



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*



## *Newsletter - 12th April 2024*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer term has started at pace and there are signs that the weather is improving too! I hope all families who celebrated Eid this week had a wonderful time with friends and family and enjoyed the festivities. During the Easter Holiday, we replaced the hall floor due to water damage to the old surface. It brightens up the hall and will provide a great space for our PE and clubs for many years to come. Talking of which our fantastic dance groups wowed everyone at the Windsor Easter Celebration of Dance on Wednesday evening at Stourbridge Town hall. They took the roof off with their "Disco Remix" dance. Fantastic!

### **Parents Evening Feedback**

Thank you to everyone who completed a Parent Voice slip during Parents Evenings last term. We asked you how well we were addressing your main priority for your child's education and the average rating was 9 out of 10 which is incredibly pleasing. The feedback also highlighted some areas where you felt improvements would help further. One area was how we communicate with parents so we will be clarifying what we send out via Dojo and Parentmail or letter this half-term. Feedback and working together is always appreciated.

### **Save the Date!**

Friends of Colley Lane will be holding their Summer Festival and Fayre on **Friday 28th June 3:30pm - 5:30pm**. Last year it was a huge community success and as we approach the date we will be asking for support to make it an even better event this year. Further dates to follow.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

We are able to offer breakfast and after-school club to Nursery children starting this term. These can be booked using Parentmail but we would ask that you book with at least 24 hours notice. In an emergency, please call the office.

### **SATS Clubs**

Just a reminder to all Year 6 children and parents that we are holding daily SATs clubs from 8:20 am. No need to book, just turn up!

Mr Simpson  
Headteacher

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### **Key Dates**

#### **Wednesday 17th April**

Year 4 Trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre (Please pay on ParentMail)

#### **Thursday 18th April**

Year 3 Maya Workshop (Please pay on ParentMail)

#### **Monday 6th May**

May Bank Holiday - School Closed

#### **Tuesday 7th May**

Nursery Open Event for Prospective Parents 3.30pm

#### **Wednesday 8th May**

Nursery Open Event for Prospective Parents 9.00am

#### **Monday 13th May**

SATs Week

#### **Monday 27th - Friday 31st May**

Half Term

#### **Friday 21st June**

INSET Day - School closed

#### **Friday 28th June**

Friends of Colley Lane Summer Fayre 3.30 -5.30pm

### ***Reminder!***

Can all lunch boxes and water bottles be labelled with your child's name please. All water bottles need to have a sealable lid.

## Attendance

Overall this week:

**88%**

[Attendance information](#)

## Aspire

- I am respectful
- I can communicate clearly

## School Menu

Week 2 (New Menus)

[Link to Menus](#)

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

### Nursery

We have had a very busy first week back at Nursery! The children have settled back into routines well and the older children have been super role models to our new starters.

This week we have been learning all about Eid and had a lovely session with Mrs Edhah where she told us all about the way it is celebrated. She explained how she has been fasting and will end her fast with the new moon. The children were all very respectful and showed super active listening skills.

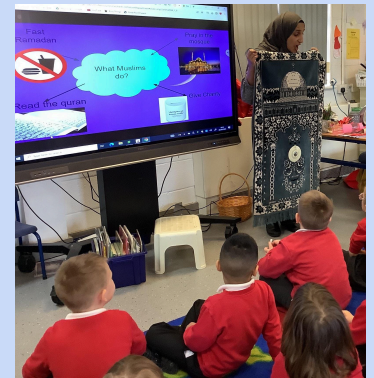
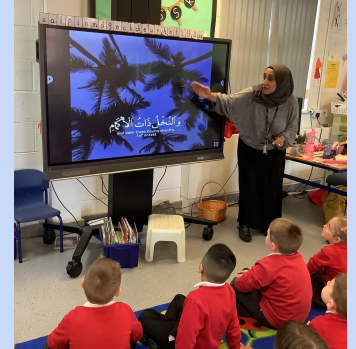


On Friday, we came to Nursery to find that 2 of our caterpillars had emerged from their chrysalises as beautiful butterflies. The children were all super excited to see them!

