



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



## Newsletter - 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone into school this week for Parents Evenings and share all the fabulous work that the children have achieved over the last term. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire about what your priority is for your child's education and we will look at the response to inform our practice over the Summer Term. We hope that you enjoyed the different stalls in the hall and are enjoying any books that you took home. As part of our continued focus on reading, we have linked the information that was displayed on ways to support reading at home and our Reading for Pleasure blog:-

- How to support your child with reading at home
- Rfp blog

### Spring Term Focus

We started the Spring Term with the children by looking at four areas that they can improve on over the term, focussing on the things that they can control and the things that they can't. We have always said that it is ok to have a range of emotions, be happy, cross, sad or upset but it is how we deal with these things that shows our character. As we go into the Summer Term, as well as the focus on finishing the year with strong academic and personal outcomes, we will be spending time looking at getting on and falling out and how we resolve any differences in a kind, understanding way.



### Happy Holidays

Whether you are celebrating Easter, fasting for Ramadan or just looking forward to spending time with family and friends, can I wish you all a peaceful break. Thank you for your support this term and I leave you with one of my favourite quotes from Charlie Macksey's book "The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse,"



Mr Simpson  
Headteacher

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### Key Dates

#### Monday 8th April

Return to school

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Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Workshop  
(Please pay on ParentMail)

#### Friday 12th April

NSPCC Bake Sale 3.30pm -  
4.15pm

#### 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

### 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.

### 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 resilient
- I can self quiz

## School Menu

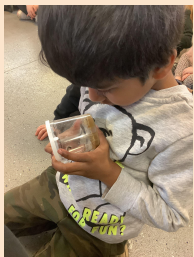
Week 1 (New Menus)

[Link to Menus](#)

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

### Nursery

We have had a super week in nursery exploring Spring, Easter and Ramadan. We have really enjoyed learning about how different people celebrate different events and how these differences make us special.



Throughout the week, we have had a chance to look at how the caterpillars have grown and to talk about what might happen next. We were very responsible when holding the caterpillar jars and made sure that we did not disturb them.

We also got to enjoy a Spring walk in The Glade and a Spring walking experience via Now Press Play this week. We found signs of Spring in the woodland and met a variety of baby animals on our Now Press Play experience.



Have a wonderful Easter break!

### Year 1

We've had a lovely last week of the term in Year 1.

The children have enjoyed lots of practical maths work in comparing length and height and halving and doubling lengths. They have used lots of our star words when discussing what they have noticed.



In literacy we have learnt all about plurals and the children wrote their own poem 'When the Weather Comes' adding in lots of wonderful plurals. We have also played some fun plural games this week and we've added a link to one of the games the children loved on dojo.

This week the children also had their first computing session. They logged into their computers for the first

### Reception

Reception have had a fantastic week learning all about Easter.

They visited St Peter's church and showed our Aspire values of being respectful and responsible. They asked some great questions and drew some detailed drawings. They made some great Easter nest cakes and also took part in an Easter Bonnet parade!

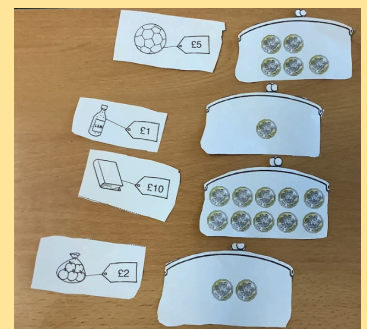
The children visited the library and had lots of fun sharing stories. They also took part in a fishing and river workshop where they worked as a team to catch lots of fish!

Happy Easter!



### Year 2

In maths this week we have been looking at money. We have looked at coins and notes that we have in this country and what the value of each one is.



This week is our last geography lesson on our current topic of the United Kingdom. Over the last ten lessons we have looked at all four countries that make up the United Kingdom including looking at landmarks in those countries and the capital cities. We have also learnt about urban and rural areas. The children have learnt about the seas that surround the United Kingdom

time and they did so well navigating their way around a keyboard and mouse with ease! Having logged on they enjoyed brushing up on their mouse skills by creating their own masterpieces on Paint!

Thank you for all your support this term and we hope you have a wonderful break!



We have also been really getting into our Whole Class Reading book - Fantastic Mr Fox and can't wait to find out what is happening next in the story. The children have been using the characters in Fantastic Mr Fox for their writing lessons.

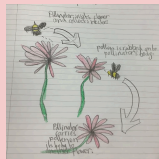
We wish you all a fantastic break and look forward to seeing the children again in two weeks time.

## Year 3

A fabulous last week of our Spring term.

We wanted to share with you some of our Science learning this week.

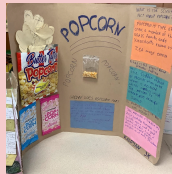
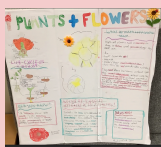
We have been learning all about plants this half term - parts of plants and their functions, pollination, types of seeds and seed dispersal.



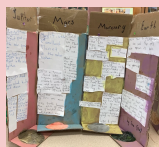
For British Science week we set up 'an observation over time' investigation looking at phototropism. We asked the question 'Would the pea plants grow towards the light?' Your shoe boxes were great for this!



We were also so impressed with the entries which came in for the Science project competition we ran across British Science week. We had four entries from



Year Three.



After Easter we will be learning about skeletons, muscles and nutrition needed to help keep us all fit and healthy.

Have a lovely holiday and we will see you for our final term!

## Year 4

It has been another terrific week in Year 4!

