



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year World Mental Health Day falls on the 10th October. As we are having our school photographs on this day we will be marking the occasion a day early on **Monday 9th October**. To celebrate World Mental



Health Day this year we are asking that the children come to school in bright, happy colours or clothes that make them feel happy. It might be their favourite t-shirt, onesie, pyjamas or sports kit. It might even be their school uniform; whatever it is that makes them happy. Please just make sure that their clothes and shoes are suitable for the school day. If your child has PE on this day they can wear comfortable clothes appropriate for a PE lesson. All classes will complete an activity during this day based around improving mental health. This day is important to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to offer our support. You might like to visit our [Wellbeing information](#) on the school website.

Thank you for the lovely atmosphere in school over the two nights for parent evenings. It is always great to share books and expectations and see proud faces after the meetings. We hope that by holding it slightly earlier this year, you have more information about how your child has settled into their new class and how the home/school partnership can ensure the best personal and academic outcomes for the year ahead.

The school photographer is in school on Tuesday for individual and sibling photos. The children will come to school wearing their school uniform and there will be no PE on this day. Unfortunately, we cannot include siblings who do not attend the school.

Well done to our Census Day prize winners: £50 Tesco Voucher - Lexi 6S
KS1 Art bundle - Joshua 2D and KS2 Art Bundle - Alicia 5C

Have a wonderful weekend
Mr Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 9th October

Wear happy colours for World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October

School Photos (Whole School Sibling & Solos)

Tuesday 10th October

Friends of Colley Lane AGM at 4.30pm in the hall - all welcome

Tuesday 17th October

Year 4 Stone Age Workshop (Please pay on ParentMail)

Thursday 19th October

Y6 Parent Reading Event

Tuesday 24th October

Year 5 Greek Day- Parent Workshop (1.45-3.00pm)

Friday 27th October

INSET Day - School Closed

Half term

27th October - 5th November
Return to school - Monday 6th November

Friday 8th December

INSET Day - School Closed

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

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Attendance

Overall this week:

95%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can communicate clearly

School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

Nursery children loved their second session of Bike Ability this week! As the weather was better, they got to transfer their skills from the last session into the playground. Some of the children even got to try out bigger bikes!

They spent time practising their braking skills by playing a coloured corner game as well as practising their balancing skills by crossing the river with their feet off the floor so that the crocodile couldn't get them! All the children showed great resilience with the new challenges and were very respectful to our visitors.

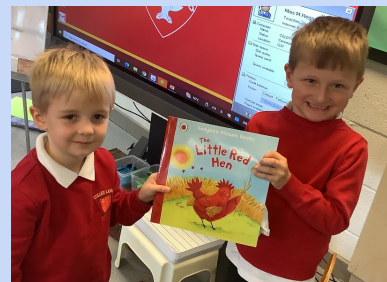
We hope you have a lovely weekend!



Reception

Reception children had their last bike ability session this week. They challenged themselves and competed in races with their peers. Children were resilient and respectful to others.

The children also uncovered their whole class reading book, *The Little Red Hen*. They sequenced the story using pictures and masks and spoke about how they made bread just like the hen.



Year 1

Wow! What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 1. The week began with us taking part in a road safety workshop where we learnt all about staying safe when on and near roads.



It was also National Poetry Day on Thursday. We celebrated this by reading 'June Afternoon' by Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek. In this poem the child spends time gazing at the clouds, imagining shapes and

Year 2

We have had another brilliant week in Year 2. It was wonderful seeing so many parents and carers at parents evening, where we got to share all the children's wonderful work with you.

We have been wowed by the effort that went into the children's independent writing this week. They children were tasked with retelling the story 'The Way Back Home'. Their writing was wonderful! It included lots of the descriptive language that we had 'chotted' along the journey. Well done Year 2, your teachers were very proud! Scan the QR code to hear the story that inspired our writing.

We have had a fantastic art lesson this week, where the children were exploring what happens when we mix together different colours. We discovered that we

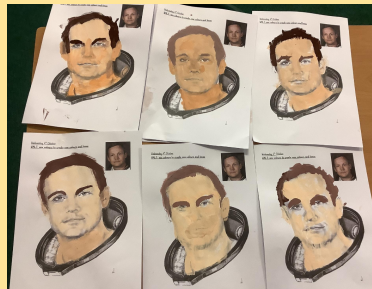
enjoying time in nature so on Thursday afternoon we spent some time doing exactly this. We used our imaginative thinking to create images in the clouds above us.



We also had a fun afternoon where we were being engineers, just like the main character in our whole class reading text: Rosie Revere, Engineer. We created copters (like Rosie did in the story) and saw who could make theirs fly. We showed our ASPIRE values of collaboration and resilience. Well done, Year 1!

can make new colours, and we can also change the tone of colours by adding more or less white paint. The children will use this knowledge to help them add more detail to our portraits over the coming weeks.