### Reception

The children have really enjoyed learning about the celebration of Eid. The children showed their STAR listening when Mrs Edhah came to visit to talk to them all about Eid and the Muslim faith. The children will be continuing to explore this celebration more over the next few weeks.

If you do celebrate Eid, we hope you had a lovely time. Please send in photos, via dojo, to your class teacher so we can share with others.



### Year 1

Welcome back! What a busy first week we have had. The children have all come back refreshed and excited to learn which has been wonderful to see.

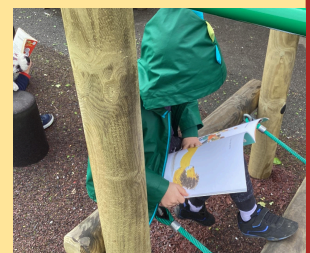
In maths this week, we have been undertaking practical activities, measuring weight using non-standard and standard units of measure.

Forest school has also begun for our next group of learners. They had a great time (and the rain held off) enjoying exploring the forest school area.



### Year 2

What a busy but brilliant first week back we have had! The children have settled back into school well, where they've been ready to learn and begin the final term of the school year. We have had a real focus on reading this week and have loved reading lots of books. The children enjoyed finding different nooks and crannies around school to read whilst in their pyjamas and with their furry friends. We also went to the library and took out books to read at home too.



We also finished the week looking at 'Healthy bodies and healthy minds'. We had a lovely workshop, run by our catering company Chartwells, where we looked at healthy soup. Children got to 'dig' for vegetables in a pretend garden to explore where vegetables come from. They then worked together to make (and eat) some lovely vegetable soup and bread. Ask them which part they enjoyed the most. Have a great weekend and we look forward to all of the exciting learning opportunities next week will bring!

Finally, thank you to the parents, carers and grandparents who could come into school this week for the reading for pleasure session. We were transported to different places that we might want to read about and also read our some of our favourite stories.



## Year 3

Welcome to the Summer term! Hopefully the weather might start to recognise that soon!

We have had a good first week back and the children have settled back into their STAR routines.

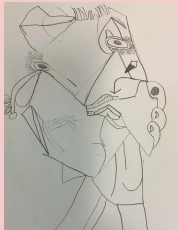


We have been thinking about how to keep our mind and body healthy and began our week thinking about how we can work towards that. The children have thought a lot about their actions and consequences linking to behaviour, learning, eating and exercising.

In Science we looked at foods we need to be fit and healthy and found the more colour we could have on a plate, the healthier the food was!



Blueberries are good for the brain and yellow (peppers/sweetcorn) and orange (peppers, carrots, swede) food helps our eyes to be healthy. We saw the impact of salt too as you saw on dojo and also found out our blood is saltier than the sea!



The children are being artists this half term and this week we looked at the work of the artist Picasso. The children enjoyed finding out about him and then had a go at sketching one of his paintings.

We have also begun learning about the Maya civilisation in History - our theme for this half term. We are really looking forward to the workshop experience next week!

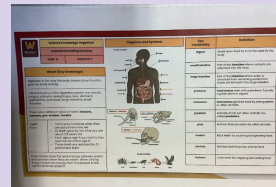
## Year 4

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been a lovely first week back in Year 4 this week.



We began the week learning about how to keep a healthy body and healthy mind. We also looked into the artwork of Sonia Delaunay and analysed some of her paintings.

On Tuesday, we went on our first swimming lesson which the children were very excited about and thoroughly enjoyed. They are very much looking forward to the next 6 weeks!



In Science, we have started our new topic on animals and humans and have been exploring the human digestive system. The children watched an experiment of how food travels through our bodies and how our bodies use the food we eat to absorb nutrients.

The children are very excited for our school trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next Wednesday. Just a polite reminder to please pay via ParentPay if you have not done so already. Thank you.

