



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

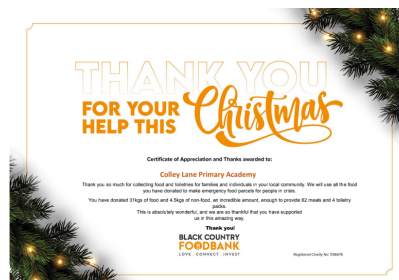
## Newsletter - 15th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has flown by and the Christmas events have well and truly started. It was lovely to welcome Nursery and Reception parents into school for songs and share the Christmas spirit. Encouraging parents to come and join us makes Colley Lane a wonderful community and we look forward to seeing you next week for more Christmas events.

Part of our focus this year is civic responsibility and how we can develop our community reach. Our last donation to the Black Country Food bank was an incredible 31kgs of food and 4.5kgs of non-food items and the donation boxes are getting full again. Thank you so much; the reverse advent calendar is great.



Year 3 this week visited our neighbours in the bungalows to deliver Christmas cards and mince pies and embrace our wider community. Each year band will be taking on a civic role and some of our Year 6 children are volunteering their time this evening to help at the Winter Wonderland Fair.



School discos and film night on Wednesday 20th December. All of the events will be £2.50 via Parentmail. The timings for the events are opposite.

Next Friday is the last day of the term and we are holding a Christmas Jumper day for Birmingham Children's Hospital. This is the regional charity that the School Senate voted for. Children can come in Christmas Clothes, jumpers, tshirts, party clothes for a small donation. It is non-school uniform but please do not buy anything special for this day.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Mr D Simpson  
Headteacher

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### Key Dates

**Tuesday 19th December 9.30am**  
Year 2 Christmas Play - Parents invited

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Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church - Year 3 & 4 Parents only (to be seated by 1.45pm)

**Wednesday 20th December 9.10am**  
Year 1 Singing & Christmas Craft Session (Parents Invited)

**Wednesday 20th December**  
Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church - Year 5 & 6 Parents only (to be seated by 1.45pm)

**Wednesday 20th December**  
School Discos / EY Film Night  
Nursery & Reception Film Night  
3-4.15

Yr 1 and 2 - Disco 3:05 pm to 4:15 pm.

Yr 3 and 4 - Disco 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Yr 5 and 6 - Disco 5:45pm to 6:45pm.

Costs £2.50 per child to paid on ParentMail please

**Friday 22nd December**  
Break up for Christmas and Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 8th January**  
INSET Day - School Closed

**Tuesday 9th January**  
Children return to school

## Attendance

Overall this week:

**94%**

[Attendance information](#)

## Aspire

- I am courageous
- I can self quiz

## School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

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

## Nursery



What a very festive week we have had in Nursery!

It was lovely to welcome our parents into school to watch our wonderful performance and have fun making some Christmas crafts! The children all worked really hard to learn the makaton signs to support our jingle bells song and we are so proud of them for performing in front of all the parents who came to watch.



On Tuesday the children will have their Christmas party day and can come to school in their party clothes. Children are also invited to wear their Christmas Jumper on Friday.

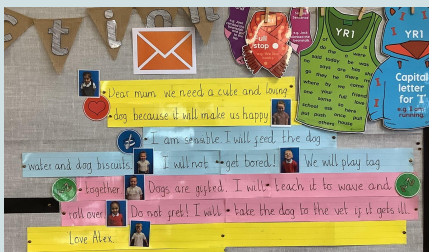
We hope you have a lovely weekend!

## Year 1

In Year 1 we have enjoyed exploring and writing our own letters this week. Our new whole class reading book is The Jolly Postman and we have loved finding letters nestled within the story. The children have used their Phonics superbly to read the letters before discussing the contents. We can't wait to see what letters we'll find in the story next week!

In our Writing this week we have drawn our inspiration from the story 'I

Wanna Iguana' and taken on the role of the main character Alex in writing letters persuading his mum to let him have a dog. With so many children in class



## Reception

Reception have also been very festive this week exploring Christmas in their continuous provision both inside and out. They have been writing Christmas lists, wrapping presents and decorating trees outside with Christmas decorations!



The children also signed and sang very well during our Christmas sing and craft sessions and made some lovely Christmas decorations with their families. Thank you for coming along.



## Year 2

What a busy, penultimate week to the term we have had in Year 2!

Our Christmas nativity is nearly upon us and we have been practising our lines, singing and putting the finishing touches to our performance. Thank you for all the support you have given with learning lines so far and getting costumes into school ready for our dress rehearsal Monday and our performance on Tuesday.

We have continued to get into the festive spirit by making calendars for the new year, enjoying our Christmas party and writing our postcards based on Meerkat Christmas.



Next week for our final week of term, we have a real



having a pet dog, the discussions have been wonderful and have helped the children to build their persuasive letter!

