



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*

*Newsletter - 10th November 2023*



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to this half-term and thank you for all the support with uniform. The pride the children are showing this year in what it means to be part of Colley Lane is evident to see. The theme for assembly this week has been compassion and how we can be compassionate to others in school but also in our communities. We spoke about how our community with its different mix of backgrounds and cultures is an ideal place to learn from each other and show compassion. The week has ended with our reflection on Remembrance day and pausing at 11 o'clock to reflect on the actions of others to allow us to have the freedoms we do. I don't know if you have visited the school office this week but there is a fantastic display for Remembrance Day.



Thank you for your support with the Macmillan Bake Sale which raised £328.86 which has been sent to this wonderful charity.

**Don't  
Forget!**

Friends of Colley Lane are holding their "Winter Wonderland Fayre" on Friday 15th December so keep the date free.

There is a Non-school uniform on Wednesday 6th December and children can come dressed in their own clothes if they bring a donation of an unwanted gift in good condition for the "Elfridges" stall at the Winter Fayre. There may even be a surprise for the children that day too!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr D Simpson  
Headteacher

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## Key Dates

### Friday 17th November

Year 1 Parent Reading Workshop  
2.20pm

### Tuesday 21st November

School Photo Retakes (for children who were absent)

### Friday 24th November

Year 5 Think Tank Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

### Friday 1st December

Year 6 Botanical Gardens Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

### Wednesday 6th December

Non-School Uniform day - bring an unwanted gift for Elfridges stall

### Friday 8th December

INSET Day - School Closed

### Friday 15th December

Nursery Dudley Zoo Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

### Friday 15th December

Friends of Colley Lane  
Winter Wonderland Fayre 3:30pm

### Wednesday 20th December

School Discos

### Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

### Monday 8th January

INSET Day - School Closed

### Tuesday 9th January

Children return to school

## Attendance

Overall this week:

**94%**

[Attendance information](#)

## Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can become unstuck

## School Menu

Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

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

### Nursery

We have had a super first week back in Nursery. On Tuesday we had a visit from Dudley family learning who shared the story 'Dear Zoo' with us. We then had the opportunity to complete some creative activities to extend the children's learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their masks, snakes and stick puppets. Thank you to all the parents who were able to make the session and enjoy the activities with their children. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo to sign up for similar sessions in the future.

### Reception

The children have come back ready for learning in reception and have enjoyed exploring their celebration provision. They have listened well and learnt new words for their new whole class reading book and new sounds in phonics.

They have also been very respectful and compassionate this week when making poppies for Remembrance Day.

**Don't forget to sign up for the parent workshop using the link on dojo.**

**Dates are 14th Nov for RR and 21st November for RW.**

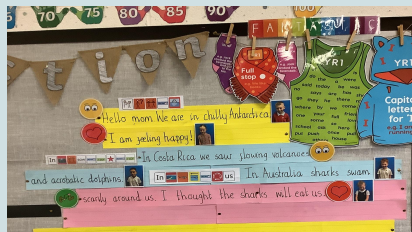


### Year 1

We've had a great first week back in Year 1. We kickstarted our week looking at what makes us different and unique as part of our British Value focus on Mutual Respect. The children drew pictures of each other and wrote sentences on how different we all are.

The children also learnt about Remembrance Day and created their own fields of poppies using their fingers to create textured paintings.

We also began our new English unit based on the brilliant story The Snail and the Whale. The children have begun to put a postcard together using ambitious vocabulary, and they've really enjoyed seeing their wonderful sentences on display.



Next Friday we will be hosting a fun packed reading workshop for parents. We hope you can join your child for a fun illustrator activity and book quiz! You can find more details on Class Dojo.

### Year 2

Welcome back! Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back following the half term break. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm when they came into school on Monday, and this positivity has continued all week. We had a great start, where we were exploring the British Value of Mutual Respect. We thought about how we were similar and different to each other and how that is important. We also discussed different ways we can show respect in school, at home and to others.

The children have also been learning about Remembrance Day and the meaning behind the poppy.

We also began our new Geography theme this week. We discussed maps and why they were useful. We then went for a walk around Colley Lane, where we thought about the symbols we could use to represent different features on our maps. Next Friday we will be going for a walk around our local area, where we will complete a survey of things such as cars, vehicles and buildings.



