



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 15th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing day of crazy hair we have had and the effort and imagination that has gone into some of the designs is superb! The children love days like today but also the messages behind it. Thank you for the generosity of donations for the Black Country Food Bank.

Art competitions

There are several Art competitions taking place at the moment that the children can enter. Ms Sprason is looking for animal drawings and paintings and has extended the deadline until Monday 18th. Friends of Colley Lane are looking for craft entries too. Both competitions have prizes so let's get arty!

Non-uniform day next Friday

Next Friday on the last day of term, we are holding a non-school uniform day to raise funds for the redevelopment of the glade that runs alongside the boundary Slade Road. Friends of Colley Lane are looking to make it a more sensory experience with planting and equipment so all donations on Friday will go towards this project.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to welcoming parents into school on Wednesday and Thursday next week to share the successes your children have achieved and celebrate their learning. There will be a uniform stall, reading book giveaway, food samples as well as the school nurse and Reflexions.

Uniform and other items

Thank you for your support with the uniform and for ensuring that we do not come into school on sports days in big branded sportswear. Simple black tracksuits and hoodies are fine. Please label all items with your child's name and class as lost property is starting to build up. We would also ask for your support in ensuring that children do not bring items into school that are not needed like toys, jewellery or expensive watches, fitbits, etc.

Remember to check Facebook and X to stay updated about the events and activities happening in your child's year group and school. With so many learning opportunities throughout the week, it can be challenging to stay on top of all the wonderful things the children experience!

Have a peaceful weekend

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Key Dates

Tuesday 19th March
Nursery Parents Meetings
Nursery closed for children

Wednesday 20th March
Parents Evening

Thursday 21st March
Parents Evening

Friday 22nd March
EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet
Parade 8.50am (KS1 Playground)

Friday 22nd March
Non-School Uniform
(please bring in a monetary
donation for Our School Glade
project.)

Friday 22nd March
Break up for Easter

Monday 8th April
Return to school

Monday 8th April
Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
(Please pay on ParentMail)

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)

Pupil Focus

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

Attendance

Overall this week:

93%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

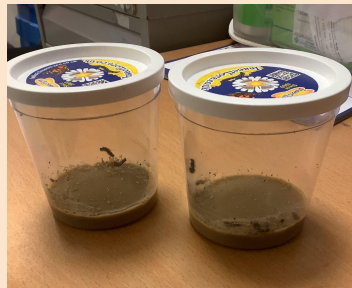
Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What an exciting week it has been in Nursery! On Monday evening Mrs Silvers brought us a special delivery from the office which we were able to open on Tuesday. Inside the box we found two pots of baby caterpillars! We are very excited to watch the caterpillar grow and become beautiful butterflies which we can set free!



This week, we have also started to look at our new whole class reading text. We started by speaking about how different things grow and thinking about how we have grown from a baby into children and will continue to grow into an adult. The children then looked at how plants grow before going outside to plant their very own bean which we will be taking care of and observing growing.

Just a reminder that Nursery will be closed on Tuesday 19th March due to parents meetings taking place all day.

Reception

Reception have started to learn all about Spring and the celebration of Easter.

They have immersed themselves in their new provision and even planted some beans! The children talked about new life and new growth linked to Easter and Spring whilst planting.



Don't forget to keep recording in your child's reading record when they have read at home. This could be their reading book or a story you have read to them at bed time. Don't forget to share photos with your class teacher as well of reading at home so we can

share with their friends

Next week, reception will be visiting St Peter's Church, please see letter on dojo and on parent mail. They will also be visiting the library Wednesday afternoon.

Year 1



It has been another busy week in Year One!

We came back, after the weekend, to find our bean plants had started to grow, which was very exciting.



On Tuesday we visited the library and shared some books on weather to help us learn more about our theme work.

It has also been Science week, so we had an extra science lesson, when we found out about the life cycle of a frog. The children learnt that metamorphosis means

Year 2

What a lot of science we have done this week in Year two as part of science week. We looked at whether different fruit changes the way jelly sets. We found out that fresh pineapple causes the jelly not to set whereas tinned pineapple doesn't. We learnt about fair tests and controls in science experiments.