On **Monday**, please can your child come to school wearing bright clothes (or ones that make them happy) for Mental Health week. As it is PE, can we ask that the children wear trainers on this day too.



Year 3

A couple of highlights to share with you this week in Year Three!



The children really impressed us with their first piece of independent writing based around 'A star in the jar' book. It was lovely to see the range of vocabulary being used that we had

collected and chatted over the past few weeks. Well done everyone!



Some of 3W took part in the bikeability session on Tuesday and what superstars they were. They said how much they had enjoyed it and some riders with stabilisers at the start didn't need them at the end! Well done on achieving Level One! The riders signed up in 3K will have their session soon.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend everyone - looks like it might be a warm one!

Year 4

This week Year 4 have written their own version of the Stone Age Boy story. They have successfully used their own research and also ideas from our writing lessons to help them write the story.

We have also developed our digital technology skills, learning how to use Showbie (an app where lots of our tasks are set and completed on) and also how to use Keynote. We've also started using a new app called Showbie which will be used for the majority of digital learning tasks.



Spellings this week are words that have a 'sh' sound but spelt 'ch'.

Year 5

Year 5 have been incredibly busy this week with all of the exciting activities that have been going on.

On Monday and Tuesday, half of Year 5 attended their Bikeability training. The children did a fantastic job navigating the playground and the road on their bikes. They really did shine!

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been writing our own dark version of Hansel and Gretel. The children planned the plot points out and then created clear sentences before writing them into paragraphs. We then spent a lesson editing or wonderful writing.

In theme, the children have been researching more about Ancient Egypt with their iPads.

In Science, we played musical chairs as we were learning about how light-peppered moths became white-peppered moths! Please ask your child how we learnt about this through musical chairs!



The other half of the year group had a great time creating their very own drawings in the style of 'Danny the Champion of the World' illustrator Sir Quentin Blake. They drew their images, used watercolours to paint them and even outlined them in black ink just like Sir Quentin Blake himself. They really were fantastic.



Another great week for Year 5 - we look forward to celebrating Mental Health Week in our own bright and happy clothes on Monday! Have a lovely weekend.

It was lovely to see parents at Parents Evening this week, please contact us if you ever have any questions about your child.

Please follow your child's Class Dojo page as much as you can as we do place a lot of reminders on there.

Next week, your child should come to school wearing bright clothes for Mental Health Week on **Monday** or clothes that make them feel happy!

Pupil Achievements



Oscar in 3K won player of the match on Sunday for his football team Halas hawks! It's his first season with them and he scored 3 goals - great work Oscar!




Well done to Megan in 6G who has completed her level 6 in gymnastics!




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

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Yoana (AM)	Eva	Zoya	Muizza	Zoe	Jack	Dylan	Sophie B	Brody
Justin (Full-time)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Oscar	Jenson	Oliver	Finley	Dylan	Sama	Grace W	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Aria	Darcie	Kaelan	Arzu	Wendy	Hayyin	Amelia	Adam
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Alyvia-Mae	Jaiden	Archie	Eden	Hala	Jack	Caleb	

Club News

We have had another enjoyable week at clubs with everyone working hard on new skills and preparing for upcoming competitions. There are still spaces at sports clubs so the children still have the chance to come along and try something new like tag rugby, hockey or dodgeball. Thank you to everyone who has been paying for the clubs on a regular bases.

After School Club

Check out our [After School Newsletter: Summer 2 2023](#)



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.

Black Country Food Bank

At Colley Lane, we are continuing to support the Black Country Food Bank. Last year, we were astounded at the generosity of our school community. Over the course of this year, there will be many opportunities for the children, parents and teachers to support the food bank by bringing in essential items. We keep a BCFB box in the reception area, so that donations can be brought in whenever it is convenient. Please check out the poster to see which items are currently in demand.



What we need:

FOOD ITEMS:
 1LTR CARTONS UHT MILK
 1LTR CARTONS LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
 PACKETS OF SAVOURY RICE / NOODLES
 TINNED FRUIT
 TINNED POTATO / PACKET MASH
 TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
 TINNED READY MEALS
 TINNED CORNED BEEF / HAM
 SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
 TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
 TINNED FISH
 BREAKFAST CEREAL
 TINNED TOMATOES
 TINNED SOUP

NON-FOOD ITEMS:
 ROLL ON DEODORANT
 SHAMPOO
 SHOWER GEL
 SOAP
 TOILET ROLL

Want more information or for us to pick up your collection?
 Call: 01384 671 250
 Email: info@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Friends of Colley Lane



**Colley Lane
Primary Academy**

Annual General Meeting (AGM)



10th October 4.30pm @School

**All welcome with no pressure to
join PTA- refreshments provided** 

Parent Readers



**COLLEY LANE PARENT
READERS**

Do you enjoy reading? Do you have some spare time? We would love to invite you to become a Colley Lane Parent Reader.

Interested? Please contact the school office today!

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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