



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we all love to read at Colley Lane and last week, we launched our new 'We are Colley Lane Readers at Home' project. The children in KS2 have started the project fantastically, sending incredible blogs to their teachers. These can be found on our school website -

<https://www.colleylanepriamry.org.uk/news-and-events/wearecolleylane/>

Make sure you take a look! KS1 will be taking home their reading bears this week. We can't wait to hear about the stories they will be telling their teddies! Keep up to date with Class Dojo to find out all about the amazing reading opportunities going on at home.

We have heard from the Cradley Library who wanted to say thank you for engaging with their Summer Reading Challenge. Over 150 children and families took part and 82 finished; receiving certificates and medals. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful library on our doorstep so please support them by popping in after school and seeing what is happening.

Please can I remind parents not to park on the zig-zags by the zebra crossing or other areas that jeopardise the safety of our children and community on their way to and from school. We are asking for your support in this but if you do see inconsiderate parking, it can be reported to the [Civil Parking Enforcement Team](#).

Thank you to those who have already donated games, toys, or figures to our lunchtime activities appeal. We will be launching this in the next two weeks and welcome any further donations.

You will all remember last term when we heard the amazing news that Violet in Y5 would be having her last treatment for Leukaemia. During the Summer holidays, Violet rang the bell to mark she has stopped all chemotherapy treatments and is cancer-free. This is wonderful news and lovely for everyone who has supported Violet and her family over the last few years.



Have a lovely 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

Monday 9th October

Wear happy colours for world mental health day

Tuesday 10th October

School Photos (Whole School Sibling & Solos)

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
November**

Friday 8th December

INSET Day - School Closed

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas

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Attendance

Overall this week:

96%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am resilient
- I can become unstuck

School Menu

Week 3

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

We have been working really hard on our physical development in Nursery this week.

During P.E. we used the wooden climbing frame to work on our agility and climbing skills. Then on Wednesday we took part in our first session of Bikeability. The children showed great resilience and courage with the new challenges!



Reception

Reception have really enjoyed their balance bike sessions this week. They listened well to the instructors and showed good balance and coordination.

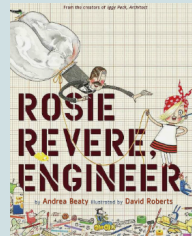
Children who experienced balance bikes last year in nursery were challenged to improve their technique.

Next week we are learning about Autumn, it would be great if you could bring in leaves, conkers, acorns and sticks etc. for our exploration area.

Also please keep bringing in family photos for children to share. You do not need to print them, you can message a photo to your child's class teacher.

Year 1

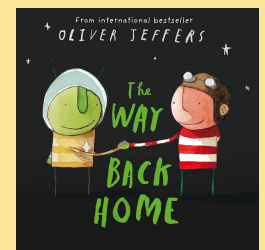
This week we started our new whole class reading book - Rosie Revere Engineer. We have spent some time thinking about what it is to be an engineer and the skills they need.



We have discovered that in our book, Rosie is not feeling very resilient or courageous, so the children have been thinking of ways to encourage her. We had some lovely ideas from the children, such as "don't give up!" "be brave!" and "keep going!"

Year 2

This week we have continued our space focus in writing, art and theme. We have started our story writing based on Jane Considine's unit 'The Way Back Home' and have reminded ourselves of the skills chotting, kind calling out and auditing. We can't wait to see what happens next in the story. In our theme lessons, we began with our big question 'Will we ever visit Mars?' We learnt about our first significant person, Elon Musk and how he wants to visit Mars in the future. We thought about what space travel might look like in the future and learnt about Falcon 9. We continued to look at Elon Musk in art as we practised different line techniques and used this to draw a half portrait of Elon Musk. I wonder who our next significant person will be next week!



Year 3

Lots going on across the week in Year Three. The children have continued to find out about the Victorian era in Theme.



Last week they were fascinated by the artefacts we brought into school from Haden Hill House.

The children loved dressing up, using the carpet beater to clean the rug, turn the mangle and pretend to wash the clothes in the metal tub with the wooden 'dolly'. To be able to set up a 'museum' for them in school really allowed the children to see how different life was in the home then. They asked some great questions and enjoyed using their iPads to research some of the answers.



This week we have been looking at chronology and plotting the period on a timeline.

We have continued being curious in Science and this week we wanted to find out whether putting a coat on a snowman would make him melt quicker?! Can your child recall what happened to our ice cube snowman and why? Good observation and measuring skills on show.



Have a lovely weekend everyone and we will see you on Monday.

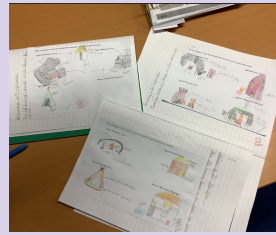
Year 5

We've had another lovely week in Year 5, enjoying a great range of different activities in lots of different subjects.

This week, we started our new Whole Class Reader book, 'Danny the Champion of the World'. The children have loved getting to know Danny (our main character) and have shown fantastic engagement in the story line as it links back to previous books they have read, including The BFG. We can't wait to continue reading it next week!