We have also been looking at habitats and how different animals live in different habitats and why.

the changes a frog's body goes through in it's life cycle.



We played a great game which involved the children pretending to be frogspawn but could only turn into a tadpole by winning a game of rock, paper, scissors! They then had to win another game to turn into a froglet and then a

frog. It was quite hectic but the classroom was soon filled with the sound of lots of children "ribbiting" around the classroom!

Finally we have been looking at food chains. We learnt that green plants make their own food whereas animals can't. So they eat either plants or animals or sometimes both. We decided that if one thing was taken out of the food chain there would be problems! We have loved being scientists!

Year 3

Year Three have been working collaboratively in D.T this half term to create their endangered animal out of recyclable materials.

They had to research, plan, select resources and tools, assemble and paint their animals.



Finally they worked together to use a cam and crank to make the animal's tongue stick in and out!

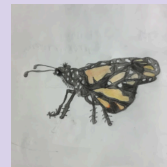


We have been displaying them for Year Two to come and see!



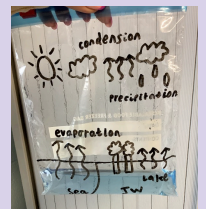
Year 4

It has been another great week in Year 4!



We started off the week with some art focusing our skills on finer details in our sketches. We first looked at some photographs of different insects before sketching them in our books and adding in detail and colour. There were some fantastic drawings!

In Science this week, we have been learning about the water cycle and the children created their own using dyed water and ziploc bags. The children have taken these home and will observe what happens over time. I wonder what we will see?



On Wednesday we had the privilege of having a dance workshop where the children focused on the hip hop dance style and put together a final performance to the Mission Impossible music. The children worked so well as a team and their behaviour was outstanding.

We look forward to seeing you next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this week on the assessments - they have shown fantastic resilience, determination and effort in every area.

This week, we have completed lots of Science lessons for British Science Week. We have investigated the life cycle of mammals and how this is really important to prevent extinction; we have discovered how pollination occurs within plants and how vital this is to ensure the continuation of the ecosystem; finally, we have explored hand washing and the impact of germs on our health if we don't clean our hands regularly. What a fab way to enjoy Science week.

In Theme, we have continued our journey with Rivers. We have looked at the journey they make from the source to the mouth of a river and have investigated the differences between rivers and canals.

We have had another fabulous week and we are looking forward to our final one together before Easter.

Year 6

It has been a busy week in Year 6 now we are getting on with our learning after the mock SATs.

Lots of children joined the SATs club with Mr Scarth and Mrs Oakley which is open to all children from 8:20a.m everyday after Easter up until SATs. Miss Rigley is doing the same but at lunch times on Mondays and Fridays and in Miss Rigley's sessions, children can complete their homework too.

This week, parents were invited to a SATs meeting and if you couldn't make it, the slides are posted on Class Dojo. Please read them carefully as there is lots of important information on there that you need to know. The most important being that SATs Week is from Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May and that **all** children need to be in school **every** day.


In school, children have participated in Science week. We followed our main Science lesson which was learning about Carl Linneus and his classification system. Secondly, we took part in a messy investigation where we learned about what happens to particles when we breathe them in by using pasta, rice, chickpeas and sand as the different particles and different sized sieves acting as our airwaves.




Have a restful weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week.

Pupil Achievements

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Haleema	Leo	Evie	Ivy	Grace	Elyas	Akram	Armaan	Ella-May
Justin	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Hudayr	Amelia	Claudia	Gabrielle	Tuliyah	Zuhan	Emily	


Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Marwah	Evie	Oliver	Zoe	Finley	Chase	Sophie R	Alice
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	

Tyler	Charlie	Louie M	Ellie	Jack H	Harrison	Eva	
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We have introduced a **BRAND 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
Luca	Lavakuhan	Jax	Kushman	Ellis	Raid	Amelia	Emily
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Daniel	Jacob	Jonah	Dacey	Dylan	Phoebe	Pippa	

