



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 20th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very autumnal day to end another busy week! This week, we have had a whole host of fantastic events taking place from finding out about Super Sewers with our Severn Trent assemblies to a caveman invading the hall for Year 4 History workshop to Cross Country success for our boys and girls teams! Next week, we are holding phonic workshops, starting links with British Cycling as well as continuing with all the other clubs and experiences in class to make learning engaging and enjoyable. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff who devote so much of their time to making Colley Lane an amazing school for children and parents and I would like to say thank you to all the staff for their hard work in helping to achieve the best for our community.

Cancer affects many lives every year. With this in mind, we are hosting a Macmillan Bake Sale on Wednesday 25th October

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

2023 after school in the Hall, to raise vital funds for the treatment and research of the disease. We would like to invite staff and parents to bake a cake or bring a purchased cake or some baked goods into school to be sold in order to raise money for this fantastic charity.

Please send in your donation of cakes and treats with your child on Wednesday morning or after school. Cakes will then be sold for a small donation. If you are unable to provide a cake please do join us anyway to make this event a success.



Just a reminder that school closes for children at 3:15pm on Thursday 26th October and reopens after half-term on Monday 6th November at 8:40pm

Have a wonderful weekend

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Key Dates

Monday 23rd October

EY Parent Phonics Workshop 9.00 am / 2.15pm

Tuesday 24th October

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

Tuesday 24th October

Nasal Flu Spray (Reception - Year 2)

Wednesday 25th October

KS1 Parent Phonics Workshop 9.00am / 2.15pm

Wednesday 25th October

Macmillan Bake Sale - After school in the School Hall

Friday 27th October

INSET Day - School Closed

Half term

27th October - 5th November

Return to school - Monday 6th November

Thursday 9th November

Nasal Flu Spray (Year 3 - Year 6)

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

Attendance

Overall this week:

95%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am compassionate
- I can communicate clearly

School Menu

Week 1

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week the morning and full-time children had their first visit to Cradley library. The children were all very responsible and respectful on our visit and had a lovely time.



The librarian read a story to the children and then the children were able to spend some time exploring the books within the library, playing with the lego or doing some colouring. We then chose a selection of stories to bring back to Nursery to read over the next week.

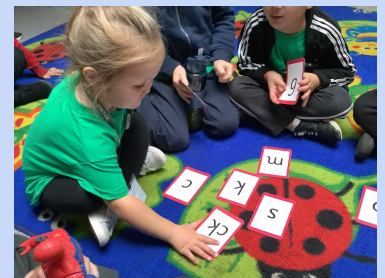


The afternoon children will be visiting the library next week.

Reception

Reception children have wowed us with their phonics this week. The children are recognising more letters and recalling and saying the correct sound for each letter. Children are working hard on orally blending and are beginning to read words.

They particularly enjoyed taking part in the phonic letter and picture hunt around the classroom and playing teachers with the phonics cards.



To support further with phonics at home, we are running a phonics parent workshop on Monday 23rd October at 9am and 2:15pm in the school hall.

Year 1



In Science this term we have been looking at different body parts and our five senses. We have carried out some investigations to find out about how we use our senses and this week we looked at touch, smell and taste.

We had three different fruits to try including, kiwi, orange and pineapple. First we had to use our sense of touch and discuss how they each felt, then we smelt each fruit before tasting them. The children had lots of fun and came up with some great vocabulary that we recorded onto a table.

Year 2



In science we have been looking at space. We have investigated spaceships and astronauts. We role played being an astronaut and flew into our solar system past all the planets and towards the sun. We learnt that the sun is a large star. This week we looked at how night and day

happens using our papier mache planets and a light source. We saw that the earth rotates creating the cycle of day and night.

We have also been using the GarageBand on the ipads to create motifs in music. It was great fun.



Year 3

The children decided on their two stand out moments from this week. They really enjoyed going over to the library and listening to a story read by one of the librarians and then having the chance to browse the wide range of books before choosing one to borrow to bring home. They loved learning how to use the machine to do this!



The other experience from this week which they enjoyed (nervously!) was being in a Victorian style classroom! Sitting in long rows with a very strict teacher wearing a mop cap! They found out about writing on slates, dunces hats and lots more besides. Can they tell you their top fact?



We are nearing the end of this period of history and we are looking forward to seeing whether they have changed their minds around which era they would rather live in!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday. We have been talking to the children about uniform this week and know the link has been sent out to you. We have put a print out the uniform expectations in the window for you to see.

