



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to express our thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the "Meet the Teachers" meetings held over the past two weeks. We hope that these meetings provided you with useful information and that they helped to establish a clear focus for the year ahead. Effective communication between school and home, both during good times and challenging times, is crucial for your child's personal and academic success. At Colley Lane Primary Academy, we strive to provide the best for every family and do that by working together.

We are holding Open Days for parents whose children will be joining Reception in September 2024 later this term (see Key dates) and this will be an opportunity to tour the school and find out a little bit more about our fabulous school. Please spread the word or ask friends and family to check out our social media presence on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/Colleylanepriamaryacademy>) and Twitter (@colleylane). The school website is also updated regularly with information and blogs so don't forget to save to favourites.

Today children from KS2 are representing Colley Lane at the WAT Primary Games being held at WV Active Aldersley and will be competing against all the other primary schools in the Trust. We enter the competition as reigning champions so fingers crossed for today but either way, it's a fantastic experience for the children at a great stadium.

One of the areas that we are looking to improve this year is lunchtime and the activities that take place. As part of this, we are looking for donations of board games, toy cars or small-world toys (figures, characters, etc) to develop play boxes. If you are able to help out, any donations can come into class or the office.

Thank you for the fabulous start to the term and have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 25th September

Reception Open Day for 2024 entry
9.15- 10.30am

Tuesday 26th September

Reception Open Day for 2024 entry
3.30 - 5.00 pm

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October

5C Bikeability

Wednesday 4th October

Parents Evening

Thursday 5th October

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Nursery closed due to parent meetings

Tuesday 10th October

School Photos

Thursday 19th & Friday 20th October

5P Bikeability

Friday 27th October

INSET Day - School Closed

Half term

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

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

Attendance

Overall this week:

96%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can work collaboratively

School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

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What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome all the new children into Nursery this week. They have settled in really well and have enjoyed exploring their new surroundings. The older children have been very responsible and compassionate with supporting their new peers.

You should now all have access to Class Dojo but if you have any issues please let me know. We will start to share posts about what the children are learning and any key messages through here and ParentMail from next week.

Just to clarify, our P.E. days will be starting next week and will be as follows:

Morning children - Monday

Afternoon children - Tuesday

Full-time children - Monday and Tuesday

If children can come to school in their coloured t-shirt and dark jogging bottoms on their P.E. days please.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Reception

This week children have started to access different areas of the classroom using a band system to help them choose where they would like to play. The children have shown real resilience staying in their chosen classroom and developing their play.

They have been creating pictures of their family and beginning to use letters and words to communicate their ideas.

Just a reminder to return bike ability forms for next week. If you need a new form please contact your child's class teacher.

If you have any old boys or girls clothes and underwear that we can use in school as spares we would be very grateful. Thank you

Year 1

We have had a fantastic week in Year 1 packed full of wonderful learning.

Our highlight this week was launching our new Historical Detectives theme by looking at baby photographs! The children loved trying to match the baby pictures to Colley Lane staff and looking at pictures of themselves as babies. We had lots of wonderful discussions about how we have grown!



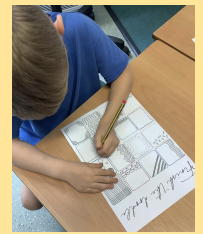
In other learning this week, we explored number bonds within 10 in Maths and in English we practised writing capital letters, adding spaces after each word and finishing our sentences with a full stop! Well done Year 1 on a brilliant week!

Year 2

We have had a jam-packed week in year 2! The children have been learning all about the calm emotion. We explored different ways we can calm ourselves down and techniques we can practise. We also practised a range of different breathing exercises, did some space yoga and some mindful doodles.

In science, the children have been busy working scientifically. They learnt about the sense of smell and sight and used this to help them smell and observe different tea bags when they were dry and in warm water. The children really enjoyed smelling them all and making observations.