If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk



Club News

Another extremely busy week at clubs this week and more competitions and events for the children to take part in. On Sunday the choir performed at Birmingham Symphony Hall with other Dudley Schools in the Dudley Performing Arts music concert. Then on Tuesday, two netball teams played in a High 5 Netball competition at Leasowes finishing 3rd. On Wednesday, some of our year 3 and 4 went to a WAT tag-rugby tournament at Manor Way finishing in 4th place and finally last night we held an inter club hockey competition for the children which parents were able to come along and see how amazing our hockey skills are. Well done to everyone who has represented the school this week and this term. They will be new clubs coming after the Easter holidays preparing for summer competitions.



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:

[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](#)

[Worrying about money?](#)

[Support for Parents](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

Local Events

LIBRARY NOTICE

Please support your local library...

Cradley Library, Colley Lane, B63 2TL

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We offer a variety of services:

- A huge range of books for you to enjoy including exciting new releases...
- Take Your Library Anywhere with the ULibrary app
- Did you know we can order books from any of our Dudley libraries to collect here at Cradley?
- Audio books for both children and adults
- Check out our new Crime Fiction, Family Saga and Wellbeing sections for a quick and easy find if you are in a rush!
- Free access to computers and the option to scan and print
- Ancestry access on library computers
- Photocopying and printing from just 15p for a single A4 black and white page
- Jigsaws to borrow and exchange
- A book sale
- A lovely outdoor space to sit and relax in our gardens

For adults we also offer:

- Coffee and Chat – every Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00
- Book Chat – 1st Monday of every month 10.30 – 12.00
- Writing Group – 2nd Tuesday of every month starting at 11.00am
- Reminiscence and Local History Meet -Up – NEW beginning Thursday 1st June 11.00-12.00
- Crafting Demo and Workshop – NEW launching Wednesday 7th June 11.00-12.30

We love to see children too:

- Any time you want a story read please just ask
- Rattle and Rhyme for Under 5s – Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.15-10.45
- Board Games – Every Thursday 3.15-4.00
- Lego – Every Saturday 10.00-12.00
- Regular crafting and other events – check out our notice board or Facebook for dates

Or just come in sit, relax, enjoy a book and please also take some books home. Many of our services are FREE apart from photocopying and printing charges. We are always here to help and would love to see you.

The Cradley Library Team



Easter Activities



Looking for something fun and free?
Come and join us here at Cradley Library!

Monday 25th March	10.30-12 Bunny Crafts 2-3 Easter Badge Making
Tuesday 26th March	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 1-3 Chick Crafting
Wednesday 27th March	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-4 Lego
Thursday 28th March	10.30-12 Easter Card Crafting 2-4 Board Games
Saturday 30th April	10-11.15 Lego Tech – booking required 10-12 Lego 12.30-2.00 Mixed Easter Crafts
Tuesday 2nd April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-3 Egg Crafting
Wednesday 3rd April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-4 Lego
Thursday 4th April	10.30-12 Spring Flowers Crafts 2-4 Board Games
Friday 5th April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme 1-3 Spring Lamb Crafts
Saturday 6th April	10-11.15 Lego Tech (booking required) 12.30-2.00 Mixed Easter Crafts

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We'd love to see you!



AGES 8-14

Monday 25th - Tuesday 26th March

Kids Athletic Camp

Halesowen Athletic & Cycling Club

Invites you to join us for 2 days of:

Games, Athletic Events and Competitions

Start/Finish Time: | £15 for 1 day
9:30am - 3pm | £30 for both days

For more info please contact
James Houl: 07779309084

Find us on



Manor Abbey Stadium, Halesowen, B62 8RW

MMR Clinics

There are new measles vaccination clinics every Saturday in March in Brierley Hill and also at additional locations across the borough. These will be offering free measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunisation to children aged from 3 years and 4 months and anyone born from 1970 onwards. Appointments do not need to be booked. People can just turn up on the day. These clinics are a great opportunity for easier access to immunisation for those who haven't received 2 doses of their MMR vaccine.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/mmr-vaccine-pop-up-clinics/>