## Year 5

Year 5 have had a fabulous start to our Summer Term.

The children began our week with an incredible Ancient Egypt Workshop. They had a visit from Jo at Primary History Workshops, who introduced them to the world of the Egyptian civilisation 5000 years ago. Throughout the day, the children learnt about the ancient artefacts of Egypt, explored the tombs and mummification, how to draw using a reed pen and learnt archery and the traditional game of Senet. It was such an informative, exciting day and the children absolutely loved every minute of it. Make sure you take a look at our photos below!



We hope everyone celebrating had a wonderful Eid. Enjoy your weekend.

## Year 6

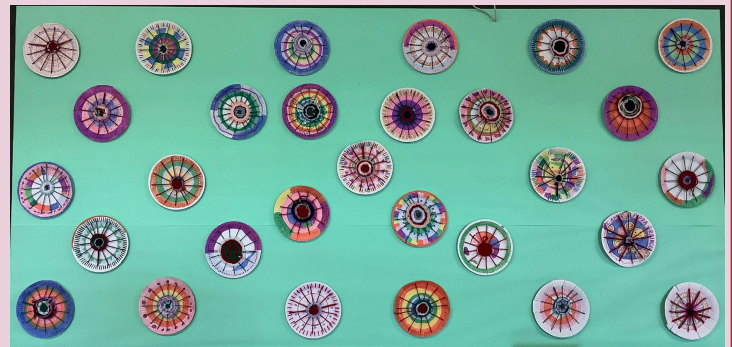
What a super-busy start to the Summer Term for Year 6!

The children have started to learn about the human circulatory system in Science; learnt about the classical Oliver Twist in reading comprehension; written a highly emotive poem about the plight of refugees titled 'My Name is not Refugee'; and, finally, the children have started their new history unit for this half term called 'Rule and Order' - a fascinating insight into crime and punishment in the UK and how this has changed over the last millenia. The vocabulary for this topic will be posted on Class Dojo later today so do take a look.

We are really impressed with how the children have come back to school after the Easter holidays and Eid celebrations, showing their commitment to learning and never settling for less than their best.

For the next few weeks, the children will have three pieces of homework to complete (all on Century Tech) including one piece of maths, one piece of SPaG and one piece of reading homework, with rewards and treats for all three pieces completed.

Check out our Peruvian weaving below and we hope you have a wonderful weekend!




# *Pupil Achievements*

**Praise Assembly Shining Stars: (see Class Dojo for the teacher comments)**

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Oscar	Awais	Carmelo	Mohid	Archie	Bradley	Poppy	Oscar B	Caleb
Lily	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Zakai	Michael	Harrison	Jenson	Thayne	Gracie-Leigh	Pippa	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Tyler	Oakley	Safiya	Freddie	Jovan	Louie	Sebastian	Petra
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Zak	Connie	Porscha	Oliver	Kaydon	Laxmi	Oliver	

We have introduced a new certificate across the school this week to celebrate those children who read regularly at home. We would love to see the children getting involved with reading at home with a parent, grandparent or relative. Make sure to record your reads in your reading diary or on Boom Reader.

**Reading Certificate:**

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Jessica-Anne	Hallie-Rae	Harry	Axel	Jaxon	Akram	Sophie R	Joshua
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Zak	Indi	Finley B	Finley F	Poppy	Lukas B	Lily	



Well done to Jovan in 2D who took part in a football camp in Coventry, he knew no one but his two cousins there. He worked really hard and got an award for it - best attitude award! Here's a picture of him and his two cousins :)



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)

## *Club News*

We have had plenty of fun at clubs this week. The new sports clubs are all being enjoyed and there are still places if anyone is interested in joining.

Well done to the dance troupe who wowed the audience with their performance at Stourbridge Town Hall on Wednesday night.

## *Pre-loved Uniform*

We do now have a pre-loved school uniform rail that all parents are invited to use. It is located in the school. Ask the office if you would like to come in and have a look!



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:

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