In Theme, we have been exploring the historical timeline of the Ancient Greeks as well as learning the Greek language. The children learnt how to say basic phrases

Year 4



It has been another super week in Year 4. The children have really been immersing themselves in our Prehistory theme, learning about how homes changed throughout the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and

Neolithic times as well as researching facts about the materials which would have been used in everyday life during the Stone Age. We also used our iPads to explore a virtual museum where the children explored different artefacts from the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.



We are currently reading 'James and the Giant Peach' in our reading lessons and the children are absolutely loving the plot so far. Our main character, James has made his way inside a giant peach and has come face to face with human sized talking insects! We cannot wait to find out what happens next.

Have a great weekend.

Year 6

Wow! Year 6's Ancient Egyptian workshop has been a roaring success.

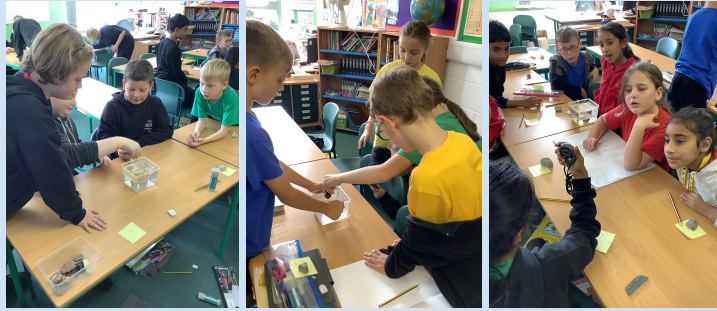
The children have been introduced to Anubis and mummification, daily life, board games, reed drawing,



hieroglyphic decoding, curses, artefacts and clothing as well as archaeological digs and archery - we have not stopped!

and numbers as well as write our names. We really are enjoying this topic!

Finally, we enjoyed an exciting science experiment linked to the density of rocks. We had great fun testing whether rocks would float or sink depending on their density.



We wish you a lovely weekend.

The children were impeccably well-behaved and showed our visitor, Jo, just how polite, kind and well-mannered they are.

What a fantastic day!

Have a lovely 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 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Hajra (AM) | Madison | Charles | Jax | Mustafa | Nevaeh | Lacee-Mae | Jacob | Emily |
| Yusef (PM) | 4A | 4H | 5C | 5P | 6G | 6R | 6S |  |
| | Beau | Connor | Mohammed | Bailey | Maddie | Lucas | Billy-Lee | |

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

| RW | RR | 1MS | 1Y | 2D | 2E | 3K | 3W |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| (Next week) | (Next week) | Asrar | Casey | Zachary | Marni-Lea | Kaloyan | Chad P |
| 4A | 4H | 5C | 5P | 6G | 6R | 6S |  |
| Olivia | Marseille | Kelise | Leelan | Nora | Sama | Emaan | |

Club News



Last Friday, saw us attend the annual WAT Games. We took 24 children from across KS2 to Aldersley Stadium in Wolverhampton to compete against the other 6 primary schools in the WAT.

During the morning, the year 5/6 children took part in a tag rugby competition. The competition was very close and we ended up finishing 2nd on the number of tries scored.

The 3/4 children played in a hockey tournament and they were amazing beating the other six schools without conceding a single goal.

After lunch, all of the children then took part in an athletics competition. Over the 30 events we finished in the top three in 26 of them. With all the points combined we were the overall winners for the 2nd year running. Well done to all the children who attended.

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.



World Mental Health Day - Monday 9th October 2023

This year World Mental Health day falls on the 10th October. As we are having our school photographs on this day we will be celebrating a day early on **Monday 9th October**. To celebrate World Mental Health Day this year we are asking that the **children come to school in**

bright, happy colours or clothes that make them feel happy. Please make sure that their clothes and shoes are suitable for the school day. If your child has PE on this day they can wear comfortable clothes appropriate for a PE lesson. All classes will complete an activity during this day based around improving mental health. This day is important to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to offer our support.

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

St Peter's Church, Cradley

This Saturday 23rd September St Peter's Church is holding a heritage open day and there are some activities especially for children.

Details are on the poster.

Bears and other soft toys (without batteries) are welcome to jump between 11.45am – 1.45pm. Parachutes are provided and each bear will receive a certificate. Each jump costs £1 with proceeds going towards the New Bell frame Fund to keep the bells ringing.



**Family History, Teddy Bear Parachute Jump,
Heritage and Music – FREE Entry!**

Saturday 23rd September



St Peter's Church in Cradley invites you to:

- Trace your family tree with family history experts (10am - 2pm)
- View historic photographs and displays (10am - 2pm)
- Face painting & biscuit decorating for kids (11.45am - 1.45pm)
- Bring your brave Teddy Bear to parachute off the top of the tower (£1 per jump) (11.45am - 1.45pm)
- Tower Tours at 10.15am & 11.00am - climb the tower to learn about the bells and clock
- Between 2.30pm and 3.30pm join us to hear former S. Peter's organist James Turner in concert playing favourite tunes.



St Peter's Church, Church Road, Cradley, Halesowen, B63 2UL

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[Colley Lane Website](#), [School Blogs](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Class Dojo](#)

More useful links:

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