



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Review

Yesterday we welcomed Mrs Hayes, Head of School Evaluation and Assurance from Windsor Academy Trust, who came to look at reading and phonics across the school. She was very impressed with how the children approached reading, using their phonic knowledge to decode harder words and other strategies to read new texts but also the interventions that are in place to support all levels of reading ability. It was clear to see that since we introduced [Little Wandle](#) two years ago how the outcomes and progress in reading have improved. This is also down to the support from parents with reading at home. Being able to read fluently is so important for all areas of the curriculum but also to support children's self-esteem and confidence. As Dr Seuss said:

***"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you will go"***

With World Book Day next week, we are having a renewed focus on home reading. The children have been shown a Home reader/[Boom Reader](#) dojo reward point (2 points!) today that they can achieve each time they read with someone at home and the home diary is completed. The simple habit of stopping to share a story or book everyday, even for just 5 minutes, is a wonderful thing.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday and hope to have a book parade, Reading safari and more. Hopefully, you have been able to use the World Book Day Token and please remember that the day is about having fun with books and dressing up so don't feel the need to spend on costumes. [There are many websites which show simple ideas.](#)

Friends of Colley Lane

As Easter approaches, Friends of Colley Lane are going to launch an Easter Craft competition. Details and prizes to follow shortly.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards
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Key Dates

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day (Children can dress up)

Thursday 7th March
No tuck at breaktime available from the kitchen

Tuesday 19th March
Nursery Parents Meetings
Nursery closed for children

Wednesday 20th March
Parents Evening

Thursday 21st March
Parents Evening

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)

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 creative
- I can be organised

School Menu

Week 1

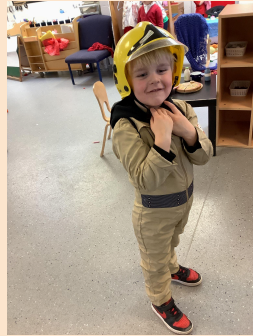
[Link to Menus](#)

Theme menu on Thursday 7th for World Book Day (See below)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have started to look at our new topic all about different occupations. We have been looking at a range of different jobs and speaking about what we would like to be when we grow up! The children have enjoyed exploring the different occupations through continuous provision and we have had lots of police officers, firefighters and doctors this week!



In maths this week, we have been looking at sequencing a series of events. We started the week by thinking about the order of our days. Then on Thursday we sequenced how to make a jam sandwich and then put our sequencing into practice to make and eat sandwiches!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 1

Year 1 has had a super week this week, continuing our Little Red theme in writing lessons where we have been adding lots of descriptive adjectives to our writing. Ask our child what their favourite adjective choice has been to describe the wolf.

We also had an exciting science lesson, continuing our learning about plants. This week was particularly

Reception

We have had a very busy week in Reception! On Monday we got a very special delivery - eggs! Reception are watching the chicks hatch and observing the life cycle of a chick.



We have been waiting very patiently for the eggs to hatch and on Wednesday all the excitement began and we had our first egg hatch!

We have also learned about how to care for the chicks after they hatch and how to handle them with care.

This week we have also begun our new topic which is occupations. The children are exploring all the different occupations and have had a thought about what they want to be when they grow up.



Year 2

This week in WCR and our writing lessons the children have been learning all about the farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean. The children have





exciting as we got to plant some seeds. Over the coming weeks we will look after them (using our

knowledge of plants).

We planted them in pots adding soil and water to them.

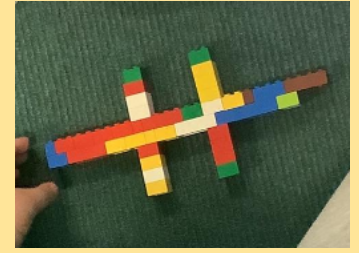


In geography, we were looking at weather in the UK. We created windsocks and took them outside to see which direction the wind was blowing in! What a great week!



had to get creative with their adjectives to describe both their personality traits and physical features.

In our Geography lessons, the children had to work collaboratively to create different landmarks from around the UK. They made the Uffington White Horse in the sand and constructed StoneHenge, Hadrian's Wall and Severn Bridge out of playdough and lego.



Year 3



We loved visiting Cradley Library this week and seeing how many books there were for us to enjoy!