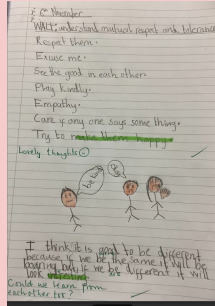


## Year 3

Welcome back. We have made respect, mutual tolerance and compassion the focus this week.

The children found out about Remembrance day and why we buy poppies every year. Can they tell you why some of their poppies are purple?

The children also wrote some beautiful Acrostic poems thinking about respect, kindness, differences between us all and friendship.



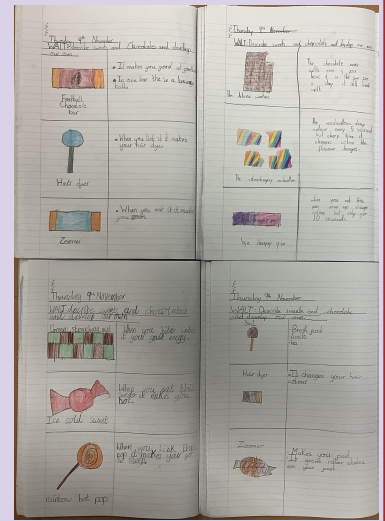
The children might have come home talking to you about trolls and goblins as we began to explore our new WCR book 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel' - lots of mystery and mayhem to come!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you next week.

## Year 4

A warm welcome back to all as we start a busy but exciting half term.

Year 4 reviewed and discussed what respect means and how we can show this in school and at home. We have also spoken about how using manners are also an important part of showing respect.



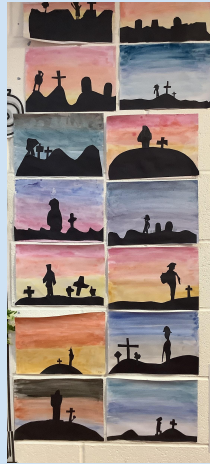
Children are really excited about our new writing project, based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. This week, children have designed their own magical treats influenced by the spectacular and most extraordinary chocolate maker, Mr Willy Wonka. Great work, Year 4!

## Year 5

It's been a brilliant first week back. The children really have settled well and have been incredibly enthusiastic in all lessons.

On Monday, we learnt about our British values. Our focus this term is 'mutual respect' and 'tolerance'. We wrote acrostic poems about these words and discussed what they meant in society and in the classroom.

On Tuesday, we learnt about the meaning and significance of Remembrance Day. In preparation for Remembrance Day, we created some artwork to put up outside the classroom, which will serve as a reminder throughout the week.



Today, we held a silence to remember the fallen soldiers and those that served our country.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another great week.



## Year 6

Welcome back to all children and families for the Autumn Two term.

We have had a special focus on Remembrance this week.



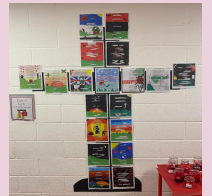
Year 6 have been spending time this week reflecting on Remembrance.

They have created their own reflection jars with special images of Remembrance on them.




The children also completed black out poetry activities to remember the fallen.

Some children were also especially chosen to take part in a Remembrance Parade at Cradley CE Primary School.




## *Pupil Achievements*

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Zahra (AM)	Mekaal	Tyler	Harry	Hunter	Harry	Kerem	Rory	Druven
Saarankan (Full-time)	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Daniel	Malikah	Blake	Nageb	Kaydon	Laxmi	Oliver	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Subhan	Henry	Harrison	Poppy	Lily	Jessica	Abdulla	Mya
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Luke	Amelia	Ahmed	Gabrielle	Antonia	Zahra	Reuben	

Well done to Hudayr Imran in 4A who received his First grade arm band in Muay Thai. Great work Hudayr!



Bailey Harris in 5P had the privilege of being asked to take part in filming for Blue Peter. He demonstrated his outstanding running skills and he even got to meet Mo Farrah. What an incredible achievement! Well done Bailey.



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)

### *Club News*

In the last week of last half term, our netball team played their first game in the Halesowen Netball League. They played some really great netball, winning the game comfortable. A great start to the season.

It was lovely to see so many children start our new Sportshall Athletics club this week and everyone returning to already established clubs.



### *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.

### **School Coats and Fleecees**

We have some old stock of waterproof coats and fleecees with the school logo on which we are selling for just £5. Coats are available in sizes: 12-13 / 13-14 / 15-16, for the fleecees we only have size 3-4. Pop into the office if you would like to purchase any.

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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