



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to join parents and children yesterday morning as part of our community walk to school. It's amazing how parking just a few streets away from school reduces traffic around our school, makes it safer for everyone and brings the benefits of starting the day with fresh air and activity. We will have to complete a few more walks before the summer holidays.



Preparation for the Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle for the summer fair today. The tombola is going to be great! Over the half-term holiday, you might be having a clearout or tidy up and we would welcome any donations of good quality books or Teddy Bears for the fair. You can bring them in anytime before 24th June.

Summer events

You will have received a letter earlier on today with all the events and activities that will be taking place next half-term from sports days to trips and workshops. We have included them all and shown where parents are invited and this year, based on feedback, parents are invited to sports days in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Change of School Day Times

Please remember that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will end the day at 3:10pm from Monday 3rd June to trial a later collection time.

It has been a very busy half-term and we have been very proud of the work the children have achieved. We began the term looking at kindness, manners, keeping ourselves safe and how to deal with conflict when it occurs, all of which help us to be better, kinder members of our community. The children have been embracing this and it would be good to talk about this with your child over the half-term holiday.



Have a lovely holiday and enjoy the time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd June at 8:40am.

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Key Dates

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
Half Term

Wednesday 5th June
London Theatre Dance Trip /
Parliament Trip

Wednesday 12th June
Reception Trip to Smethwick
Mosque (Please pay on
ParentMail)

Wednesday 19th June
Year 1 trip to Sycamore Centre
(Please Pay on ParentMail)

Friday 21st June
INSET Day - School closed

Monday 24th June
Year 2 Dudley Zoo Trip (Please pay
on ParentMail)

Tuesday 25th June
Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip (Please
pay on ParentMail)

Friday 28th June
Friends of Colley Lane Summer
Fayre 3.30 -5.30pm

Friday 19th July
Last day of term

Attendance

Overall this week:

94%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can give and receive feedback

School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Space. The children have enjoyed creating their own space pictures using chalk on black paper and learning a range of new vocabulary.



During our topic session on Space, one of the children asked why we could not see the roads and houses on the picture of the Earth which led to us using Google Earth to explore zooming in and out of the Earth. I then zoomed in on the school for the children to see.

Throughout the week, we have zoomed into a range of different locations including the zoo, some shops and some of their houses!

Reception

Reception have started their topic on space. They have explored their provision with enthusiasm and learnt interesting facts about Neil Armstrong.

The children created some fantastic pieces of writing focusing hard on tricky words and using their phase 3 & 4 phonic knowledge.

They also enjoyed taking part in new outdoor activities throughout the week. They took photos of bugs using ipads, made fruit kebabs for the birds and used litter pickers to make our playground tidier and safer for all the children and the animals.



Year 1

Here we are at the end of another half term. Time flies when you are having fun!

We have enjoyed another visit to our local library. The children got to go outside, into the library garden, after being read a story by the librarian, all about a tree.



We have finished our whole class reading book, Flat

Year 2

Year 2 have finished the half term in style with a Titanic focus day. The children came to school in their smartest dress. They looked absolutely fantastic. It was a jam-packed day full of excitement and learning. The children got creative by making hats and placements ready for their afternoon tea and learnt dance moves from that era too. In the afternoon, they enjoyed an afternoon tea of sweet treats, with some of the children also having a cup of tea too! Don't forget to check Dojo to see lots of photos from



Stanley. The children have really enjoyed this book and the adventures Stanley has after he becomes flat!. Perhaps they could find more books in this series, from the library, and tell us all about what else Stanley gets up to.

We also finished our history theme work this week, on changes within living memory, where we have looked at toys, communication and food. We ended with a quizz and the children proved just how many facts they could remember from our lessons over the past seven weeks. Well done Year One!

We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you, for our last half term together in Year One!

the day.

We also enjoyed our half termly visit to the library! The children loved having a story read to them by the librarian and then getting to pick out their new library books.



We hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to our final half term together!

Year 3

Hard to believe but we have come to the end of Summer One and are now facing our final half term together in Year Three! Time sure does fly!



It's been an exciting week though. Earlier in the week we had members of the Rivers and canals trust who came to school to teach the children about the dangers around water. Life saving tips were shared and the children reminded to stay away from

the edge whenever around water.

On Wednesday Year Three had a very exciting treat over at Cradley library. The author Lisa Billingham



came to read to us and shared part of her latest book all about Cedric and his adventures in Hopeland - an exclusive as it has not been published yet! It'll be on the shelves in the library in August/September.



In English this week we have begun to explore our latest genre of non-chronological reports. We are learning how to write about the devastating impact of earthquakes. We will then use it to base our

Year 4

A great final week of the half term.

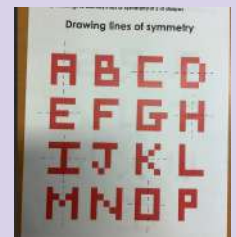
We have finally finished our history topic on the Vikings- the children thoroughly enjoyed making their own longboats to consolidate the unit. Thank you to those of you that were able to attend the workshop.