Year 5

It's been super exciting in year 5 this week. In Theme, we have started to make Greek pottery. First, we learnt about how pottery was an important part of Ancient Greek society. We focussed on the colours, patterns and paintings that you would find on vases and pots. On Thursday, we had a go at making some pinch pots. I was so impressed! We can't wait for these to dry and be able to decorate them next week on our Greek day.

On Monday, Year 5 also enjoyed a Water Street workshop from Severn Trent, where the children worked in teams to work out a fictional family's water consumption. We decided whether certain acts, such as leaving the tap running whilst brushing your teeth, were an example of being a 'water waster' or a 'water saver'.

In Science, we have been looking at models of the Solar System. We went back to Ptolemy's time, when it was believed that the Earth was at the centre and the sun and other planets orbited the Earth! We compared this to

Year 4

Our big 'WOW' moment of the week was definitely our Stone Age day on Tuesday, which was absolutely fantastic.



During the day, children took part in the following:

- A hunt
- Compared bones
- Discovered what archaeology is
- Crafted tools
- Archery
- Cave painting



This week's spellings are words with 'g' sound spelt 'gue' and the 'k' sound spelt 'que'.

Have a great weekend.

Year 6

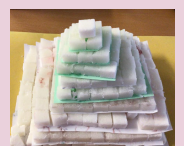
We would like to thank parents that attended the reading session on Thursday, it was lovely to see you all here listening to your child read or you even reading to them! We followed this up with a trip to



the library. The librarians at the library read a beautiful story to the children and the children listened attentively. We will send out library card forms if your child does not have one.



We have had another busy week this week with practical activities. We learnt to build a step pyramid as a team using sugar cubes. We then went on to make our



a heliocentric model, which now tells us that the Sun is at the centre, with planets orbiting instead. We discussed why it was more difficult thousands of years ago to know what space was like, due to there being limited technology and being reliant on the naked eye for much of our understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend - we look forward to a fantastic final week of the half term.

own pyramids from play-dough and we even wrote fact files on a pyramid!

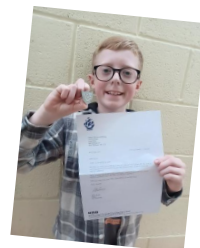
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Pupil Achievements

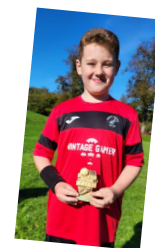


Ellie in 5P and Ben in 2D ran a 5k inflatable fun run at the weekend to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. They ran with their family members and did a fantastic job. Well done Team Tobitt!

Dalton in 5P had a very special delivery at the weekend. He received his very own Silver Blue Peter Badge. During the Summer holiday, Dalton set up a charity stall on his driveway to sell dog toys and treats to raise money for Greatfield Animal Rescue. He did so well and raised lots of money. Well done Dalton!



Well done to Lucas Ellesmore in 6R who has achieved a Merit in his Grade 2 Drum Exam. He also won Man of the Match at his Cradley Town Football Team!




Finley Cheadle and Ethan Foxall played rugby in the local derby OldHales vs Stourbridge. They won all 3 of their matches scoring many tries and making some fantastic tackles. Well done boys!

A massive congratulations to Jaxon and Ben for passing their karate grading and moving up to the next belt. Awesome work!



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
Hudson (NFT)	Zoya	Elias	Zunairah	Ismael	Jaxon	Megan	Annie-Rose	Petra
Kairo-Lee (NPM)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Kendall	Cain	Grace	Darcey	Isabelle	Jake	Eva	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Aria	Darcie	Elliot	Isaac	Ben	Akram	Rueben	Aizah
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Lily	Ayah	Louie P	Ayaan	Alishbah	Phoebe	Emily	



Club News

Our cross country teams went to the annual Halesowen Cross Country race on Tuesday night and achieved amazing results. The girls team finished in 1st place with all our girls finishing in the top 35 and 6 of them in the top 20. The boys team finished in 2nd place with all of them finishing in the top 40 out of approximately 90 runners. Well done everyone!

Two of our children finished in the top three in the races meaning they achieved individual recognition so well done to Raniyah who won the girls race and Jack S who was runner up in the boys race we are super proud of you both!



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 LHT 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



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](#)

[Breakfast and After School Club](#)

[Essential information](#)

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