



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a good break. We have started the new half-term by focusing on our key behaviour goals for this term, namely kindness, pride, manners, and doing the right thing. We are also encouraging the children to think before they speak because often, we can say things in jest or with one meaning that can come across as unkind or hurtful to others. To help us all to be kinder in our thoughts and actions, we are taking a moment to consider the actions on the poster.

Year 6 Residential and Activity Week

All of Year 6 have been involved in a fun week either at Boreatton Park, rafting, flying down a zip wire, campfire or at school with pizza making, photography competitions, art and more. These experiences and events make memories that last a long time. We will put some information and photographs together and share them next week.

Parents Evenings

Bookings for Parents Evenings open today via Parentmail. Please book a time to talk to your child's teacher on either Wednesday 20th March or Thursday 21st March.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on 7th March but the children have been given their vouchers today. This can be used to claim one of the free books from Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones or WHSmith or contribute £1 towards a book of their choice. Please remember to look at the dressing-up ideas we sent out on 5th February via Parentmail; you don't need to spend money on the costume.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards
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Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

Key Dates

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day (Children can dress up)

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)

Reminder!

We are a nut free school. We do have children in school with severe nut allergies. Children should not bring any products that contain nuts including Nutella / Nut chocolate spread, chocolate bars with nuts, bombay mix etc.

Thank you.

Attendance

Overall this week:

94%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can communicate clearly

School Menu

Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

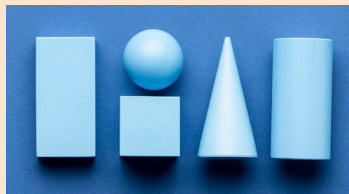
Nursery



We have had a lovely week in Nursery learning all about Chinese New Year. The children have enjoyed watching videos of the lion and dragon dancing which takes place during the celebrations and using the whiteboard to colour in their own lions and lanterns.

We spoke about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and why it is important to some people. The children all listened well and enjoyed watching a video about The Great Race.

The children have also enjoyed learning about 3D shapes in maths. They have been introduced to a range of vocabulary and have been on shape hunts in the Nursery garden!



Reception

What a brilliant week we have had back in Reception! This week we had two new friends join Reception - our new pet fish! The children were very excited to meet the fish and have the task of giving them names. We cannot wait to hear all their great ideas! Don't forget to remind the children to send back in their entry forms with their name ideas.



The children have continued to explore our Chinese New Year provision and discovered all the different traditions of this celebration. They have also enjoyed learning how to write Chinese letters and numbers!

Year 1

We've had a wonderful first week back in Year 1. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and eager to learn!

We launched our new Geography theme this week all about weather! The children explored weather symbols and completed a task matching symbols and labels. We then explored the work of meteorologists and looked at the different instruments they use to help them make predictions about the weather, before watching a weather forecast.



The children then teamed up with a partner to deliver their own weather forecast with many children

Year 2

What a busy first week back we have had in Year 2!

We began our new geography theme all about The United Kingdom. We reminded ourselves of the 4 counties and their capital cities and learnt about the 4 bodies of water surrounding the UK. We used an atlas to help us locate these. We found out what a compass is used for and the different compass points. Ask us our favourite mnemonic for remembering them. We used Now Press Play to consolidate our learning and went on a mission around the 4 counties



predicting snow in England! Now that would be an unexpected treat!

to find the missing King Charles. We flew in a helicopter around the United Kingdom, over the North and Irish Sea. We found national symbols from each of the countries.

We took a closer look at London and some of the famous landmarks. Using our knowledge of a compass, we then directed ourselves around a map of London and the landmarks using directional language.

We will continue to explore England and other landmarks next week.

Year 3

Lots of new knowledge to take on board this week in Year Three! The children are loving studying Europe which is our new topic this half term in Geography.

They have found out and can order, according to size, all seven continents. They know a catchy song to help them remember!



The children have been learning about physical features and researched facts about the Dolomites and the Alps. They used QR codes to see the mountain ranges and were fascinated



to hear about the city-states in Europe of the Vatican city and Monaco.

Lots of lovely speaking and listening hearing about the different European countries the children have visited and how they differ to England.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Year 4

What a lovely first week back Year 4 has had this week.

We began the week with some British Values and understanding what 'Individual Liberty' means. The children then showcased their individuality by creating their own portrait of themselves along with words they felt described them. We then put these around our classroom door to create a colourful patchwork piece celebrating all our uniqueness!



We have been delving deep into our new Geography topic all about Natural Disasters and have been learning about tectonic plates and the different plate boundaries that can occur and how these can lead to earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

We also had the lovely opportunity to go to the library and collect a new book as well as hear a lovely extract from Beowulf.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a lovely first week back after half term. The children's attitudes to learning are exemplary and we are incredibly proud of them.

This week started with our PSHE morning. We explored the work of Nelson Mandela and discussed the importance of his actions. We also debated whether Nelson Mandela should or should not have been imprisoned for fighting against segregation. Make sure you ask the children what they thought about this.

In Theme we began our new Geography topic, Rivers. We began this week by investigating water cycles - we explored why the water cycle is such an important part of our planet's survival and how it works. The children were fantastic, using key vocabulary such as evaporation, condensation and precipitation to describe the process.

Finally this week, we completed the last few chapters of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, our class reader. The children absolutely loved this book and it was so fantastic to see their engagement in this. We celebrated the end of our book with our Alice in Wonderland Day on Friday. The children looked amazing in their costumes and thoroughly enjoyed the activities they did around the book.



What a fantastic week! Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. A large group of children attended residential at Boreatton Park. They took part in a wide range of activities and were praised by the staff for their attitude and good manners.



The children who stayed at school also had a jam packed week! They have created presentations all about themselves using a new app on their ipad as well as getting outside and taking part in a photography competition.


Wednesday morning was an art morning, where all children produced a graffiti inspired piece of art based on their name.

They also enjoyed making pizzas and eating during their film afternoon.



Pupil Achievements

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Connie	Henry	Eloise	Elliott	Poppy	Wendy	Raid	Alexa	Kess
Inaaya	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Piper-Bleu	Robert	Porscha	Regan	Postponed this week.			

Hot Chocolate Friday children: Postponed this week

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 great week at clubs and competitions with plenty of competitions coming up in the next few weeks. Art club for years 4, 5 and 6 is currently full please contact Mrs Peters or Mrs Bevan to be added to the waiting list.

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](#)

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