



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



## Newsletter - 17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As it has been anti-bullying week this week, we have been doing lots of activities based around kindness, positivity and compassion. As a school, we use the acronym **STOP** (**S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose) to best understand what bullying is and what we need to do is **Start Telling Other People**.



On Monday, we had an assembly all about how we can colour our world with kindness through helping others and making them smile. Kindness is contagious and once one person spreads kindness, we all want to spread it!

We had a positive noticing day on Wednesday this week where all children had to write some kind words, a compliment or just something positive to give to another child/adult in their class on a brown tag which they could then attach to themselves to take home.



We have also taken part in an anti-bullying competition where the children have had to design their own anti-bullying hero and label their hero with a name alongside what characteristics they possess which help to combat bullying. Some hero designs have had big feet, to 'stomp away' the bullies and negativity- some super ideas! Winning designs will be sent off in the hopes of winning a £100 voucher for the school. What a lovely week!

For further information on anti-bullying, here are some useful links:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/bullying/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-resources>

<https://www.positivenoticingday.com/>

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/resources-and-campaigns/anti-bullying-week-and-friendship-friday/>

**Don't Forget!**

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

### Key Dates

#### **Tuesday 21st November**

School Photo Retakes (for children who were absent)

#### **Thursday 23rd November**

Flu Immunisation - Catch up session

#### **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

#### **Wednesday 13th December**

School Christmas Dinner

#### **Friday 15th December**

Nursery Dudley Zoo Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

#### **Friday 15th December**

Friends of Colley Lane  
Winter Wonderland Fayre 3:30pm

#### **Tuesday 19th December 2.00pm**

Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church - Year 3 & 4 Parents

#### **Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm**

Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church - Year 5 & 6 Parents

#### **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

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### Attendance

Overall this week:

**96%**

[Attendance information](#)

### Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can become unstuck

### School Menu

Week 1

[Link to Menus](#)

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

### Nursery

This week Nursery have been taking part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. Throughout the week they have focused on a different nursery rhyme each day. The children also learnt some makaton to perform with the songs and performed one of them on Friday.

Throughout the week the children have also enjoyed exploring the different nursery rhyme inspired activities which are available in provision. They have particularly enjoyed making their own boats in the construction area and making mice in the playdough.

Have a wonderful weekend.



### Reception

RR had a great parent workshop this week which was linked to our story Room on the Broom. The children made a number of crafts with their family and listened well to the retelling of the story. Thank you if you could attend.

**RW's workshop is on Tuesday 21st November, please sign up using the google form on class dojo.**

The children this week also solved the witches problem of a broken broom by making their own forms of transport using junk modelling.

The children planned and could communicate clearly about the different features they had created. Well done!



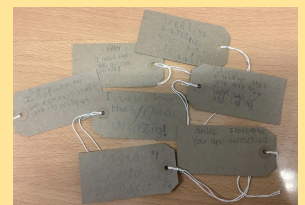
### Year 1

We have had another fabulous week in Year 1. As part of our science topic, we have been exploring the seasonal changes we see around the school and local area. We went on a walk around the school grounds, observing the trees and their falling leaves. When you are next on a walk, ask your child what they can see.



### Year 2

This week we have been respectful and compassionate when completing activities for both Anti-bullying Week and Positive Noticing Day. On Wednesday, we thought about how kind comments can make us feel and came home wearing our positive noticing label. Also during the week, we thought about what it



We also explored our emotions in PSHE. We talked about all of the different emotions that we feel and how we can use strategies to help us if we are feeling down. We then did some cosmic yoga as one of the strategies to help us stay calm. It was great fun.



We ended the week with a wonderful reading workshop where some of our parents joined us to enjoy a story and undertake some reading activities. We hope you have a great weekend.

means to be a good friend and the actions we can do to make someone feel less lonely.

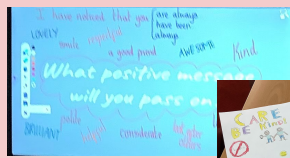
In science this week, we began our year long study on plants. We have planted 4 different bulbs and will observe what happens to them over time. We



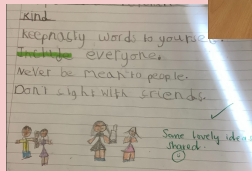
predicted that they won't grow in winter but we may observe some changes around spring.

