalk performance and finally on Friday took part in an Easter egg hunt! A busy but great week full of learning and new experiences. Hope you have a lovely Easter break!



Year 1

We've had a lovely final week of the term in Year 1. We came to the end of our Art theme, finishing with a burst of colour as we recreated our own Eric Carle inspired collages. The children began the week exploring texture through paint. They used a variety of interesting 'tools' to create textures on their painted sheets, including painting with scrunched up tissue paper, using forks to create lines and bubble wrap. They then used stencils to cut different pieces from their painted sheets to create their very own Eric Carle minibeast. Their final pieces looked fantastic!

This week we were also treated to a special musical performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. We loved getting involved and had a great time. Finally, a huge well done to all the children in Year 1 who have worked so hard this term. We wish you a happy Easter and Ramadan.



Year 2

We have had a very creative final week of the term in Year 2. The children have been producing their final pieces of artwork for our 'Ice' theme. Having explored a range of techniques and art mediums over the past 4 weeks, they have then combined all of these in our final pieces of artwork. All of the children have had so much fun trying to include paint, collage and charcoals in their work. We are very proud of the work we have created! Thank you to those parents who came to our art gallery during parent's evening to see all of the children's fantastic work.

We wish you a very happy Easter and Ramadan and look forward to a wonderful Summer term.



Year 3

Our Spring Term came to a creative close this week with the completion of our sea turtle paintings.

We chose to look at a range of sea turtle paintings by lots of different artists as we enjoyed learning about the endangered turtles in our Grand Designs lessons last half term. Some of the children made them too.

The children used their colour mixing skills from last week to produce the ocean colours needed. The background was painted first with a lot of care taken. They mixed blue with yellow to make green and added a little red to blue to make purple. They found adding white made the colours lighter and black made the tone darker. As they painted the children listened to relaxing music with the ocean as the theme.



Today the children are adding the sea turtles to their background. We are hoping to display some of them by Mrs Simpson's office and some in our Year Three Art Gallery (our cloakroom!).

Have a lovely holiday and we will see you all for the Summer Term.

Year 4

It was wonderful seeing so many families across Parents Evenings this week and it was great to share every child's successes and also aspects we will be working together on in the next term. If you were unable to attend, we would be happy to arrange a mutually convenient appointment next half term.

We have finished a few projects/units this week. In maths, we've been working on area and perimeter. In English, we've finished writing our own poems. The highlight however might just be our African inspired artwork. We are very proud of them.



We wish everybody a wonderful and restful break. Have a happy Easter and Ramadan.

Year 5

What a wonderful term of events we have had! We really have enjoyed every moment of Spring and cannot believe we are nearly into the Summer term.

We have been extremely busy this week, working on our wonderful Art creations using recycled materials. We have painted the background on the pieces and are now beginning to layer up the bottle tops and tissue paper to create our final image. We are all so impressed with what we have achieved so far.

Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. We really appreciate your support and have loved sharing the children's progress with you all.

We wish you a very happy Easter and Ramadan and look forward to a wonderful Summer term.



Year 6

Thank-you to parents and carers for attending Parents Evening this week, it was great to share the successes and progress of the children with you.

Children in Year 6 will have Easter homework packs to complete over Easter. Please ask your child to show you what they have been asked to do. We will also be posting the information again on Clasdojo so that everyone is given the same information.

In school this week, we have been making Easter cards.



Have a wonderful Easter and Ramadan if you are observing these religious events.

Thank-you for your support this Spring term.

Pupil Achievements




Finley Cheadle and Ethan Foxall went on their annual rugby tour over the weekend. They travelled to Brean to play against Avonmouth Rugby club. They had a fantastic time and won their matches!




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 |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Saarankan (Full Time) | Lilith | William | Malak | Amelle | Amelia | Armaan | Zachary | Charlie | |
| Harley (PM) | 4A | 4H | 5C | 5K | 5P | 6CW | 6R | 6S | |
| | Isla | Fergus | Kyle | Grace V | Harrison | Matthew | Dax | Rhea | |

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

| RR | RTW | 1MS | 1Y | 2D | 2E | 3H | 3W |  |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Jack (Absent) | Dean | Imaan | Nadia | Alice | Sophie-Mae | Kara | Bethany | |
| 4A | 4H | 5C | 5K | 5P | 6CW | 6R | 6S | |
| Blake | Ellie | Ed | Mariam | Phoebe | Mariya | Bea | Cameron | |

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](#)

We went to our first ever basketball competition this week and the team performed amazingly to finish as runners up. The children really enjoyed the experience of playing a different sport.

Next half term some of the clubs are changing to offer new opportunities of different sports or to different year groups.

Tuesday morning will change from tri-golf to badminton

Wednesday afternoon will change from basketball to athletics

Friday morning will change from year 1 gymnastics to year 2 gymnastics

Hopefully if you haven't attended a club yet there will be something your interested in.

[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](#)



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](#)

[Breakfast and After School Club](#)

[Essential information](#)

[ParentMail](#)

[Extracurricular Activities and School Clubs](#)

[Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

[Dudley's Cost of Living Support Hubs](#)

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