As part of our assembly on Monday, KS2 had a visit from the local canal trust where they were taught useful top tips on how to stay SAFE when near water (Stay Away From the

Edge).

In Maths, we have been identifying lines of symmetry in various shapes and letters. The children had the challenge of finding all the lines of symmetry in the alphabet.



We have really been promoting handwriting in Year 4 so the children have had two handwriting sessions where they have copied a short extract of text into their books in their neatest handwriting. Some truly exemplary work!

Hope you all have a lovely and restful half term.

writing around a different natural disaster.

Have a lovely half term break and fingers crossed the sun shines!

Year 5

We have had a lovely week in Year 5 for the last week of half term.

This week, year 5 finished their Ancient Egyptian topic. The children explored the different types of pyramids and how they were built by the Ancient Egyptians. We watched a very interesting documentary about this and had the opportunity to look inside the Great Pyramids of Giza. To finish off the topic, the children got to play Senet, an Ancient Egyptian game which was enjoyed by children 5000 years ago.

We have had a huge focus on mindfulness this week. The children did a PSHE lesson all about the importance of mindfulness, keeping calm and relaxing when we can. We also went on an outdoor nature walk to explore the surroundings and how this can help with mindfulness and did yoga to support our bodies and minds.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have created some wonderfully creative non-chronological reports: one being a survival guide to Year 6 and the other based on either the circulatory system or the digestive system.

In Art, the pupils have created their own avatar (based on themselves) and used this to create some pop art in the style of Andy Warhol.

We also had another investigation into social media and how to use it appropriately - ask your child about what they know and have learnt this week.

Finally, we held the auditions for the End of Year play and we were blown away by the fantastic talent this year - some genuinely made us jump out of our skin!





What a wonderful way to finish the week. Have a fabulous half term break.

Pupil Achievements

Praise Assembly Shining Stars:

NURS	RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Cody B	Zoya	Eva	Maham	Dean	Tommy	Harper	Sophie-Mae	Brody
Hajra	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	★
	Piper-Bleu	Ayah	Finley C	Logan	Poppy	Mason	Logan	

Cody B has shone brightly this week for his resilience and responsible attitude. He has settled into Nursery well and is now starting to follow the routines and make better choices. He always has a big smile on his face and is a joy to have in Nursery. Keep it up!

Hajra has shone brightly this half term for her super communication skills. She has started to share her thoughts and ideas more during group time and communicates well with her peers during choosing time. Keep it up!

Zoya showed resilience and focus when using the ipad to take photos of minibeasts outside. She stayed focused on her chosen activity for a long period of time allowing her to develop her knowledge even further! Well done!

Eva has been our superstar this week. She is always ready to learn and is eager to help out in the classroom. She ensures all our belongings are put in the right place and works hard in every lesson. Well done Eva on a fantastic half-term and keep it up!

Maham has been chosen as this week's shining star in 1MS. Maham has been trying really hard in her lessons recently, particularly in phonics where she has been learning and applying her sounds. She has also been trying to use this knowledge in English too. Maham has also been working hard in her extra lessons, not just with Miss Priest but with Mrs Ward and Mrs Shorter also. Keep working hard Maham!

Dean has been a shining star in 1Y. He engages wonderfully in lessons and is always determined to do his best. This week Dean has impressed me with his diary writing skills. He used past tense, added lots of words with the prefix 'un' and suffix 'ing', and included some lovely descriptive elements. Well done Dean!

Tommy has been shining brightly this week in 2D and has been working hard to make STAR choices. Tommy has been kind and helpful around the class this week and has especially shone in writing lessons. He impressed myself and Mrs Chesworth with his non-fiction all about The Titanic. Well done Tommy.

Harper is a ray of sunshine, who always shines brightly in 2E. This week in particular, Harper has shown reliance and determination to succeed in her writing. She has been writing a non - chronological report all about the Titanic and she has focused on writing clear sentences with interesting facts. Harper loves to dance and this was evident on Wednesday during our Titanic day! She got stuck in and loved learning how to Tango with her peers! Well done Harper!

Sophie-Mae is always shining in 3K. She is such a kind, compassionate and helpful member of 3K who will always go out of her way to help others. In lessons, Sophie demonstrates all her STAR behaviours consistently and uses our sentence starters for ABC to make great points in discussions. This week in particular, Sophie has created a brilliant single-page spread showcasing everything we have learnt about the human body. Well done Sophie!

Brody has been chosen as 3W's shining star this week. We have seen such a wonderful difference this half term with Brody's attitude, engagement and enthusiasm in class. He works hard, focuses on all his tasks despite any distractions and the quality of his work has improved. This week his ideas have been used on our Sentence stacking wall and in Art, he has used his colour mixing skills to create a great piece of art with different tones and shades. Well done Brody - keep it up.