To finish our fantastic first full week in Year 2 we launched our new space theme! The children got creative and decorated their own space t-shirts! The children were so excited and can't wait to wear them throughout our theme!



Year 3

It was lovely to be able to let you know a little bit more about Year Three at our meeting this week. We will let you know more at parents evenings, next month if you were unable to attend.

The highlight this week has had to be when the children un-boxed their ipads! They loved getting the ipad out of its box and getting to use them in class using QR codes in Maths and reading just to start with.

You'll have seen the photos on the school dojo and our rooms have now got the balloons in them! We look very smart!



Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday - school PE kit for 3K and school uniform for 3W.

Year 4

We have had another brilliant week this week in Year 4. The children have been learning more about the Stone Age and have had a go at creating chronological timelines.



If you asked the children what their favourite part of the week has been, they would definitely say our iPad unboxing event.

The children were so excited to receive their own device and could not wait to start using them in the classroom!

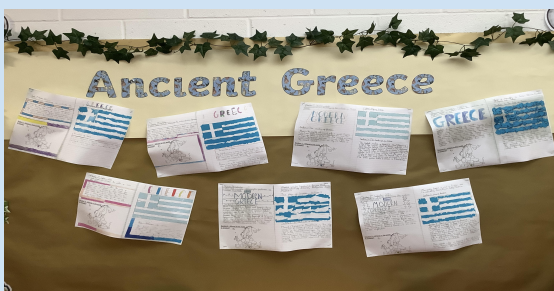
A letter will be coming home to you today in regards to 'Boom Reader' an app which will allow you to record each time you hear your child read as well as view comments and reads that have been done with your child in school. This letter will explain how you can access the app and will also display all your login details.

Hope you have a super weekend!

Year 5

We've had another great week in Year 5; the children have really invested themselves in their learning and have shone brightly in every lesson.

This week we have been developing our double page spreads around our new Theme topic of Ancient Greece. The children researched the country, completed their mapwork and even created 3D collages of the Greek flag. These were such impressive pieces of work!



Additionally, thank you very much to all the parents that

Year 6

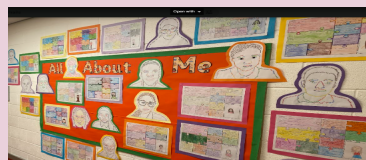
It was great to see so many parents at the Year 6 Parent Meeting this week. Thank-you for attending. The slides are on Class Dojo if you would like to see them.

The Autumn term is a time to visit any secondary schools you are thinking about sending your child to. We will post on Class Dojo any information we have. You may wish to phone the secondary school directly if you have a particular one in mind.

In class this week we have started our Science theme of 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We discussed how traits are passed on from our parents to us. We will post the knowledge organiser of this theme on Class Dojo so you know what we will be learning!

We have displayed our beautiful work all about us

attended the Year 5 parent meeting on Tuesday. We really appreciate your support and look forward to working with you more over the coming year. Have a wonderful weekend.



Have a restful weekend!

Pupil Achievements

Dacey in 5P won an award at her dance school for being the star of the week! This was incredibly impressive and in addition to this, she was the first person to win in her dance school. Well done Dacey!




Well done to Aamina in Nursery who completed the Library Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays by reading 6 books. She received a medal and a certificate!



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
Ella (AM)	Jessica-Anne	Evie	Ella	Freddie	Mia	Chase	Sophie R	Ekrem
Skylar (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Charlie	William	Robyn	Dacey	Jack S	Khirad	Grace V	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Oscar	Eva	Jax	Eden	Nadia	Harper	Maysa	Ariah
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Zaynah	Kara	Jonah	Jenson	Thayne	Dan	Thierno	

Club News

What a great first week back at clubs, most of the clubs have been well supported and plenty of children have begun learning new skills. There are still places at all sports clubs if children would like to come along but dance and choir are now full.

Hopefully we will have many competitions and festivals to attend this year where the children can use the skills learnt at clubs to represent the school. Be brave and try something new this school year.

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.



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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