In Science, we have been consolidating our knowledge on the water cycle and the children produced some fantastic posters showing this. We also did another investigation looking at pendulums and what happens to pendulums when they are suspended from an object. The children loved doing this and then talking about their observations.



This week marks the last week of our geography theme, where the children explored tropical storms and how these are made. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the different natural disasters over the course of the topic.

Across other subjects, we have been making Easter cards, writing our own newspaper articles and learning about area and perimeter.

Just a reminder, if you haven't yet paid, to pay for our school trip to the theatre via ParentPay as the trip is the second week back after Easter. Also, swimming begins from the first Tuesday back after Easter.

Thank you.

Hope you have an egg-citing half term!

## Year 5

What a fabulous week Year 5 have had to end the term. It has been wonderful in school but also having the opportunity to meet with parents after school this week and discuss the fantastic progress of our pupils has also been a delight. Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings on Wednesday or Thursday.

This week, we had our final swimming lesson of Year 5. The children did a fantastic job completing their assessments and even had a chance for a fun swim at the end of the lesson. We will really miss seeing their progress in the pool each week. After Easter, we will be back to our original PE timetable; 5P Monday and Thursday, 5C Wednesday and Thursday.

In English, we have completed our final biographies about the life of Steve Irwin. The children worked incredibly hard to write their own independent pieces about the life of the world-famous Zoologist.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break, filled with fun and family. Have a fabulous rest and we look forward to a lovely Summer Term.

## Year 6

What a wonderful week to end the Spring Term!

Year 6 have completed Easter story boards showcasing why Holy Week of Easter is important to Christians. We have also made some wonderful 3D Easter cards and Eid cards ready for the festival next month.

Yesterday, we completed our final Big Write of the term by creating a recount in the guise of Alma, who walks into a sinister doll shop and has her fate immediately sealed - ask your child about their fabulous piece of writing.

Today, to finish our geography unit on South America, we created some Peruvian weaving and they look fantastic!

Have a look on Class Dojo for some photos of the fabulous work we have created this week!

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and we'll see you all in two weeks time!

## *Pupil Achievements*

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


NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Treasure	Hafsa	Zachary	Mohid	Isaac	Nadia	Nathan	Ruby	Adam
Lexi	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Kenzie	Feb	Kelise	Ashlie	Nora	Lexie	Taylor	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Jessica	Dawud	Amal	Luke	Harry	Laycee-Mae	Sophie B	Evan
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Hudayr	Malikah	Violet	Finley	Mia	Ayaarn	Ella-May	

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
Charles	Dominic	Ivy	Dean	Ben	Paignton	Freya	Jacob
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Oscar	Daniel	Louie M	Ayaan	Megan	Lucas	Emaan	

Maddie Neale (6G) did a ballet duet at the weekend and achieved her gold medal with 82%.



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)



A big well done to those children who entered competitions over the last few weeks. The Friends of Colley Lane Easter competition, the amazing Science Projects and our Art competition. There have been some fantastic entries which were showcased beautifully at this week's Parents Evenings.

## Club News

Lots of school run clubs are changing after half term with summer clubs starting. The school internet will be updated as soon as possible but here are changes.

Wednesday after school will change for years 5 and 6 from Basketball to Athletics

Thursday morning will change for years 4, 5 and 6 from Sportshall Athletics to Cricket

Thursday after school will change for years 5 and 6 from Hockey to Rounders

Friday morning Gymnastics will change from years 3 and 4 to year 2 children

Hopefully we will see some new faces at these clubs.

## NSPCC Bake Sale - Friday 12th April 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Friday 12th April - NSPCC Day

The NSPCC is the national charity that the School Senate voted to support this academic year. Mrs Wicks and Miss Cheyne are running the London Marathon and as part of their civic duty, they are also raising funds for the NSPCC. On Friday 12th April, the children are invited to come to school in sports kits, whether that be football, rugby, dance kit or their normal PE uniform. Instead of a monetary donation, the children are encouraged to bring in some cake, which will go towards a NSPCC bake sale. The bake sale will happen after school in the hall or on the strip (weather permitting). Don't forget to bring some change. Cakes will range between 20-50p.

Children, parents and teachers are invited to join Mrs Wicks and Miss Cheyne as they run for 26 minutes around

the school grounds - each minute representing each mile the pair will run on marathon day.

Will you help Mrs Wicks and Miss Cheyne in their training?



**NSPCC Bake Sale!**

**Where?** Colley Lane Primary Academy. The Bake Sale will take place in the school hall or the school strip (weather permitting).

**When?** Friday 12th April, 3.30pm - 4.15pm

**Why?** Miss Cheyne and Mrs Wicks are running for 26 minutes to represent the 26 miles that they will run at the London Marathon. Parents and children are invited to join the run. How long will you last?

### 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](#)

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## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month 10.30 – 12.00
- Writing Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month starting at 11.00am
- Reminiscence and Local History Meet -Up – NEW beginning Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 11.00-12.00
- Crafting Demo and Workshop – NEW launching Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30-12 Bunny Crafts 2-3 Easter Badge Making
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 1-3 Chick Crafting
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-4 Lego
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30-12 Easter Card Crafting 2-4 Board Games
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10-11.15 Lego Tech– booking required 10-12 Lego 12.30-2.00 Mixed Easter Crafts
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-3 Egg Crafting
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-4 Lego
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30-12 Spring Flowers Crafts 2-4 Board Games
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme 1-3 Spring Lamb Crafts
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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!

## St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church is holding a children's event 'Easter Experience' on Good Friday, 29th March 9.30am-11.30am. All children are welcome to attend while being accompanied by an adult.

## 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/>