



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Civic Responsibility

This year the School Senate have chosen the three charities below to focus on and look to support. As part of this, we are holding a green/yellow day next Friday to raise awareness and donations for the NSPCC. The children can come in something green or yellow or both. It might be a t-shirt, hoodie, hair band - it is up to you. They can be in their own clothes with green and yellow but all we ask is for a monetary donation. As part of this civic responsibility, Mrs Wicks and Miss Cheyne have taken it to the next level and are running in the London Marathon for the NSPCC! They will be sharing with the children their training journey and how they get on.



Attendance

It's the time of year for coughs, colds and runny noses. It is always a hard decision as to when to keep your child off or when to send them in. The guidance from the NHS is useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> but if you are unsure it is always best to get in contact with us. Thank you for your support with our school attendance

Census Day Winners

Yesterday we held our theme lunch day and competition. This time we had £10 Smyths vouchers and £50 Tesco voucher for parents. Well done to all our winners:

EYFS	Eva-Patricija Goodwin	Year 1	Mohid Khan
Year 2	Hayyin Imran	Year 3	Rory Farley
Year 4	Jayce Munenga	Year 5	Kelise Garratt-Bailey
Year 6	Lexie Newman-Powell	Parent	Miss Kerry Roberts

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm!
Mr D Simpson
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Key Dates

Friday 26th January
NSPCC Day - Wear green or yellow. Monetary donation

Tuesday 6th February
Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall (Please pay on ParentMail)

Friday 9th February
Break up for Half Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February
Half term week

Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd February
Year 6 Residential to PGL

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Reminder!

Can you please make sure children's coats, hats, scarves, lunchboxes etc are clearly marked with their name in. We have a lot of children with the same items in school.

Attendance

Overall this week:

94%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can become unstuck

School Menu

Week 1

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What a super first full week we have had in Nursery! The new children have settled into their full time sessions brilliantly and have shown great resilience with their new challenges! The older children have been very responsible role models to their new peers and have supported them with Nursery routines.

This week we enjoyed our Winter walk in The Glade. The children were able to explore the area for signs of Winter and compare the differences from our Autumn walk. They particularly enjoyed seeing the wild berries growing and frost on some of the trees.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!



Reception

Reception children have had a great week learning all about polar bears and their habitats. They have made some polar bear houses and decorated them with a wide variety of materials.

The children were able to talk about what they have used and why.

Don't forget to sign up for the Bird Watch Parent Workshop on dojo for RR on **Monday 22nd January**. Please note this will be outside

Year 1



This week we launched our new History theme – Lives of Significant Individuals. We explored the role of nurses before looking briefly at the three nurses we are going to look in depth at in this topic – Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith

Cavell. We learnt some key information about the three women and the children worked hard to place them in



Year 2

This week we were so excited to begin our new history unit - learning about significant individuals who were/are key British Monarchs. We started learning about the monarch Henry VIII and his six wives. We discussed how we learn about the past and different historical sources. We then debated whether photographs or paintings were more reliable. We linked this learning to how Henry would have wanted to be painted and his divorce from his 4th wife who didn't look anything like her portrait. We used our iPads to take our photo and then drew our self-portrait. Finally, we spoke about how the photograph is more accurate and true to life than our drawings or a painting would be.

chronological order to make a timeline. We learnt some interesting facts about our first nurse. Mary Seacole, which we used to make a fact file. Did you know she used all of her money to help wounded British soldiers in the Crimean war!

Over the next few weeks we will delve into the past to learn about Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. We can't wait!

In our following lesson we have learnt about key changes that Henry 8th implemented during his reign. We investigated how, in this country, the rules used to be made by the Pope and Catholic Church and Henry wanted to change that so he set up the Church of England. He could then divorce his first wife, give more power to the government and retain the money that would normally have gone to the Vatican. We will be having a Kings and Queen Day on Thursday 8th February. More information will be sent on Dojo.

Year 3

It has been a bit chilly this week but the children still got outside to enrich their learning experiences.

In PE the children began learning hockey skills and warmed up by playing shadow tag! They had great fun jumping on each other's shadows!