Piper-Bleu has been shining brightly this week. She has worked hard to improve her STAR sitting, and has been showing super listening skills during class and during time to turn and talk. Piper-Bleu also completed a beautiful piece of writing earlier on in the week - we have been focusing on kinetic letters, and she took her time to craft her work. Well done, Piper-Bleu!

Ayah has been working really hard recently. I have noticed that she is trying to communicate her ideas more clearly in lessons and has been working hard on stopping and jotting her ideas down so that this then helps her to feedback her ideas to the class in a range of full sentences. She is also working well with her talk partner and is able to listen carefully to her partner's ideas. Ayah's attitude to her learning has really matured and it's been a pleasure to see. Well done!

Finley C has been a superstar this week. He has been very attentive in class and wanted to contribute to class discussions. Finley loves maths, and it is great to see how he continually tries to challenge himself. This week, we have been learning about a variety of mental maths methods, which Finley has explained to the class clearly. Well done!

Logan is a hard working, caring and supportive young man who is always smiling and doing what he can to succeed. Logan has earned his second praise certificate this year as he puts 100% into every lesson he does and is always willing to help those around him who have struggled or found the work more challenging. Keep up the great work Logan!

Poppy has wowed me this week with her creativity in writing. As we know in year 6 this week it has been writing central! Poppy has created the most incredible description on The Matron, an informative double page spread on the Circulatory System and a very detailed guide to surviving Year 6. What a fantastic writer she is! Well done Poppy, keep it up!

Mason has shone steadily brighter as the year has evolved and he is now our shining star of the week. I feel that over the year, he has matured with his attitude towards school work and within relationships between his peers.

Within writing this week, he has worked well to write a better quantity and quality of work which is pleasing to see. Additionally, he mostly has a positive mindset to life and will often be smiling! Keep being you Mason!

Logan has had a fantastic week, working incredibly hard to uplevel his writing. He has been responsible for his own learning, using a checklist to make sure every skill is included before seeking help from the teacher. He always works well collaboratively with others; he is always helpful in the classroom; and finally, he is becoming more and more resilient when things don't always go to plan. Well done, Logan!

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Elias / Cody	Leo	Zunairah	Danie	Shaheer	Poppy	Abdul	Emily
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Harvey	Robert	Louie P	Gabrielle	Jack S	Lexie	Clara	

Reading Certificate:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Haadi	Madison	Kaelan	Mustafa	Jack	Sala	Noah	Paisley
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Luke	Connor	Sumaia	Seth	Hala	Lexie	Ella-May	

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



**COLLEY
LANE'S GOT
TALENT**

We are looking for acts to perform at the Summer Festival 28th June 3.30-5.30pm

If you're a super solo act or even part of a fab group, come and show off your skills!

To register interest please contact the school office



**HALF TERM
RUGBY CAMPS**

28/29/30 MAY 2024

9.30AM-3PM EVERYDAY

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-12

ENGAGING AND EXCITING RUGBY GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

£30 PER DAY
£80 FOR 3 DAYS

STOURBRIDGE RUGBY

SCAN TO BOOK

BOOK ONLINE: engagecommunity.co.uk/stourbridge-rugby-camp
CONTACT: community@stourbridgerugby.com
LOCATION: Stourton Park, Bridgnorth Rd, Stourton, Stourbridge DY7 6QZ

Engage Community

Upcoming Events at Cradley Library

Free, fun and hopefully inspiring!

Wednesday 8th May 11.00-12.30 – Adult Crafting with Hancrafted
Craft, unwind, chat and enjoy!

Monday 13th May 11.15-11.45 – Author Talk: Lisa Billingham
Mental Health, Healing, Spirituality and Writing!

Saturday 25th May 11.00 - 2.00 - Our Annual Plant Sale
Plants galore, gardening books a plenty!

Saturday 25th May – Saturday 11th June – Half Term Activities for Children

Monday 10th June 11.00 - 12.00 – Annie Murray
Unmissable bestselling author talk!

Tuesday 18th June 11.30-11.00 - Author Talk: Andy Mullaney
Life Is A Game – Mental Health, Writing, Publishing

Saturday 13th July – 11.00-2.00- Summer Reading Challenge Launch Party
*Sign up for a summer of reading fun,
Enjoy free drinks, snacks and crafts with Hancrafted*

Mon 8th July – Sat 7th Sept – Summer Reading Challenge 'Marvellous Makers'
A summer of fun free activities and reading inspiration!

Saturday 27th July - Bill Guest 11.00-12.00 – Black Country Poems and Stories
Celebrate Black Country Day with us!

Tuesday 10th Sept 11.00-12.00 - Author Talk: Dean Fraser
The Quantum Poet and Story Teller!

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Club News

Another great half-term of clubs, thank you to everyone that comes each week. There will be plenty of competitions next half term to enjoy.

Pre-loved Uniform

We 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:

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