Next week we will host our Christmas Singing and Craft event on Wednesday(9:10 - 10:10). We hope you can make it! On Thursday the children will have their Christmas party, before ending the term on Friday with Christmas Jumper day!

focus on our Geography theme as we learn all about Africa and compare Halesowen to Nairobi. On our final day (Friday 22nd), children can bring in toys to play with.

## Year 3

A lovely week where we have come to the end of our Geography theme and our WCR.

The children have enjoyed learning about rivers and mountains, reading maps and learning about grid references. The children have been learning about Wales and how it differs to England. Can they recall what topography means we wonder?

We have also come to the end of 'The Nothing to see here hotel' by Stephan Butler. They have loved the mayhem caused by Prince Grogbah! They are writing reviews on the book and giving it a star rating. There are other books in this series - a possible idea for a Christmas list!

Next Thursday is our Christmas party where the children can come to school in their party clothes on that day. School is providing some party snacks.

Talking about Christmas -12 of our children took mince pies and handmade Christmas cards to our neighbours in the bungalows yesterday - part of our civic responsibility. The children really enjoyed putting a smile on faces!



Have a lovely weekend and see you next week for our final week of the Autumn term!

## Year 5

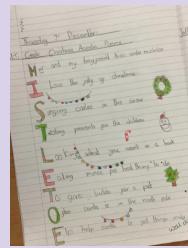


In Year 5 this week, we have had lots of fantastic activities and we have thoroughly enjoyed doing every one of them!

On Tuesday, we continued our Theme topic of Natural Disasters, learning all about volcanoes. We learnt about the plates of the Earth's surface and how their movements cause volcanic

## Year 4

It has been another extremely busy but fantastic week in Year 4 this week.



We have been creating our own Christmas acrostic poems in English as well as looking at the poem 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo which the children have really enjoyed. They then created their own version of this poem and published it in their best handwriting.

Our Year 4 Christmas party was a huge success on Monday afternoon. The children enjoyed some tasty treats before heading down to the hall to play musical bumps, coloured corners and join in on some Just Dance!

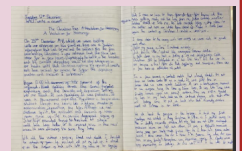


Next week, on Wednesday we will take a trip to the library to return current library books. If children can please bring in their books/library cards before then, that would be great. Thank you!

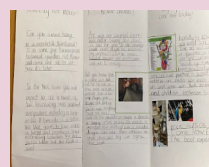
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## Year 6

In Year 6, we have been busy with our writing. We have learned about the Christmas Truce, reenacted the vents and wrote a short recount of this interesting day.



In Geography, after our visit to the Botanical Gardens, we have been writing a



eruptions. We then made our very own volcano erupt! This was super exciting and was great to see how a real volcano works

On Wednesday, we used air drying clay to make our very own Christmas decorations. These look fantastic and we can't wait to paint them next week when they are dry.



We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to our final Christmassy week!

persuasive brochure to persuade people to visit. Please see Class Dojo for the write up of what we did on the visit!


Also in Geography, we all learned about Finnish Lapland and wrote a letter to Santa.

I wonder if he will reply?


We hope you have a lovely weekend!

## *Pupil Achievements*

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Hibba (Full-time)	Kyla	Jana	Carson	Eviee	Olivia	Poppy	Jake	Evan
Yaqub (PM)	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Jayce	Yasseen	Louie P	Ayham	Sapphire	Harrison	Ella-May	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Christopher	Hafsa	Karo	Ava-Lily	Amira (absent)	Malak	Noah	Zaakirah
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Finley	Clementine	Harrison	Amal	Aabid	Daisy	Raniyah	

Jessica-Anne in RW did an amazing deed last weekend with her auntie Codie and donated gifts to 'Dunlem Help the Community Campaign', by taking tags from the christmas tree of what babies and young children/adults would like for Christmas. They made gift bags for two teenage girls and a new born baby. Just think it's a lovely thing to do and she wanted to share it with Colley Lane.



On Sunday, Sophie Richards took part in a dance competition with her dance academy, Elite. Her group 'Dazzling Divas' performed really well and were awarded 1st place! They were all amazing. Well done!





Jonah and Grace WJ took part in their dancing show last weekend. They did really well and really enjoyed it.



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 a busy couple of weeks at competitions.

Our two tag-rugby teams went to a competition at Windsor with one of the teams finishing in joint 3rd.

Our school football team has played three more fixtures in the league. They won two of the games and drew the other. Then they played in the EFL cup at West Bromwich Albion, the standard of the competition was really high but we managed to finish 3rd in our group. Well done to everyone who has represented the school in the last two weeks.



## **After School Club**

Check out our [After School Newsletter: Summer 2 2023](#)



## **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 entrance to school. Ask the office for sizes.



## **School Coats and Fleecees**

We have some old stock of waterproof coats and fleeces with the school logo on which we are selling for just £5. Coats are available in sizes: 12-13 / 13-14 / 15-16, for the fleeces we only have size 3-4. Pop into the office if you would like to purchase any.

Don't forget to check the website and our social media accounts for more information:

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

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