



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week and that your children have been sharing the activities that they have undertaken as part of World Mental Health Day and our focus on Well-being. It is important for children to be able to talk about their emotions and realise that it is ok to have a range of feelings; it's how we respond to them that matters.



As part of today's assembly with KS2, we looked at things that we are able to control and those that are outside our control. Too many times we get wrapped up in things that do not involve us or do not need to be said and by doing so make the world a sadder place. With everything that is going on in the world at the moment, kindness and respect have to be a priority for everyone.

Next week we will reinforce this message of kindness and looking at the things you can control but you might like to use the poster above to talk about this at home too.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mr Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

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 24th November
Year 5 Think Tank Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

Friday 1st December
Year 6 Botanical Gardens Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

Friday 8th December
INSET Day - School Closed

Friday 15th December
Nursery Dudley Zoo Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

Friday 22nd December
Break up for Christmas

Monday 8th January
INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 9th January
Children return to school

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Attendance

Overall this week:

96%

[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

Nursery children have been learning all different emotions this week. We started by exploring happiness on Monday, wearing clothes that make us happy and taking part in a range of mindfulness activities such as dancing and colouring.



Throughout the week we have also explored sadness, calm, anger, fear and love using The Colour Monster story.

Reception

Reception children enjoyed wearing what made them feel happy on Monday and took part in lots of mindfulness wake and shakes. In the afternoon children did some mindfulness colouring and drawing outside. Children took time to observe what they could see and drew with a partner. We also spoke about how to take care of ourselves and others.



Year 1

This week we have continued learning all about Australia as part of our new whole class reading book. We have previously looked at animals and this week we explored aboriginal art! The children loved using the dot technique to create their own Koala artwork, and on Friday we unveiled our new Whole Class reading text - The Koala Who Could! Next week we will explore the book in more detail in our reading sessions and will explore it further in our writing lessons to create a character description of Kevin!



Year 2

This week we have been spending a lot of our time in Year 2 being mindful as a way of recognising World Mental Health Day. We spent Monday wearing our bright, happy clothes and did lots of mindful activities. We thought about who we could talk to if we were feeling worried, sad or anxious. Throughout the week, we have also done mindful doodling.



Also this week, we took 10 minutes at 10am to read. On Tuesday, we listened to the story Gory Rory Fangface written and illustrated by Ziggy Hanaor and Ollie Silvester. We listened to them read the story and the process in which illustrations were created and drawn for a story. We then drew our own illustration of Beegu which is currently our Whole Class Reader.

Hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend and see you all on Monday!

Year 3

We have been reflecting on our mental health across the week in Year Three and how important it is. We loved wearing clothes that made us feel happy on our World Mental Health day. We have been rainbow breathing, breathing while tracing around our fingers and listening to stories around emotions. We know we are stronger as a team so we made class paper chains to show our connection with others.



Enjoy the weekend everyone and see you on Monday.

Year 4

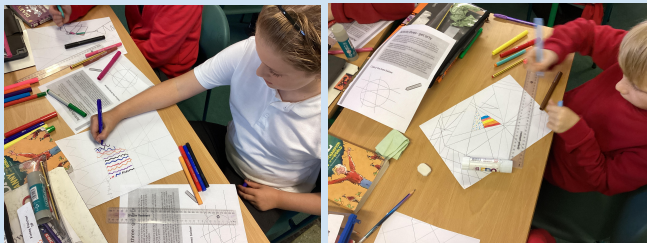
This week we have spent time discussing mental health and things we can do to make us feel happy and good. With that said, we enjoyed a trip across the road to the local library. We listened to an extract from a book being read by the library staff member and also selected our own book to borrow. Afterwards, we had some reading time in class.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their busy week, with lots going on.

We have focused on developing our mental health this week through art-based activities, including drawing and mindfulness colouring. We have also spent time reading 'Danny the Champion of the World', enjoying the story and looking forward to what is going to happen next!



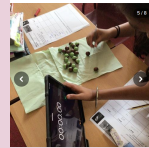
This week, we have also started our new Science topic around Space. This is a really exciting topic to study and the children are really excited to learn all about it. We started by looking at how the planets are spaced in the solar system and realised how big space actually is!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6

We have had a very practical week in Year 6 this week, the children have enjoyed working together and learning with each other.

Firstly, we investigated beak sizes and how effective they are at picking up seeds. We did this by using tongs, pegs and tweezers and using different sweets as seeds.. We did this as we were learning about Charles Darwin's theory that all animals have evolved and adapted to their environments over time.



Secondly, we have learnt about how

Ancient Egyptians mummified the dead. We re-enacted this by mummifying our own tomatoes which was so much fun!




We will see those parents that have signed up to read with their child on Thursday at 9:00am. Please enter via the school office.

Have a restful weekend.

Pupil Achievements

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
Holly (full-time)	Oakley	Evie G	Amal	Kushman	Ewan	Paignton	Lilly-Mai	Yaqub
Saskia (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Zak	Connie	Kaylee	Esme	Mia	Lillie	Sofia	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Zahary	Taryn	Haitham	Isabelle	Bradley	Omer	Alexa	Ella-May
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Alyvia-Mae	Jaiden	Nico	Logan	Justin	Lilia	Caleb and Taylor	



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

Library Half-term Events



Spooky Halloween and Brilliant Bonfire Crafts!
Join us at Cradley every day during half-term
11.15 - 12.15

Mon 30th Oct - Bat Mobiles
Tue 31st Oct – Ghost Bunting & Bookmarks
Wed 1st Nov – Pumpkin and Spider Stamping
Thurs 2nd Nov – Magnificent Monsters
Fri 3rd Nov – Firework Skyline
Sat 4th Nov – Mixed Halloween and Bonfire Crafts

We'd love to see you there! No need to book, just drop-in
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