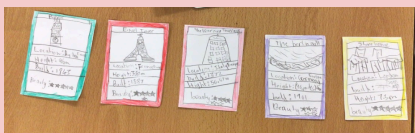
The librarian knew Year Three is learning about Europe so she shared some weird and wonderful facts about some of the countries in Europe and we have borrowed that book to find out even more! Did you know it is illegal to mow your lawn on a Sunday in Switzerland?!



The children loved looking at all the books and chose one to borrow to take home to enjoy.

In the afternoon, in Geography, the children found out about landmarks across Europe and made their own Top

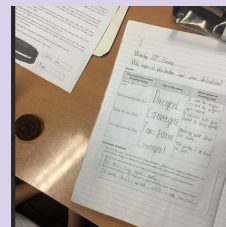
Trump cards about them!



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4

Year 4 has had a great week with lots of practical investigations, discussions and visitors!



We started our week with Geography where we learnt all about the different plate boundaries, building on last week's knowledge. We conducted a practical, using oreos to show how different plate boundaries work.



In Science, we carried out an investigation over time by watching what happens when chocolate is placed in tubs of different temperature water.

The children were able to explain that some materials have the ability to change from one state to another through the processes of heating and freezing.



Year 4 also had an afternoon where the local fire service came to visit and give a very important talk all about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. The children learnt a lot of interesting facts including 'Stop', 'Drop' and 'Roll'. The children also learnt about the importance of having smoke alarms in households- if

you need any support with regards to smoke alarms (which will be fitted for free) or need a fire safety check carried out on your home you can contact 08003895525 for further support and advice.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another lovely week in school.

In Whole Class Reading this week, we have begun to research our new book, exploring the country of Ethiopia and its importance. We investigated famous marathon runners from here and discussed why these runners are so successful. I wonder what our next book could be?

In Geography, we have continued to discover Rivers and how they are formed. We explored how the river travels from the source to the mouth, meandering its way through hills and mountains towards the ocean. We looked at tributaries and confluences and the importance of these for a river to flow. How interesting!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another fantastic week celebrating World Book Day.

Year 6

Last week, many children went to Boreatton Park for our residential. I have to say that all the children were a complete credit to themselves, their families and the school. Mr Smith is going to be writing a blog to share with you but here are some amazing photos in the meantime.




Pupil Achievements

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Cody	Lavakuhan	Daisy	Harrison	Layan	Paihyn	Ethan	Maysa	Rowan
Emilia	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Olivia	Sienna	Nico	Ayaan	Naseeb	Dan	Lily	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Hudson	Awais	Harry	Ryan	Amelle	Milenko	Annie-Rose	Amelia
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Jayce	Connor	Blake	Bailey	Zaroon	Lucia	Jacob	



Congratulations to Louie M in 5C who achieved Man of the Match at Sunday's game.

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

We have had lots of competitions over the last couple of weeks. Last Thursday, we went to the gymnastics competition. The girls performed brilliantly and enjoyed using the sprung floor and springboard. They finished in 4th and 7th place out of 14 which is a great achievement. Then on Monday the girls football team had the second week of the Dudley football league drawing two of their games and winning the third. This meant that they finished 5th in the Halesowen league. On Tuesday night, the netball team played their second league game playing some wonderful netball and getting a much deserved win. Well done to everyone who took part.





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



Celebrate World Book Day here at Cradley Library on 7th March 2024



- Pop in to collect a book token!
- Snuggle up in our library and read some recommended books to collect stickers and a sticker book
- If you take 3 books out dressed as a book character on 7th March you will be awarded with a treat !

Cradley Library, 46 Colley Lane, Halesowen, B63 2TL.
Tel: 01384 812 885

Mother's & Others' Day Card Making and Crafting



Saturday 9th March

11.00-2.00

Free and fun!

We'd love to see you there!

Cradley Library

46 Colley Lane, Halesowen, 01384 812 885



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:

9:30am - 3pm

£15 for 1 day

£30 for both days

For more info please contact

James Hoult: 07779309084

Find us on



Manor Abbey Stadium, Halesowen, B62 8RW

Themed Menu for Thursday 7th March

WORLD BOOK day

MAINS

The Twits

WORMY SPAGHETTI

(Beef or Quorn Bolognese
With Spaghetti)

James & The Giant Peach's

LIZARD'S TAILS IN TOMATO SAUCE

(Cheese and Tomato Pasta)

SIDES

Pongy Peas and Sluggy Sweetcorn

DESSERT

Buried Jelly Treasure

OR

Bruce Bogtrotter's Cake

(Chocolate Sponge)



Menu may be subject to change