See you again Monday, ready for a busy week of timetables (TTRS) and geography!

We would also love to invite you in at **9:05 on Thursday 7th December** to come and read with your child and take part in a couple of reading activities. We will Dojo more information this evening.



### Year 3



Being kind, noticing the good in others and being a

good friend has kept us busy over the week. This positive spirit will hopefully continue as we move through the half term too.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### Year 4

We've had lots going on in Year 4 this week. Each Wednesday until the end of term, a group of children are taking part in an outdoor learning lesson. The groups that have taken part so far have enjoyed the experience.

Both classes have visited our local library and loaned a new book to take them through to the new term. We also enjoyed an extract of *The Hobbit*, read by the librarian.

Information about our parents & carers Christmas arts and crafts event has been shared on Class Dojo. Please have a look. We appreciate it is a busy time of the year and are thankful and understanding whether you are able to attend or not. We will share photos on Class Dojo.

### Year 5

We have had a very busy week in Year 5! We began Monday with a live author event, introducing SF Said; a British author who originated from Lebanon. His work includes 'Varjak Paws' and 'Tyger', titles that have won multiple awards. It was incredibly interesting to find out about Said's work and the process he undertook to produce these pieces.

In Theme, we started our new topic on Natural Disasters. We used our Geography skills to identify the continents and oceans of the world as well as the lines

### Year 6

Another fun week in Year 6!

In Year 6, children had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. We had some marvellous comments about the children that took part.. The course leaders said the children were



of latitude and longitude including the Equator and the Prime Meridian. This linked nicely to our Science lesson, as we explored the importance of time zones across the planet. We are really excited to continue this topic on our trip to the Think Tank next week!  
Have a wonderful weekend.

extremely well behaved and one of the best classes they had ever had! Well done to all children that took part.


We have also taken part in Positive Noticing Day and all children had the opportunity to take part in an Anti Bullying poster competition.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.




## Pupil Achievements

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
River (AM)	Simrah	Hudson	Kaelan	Eden	Sophiya	Reuben	Abdul	Amelia
Angelika (PM)	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Finley	Alfie	Layla	Ellie	Ziann	Lexie	Leon	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Faiz	Mohiz	Aayan	Myah	Siena	Angel	Lilly	Paisley
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Laila	Feb	Sumaia	Regan	Megan	Caleb	Lily	



Eshara had another busy weekend last weekend! At the dance competition she attended she came 1st in Street 2nd in Lyrical and another 1st in Lyrical Duo! In addition, she was also Street Dancer of the Day- what an achievement Eshara!

Bradley Foxall and Harrison Wilkins (2D) both took part in the Remembrance Parade at Cradley St Peter's church this weekend.



Finley Cheadle from class 5C received man of the match when he played for Oldbury United football team on Saturday. On Sunday morning he then received man of the match for Old Halesonians rugby team. Then on Sunday afternoon he went on to play in an U13 water polo tournament going on to finish in second place. Well done Finley, what an amazing weekend!

On Sunday, Phoebe and Sophie took part in the Remembrance Day Parade. Phoebe led the Brownies by carrying the flag and Sophie stood by her side, enjoying her first parade as a Brownie.





Tatum carried the Beaver Scouts flag at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday. We were all very proud of her.

Oscar Shorter (4A) has won 'Opposition's Man of the Match' for 3 weeks running. Very well deserved for all of the effort and dedication he shows.



Emily Shorter (6S) set herself a sponsored challenge to read 7 books in 7 days to raise money for her brother's football team!



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**

Well done to the school football team who played in the Halesowen Football League on Monday night, this is the first week of six over the year. This year all 15 Halesowen Primary Schools have entered so it will be an exciting competition. This time we played three matches, winning one and losing two.



## **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 Fleeces**

We have some old stock of waterproof coats and fleeces 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 fleeces 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:

[Term Dates](#)

[Attendance](#)

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and School Clubs](#)

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