The first group to have outdoor learning in Forest school used fire to toast their bread over adding some yummy toppings!

The highlight of the week though was beginning our new History topic - 'The Stone Age'!

The children used timelines to look and see where this period fits in against the other History topics being covered across school. To help them understand how long ago this period was, the children went out onto the field to mark different periods in History. They couldn't believe how long ago the Stone Age began. They looked at how long this period lasted as well, compared to our lifetime. Physically spreading out gave the children more of an idea of how long ago it was by seeing how far away they stood from each other.

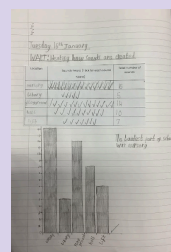


Hopefully more outdoor experiences to come next week.

Have a lovely weekend.


Year 4

It has been another fun-filled week in Year 4 where we have started some new and exciting topics.



In Science, the children looked into how sound is created and how it can travel through different mediums. We also discovered that sound cannot travel in a vacuum and that outer space acts like a vacuum and so you would be unable to hear the sound of a rocket!

In History, we started our new topic on the Anglo-Saxons and the children have started to learn about why the Saxons came to Britain and that there were many different tribes. The children then had to create their own Saxon profile, choosing a suitable Saxon name for themselves, deciding which tribe they belonged to and what country they came from.

Name	Cerlic	Age	1066
Which country did you come from?	Germany and the Netherlands		
Which tribe do you belong to?	Saxons		
Where are you going to settle?	East Anglia		
Your Selfie:			How did you travel to Britain? In a boat.

We look forward to learning more next week. Have a great weekend!

Year 5

Year 5 have had another fabulous week, with lots of fantastic activities happening every day!

This week, we started our new History Theme - The Shang Dynasty. This is a brand new topic at Colley Lane and we are really looking forward to getting stuck into it. We began our lesson by investigating where the Shang Dynasty sits on a historical timeline and how it became one of the most famous Chinese dynasties. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about it. Our second lesson began to look at three very significant figures within the Shang Dynasty (King Tang, King Wu Ding and Fu Hao) and the impact they had on Shang society.

On Tuesday, we went to our first swimming lesson. This was fantastic! The children were incredibly sensible and showed us their great swimming skills.

On Friday, we spent the morning making our marble runs. The children spent their time being creative, developing their bends, bridges and turns to build the most exciting marble runs. The children also had to add a sustainability theme to go with their pieces - there were so many fabulous ideas!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another great week.

Year 6

What an amazing week we have had in Year 6 this week!

We have started our new History theme which is part of a new whole school curriculum approach. As part of this approach, we are focusing on key vocabulary and the retainment of knowledge. If you look on Class Dojo, there will be a copy of the key vocabulary and the key facts that the children need to learn.

Our new theme is learning about World War 2. We have learnt about the events leading up to the start of WW2 and also about the sad events of the holocaust which the children all took extremely seriously.

Please ask your child what they have learnt from this unit so far.


Here are the key words they should be able to use; Nazi, dictator, ghetto, Jewish, holocaust and concentration camp

Thank-you to the parents that attended the residential meeting. Please see Class Dojo if you could not attend as all information is there.


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
Kamylah (Full-time)	Alfie	Subhan	Oliver	Danie	Finley	Angel	Rueben	Ariah
Mayzie-Leigh (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Beau	Indi	Violet	Logan	Megan	Phoebe	Caleb	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Zoya L	Ruby	Ivy-Beau	Mustafa	Sophiya	Ethan	Frankie	Saffa
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Libbie	William	Alicia	Leyana	Kiana	Daniel	Lujain	

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

Clubs are all back up and running. A few have changed so check with Mrs Bevan or Mrs Parsons to find out what's new.

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.



Local Events

LIBRARY NOTICE

Come and join us at Cradley Library to support 'The Big Garden Birdwatch'

Did you know?
We've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.



Join us:
Saturday 20th January 11-12 for a bird inspired craft
Saturday 27th January 11-12 to help us spot and count!

46 Colley Lane, Cradley, Halesowen, B63 2TL, 01384 812 885.
We'd love you to see you there!

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