



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"

Newsletter - 24th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week with events and trips taking place and dare I say we have even started to practise the Christmas carols. Thank you very much for the kind donations towards this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised a huge £800.12 which is incredible so thank you so much.



The Black Country Food Bank stopped by this week to collect all the contributions from school and Casey and Isabelle from Year One helped to load up the van. It would be great to provide more families with essentials for the Christmas period coming up so please continue to support us with this superb local charity.



There was an official opening of the Key Stage 1 book shed this morning by Friends of Colley Lane. They have paid for the shed that will provide opportunities for reading not only during lesson time but also at break and lunchtime. Thank you.



Non-school uniform on Wednesday 6th December for a donation of an unwanted gift in good condition.

Finally, we would like to share the lovely news that Mr Blount became the proud father to a baby boy, who was born last Sunday. All are all doing well and we send our love and congratulations.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr D Simpson
Headteacher

Key Dates

Friday 1st December

Year 6 Botanical Gardens Trip (Please pay on ParentMail)

Tuesday 5th December 9.00am

Year 4 Christmas Craft Session (Parents Invited)

Wednesday 6th December

Non-School Uniform day - bring an unwanted gift for Elfridges stall

Friday 8th December

INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 12th December

1.45 -3.00 pm Nursery & Reception Christmas Singing & Craft - Nursery PM Parents can attend

Wednesday 13th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Singing & Craft

9 -10.30am - Nursery AM Parents can attend

1.45 -3.00pm - Reception Parents can attend

Wednesday 13th December

School Christmas Dinner (No tuck served)

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 9.30am

Year 2 Christmas Play - Parents invited

Tuesday 19th December 2.00pm

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

Wednesday 20th December 9.10am

Year 1 Singing & Christmas Craft Session (Parents Invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm

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

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Wednesday 20th December

School Discos

Friday 22nd December

Break up for Christmas and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 8th January

INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 9th January

Children return to school

Attendance

Overall this week:

96%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am resilient
- I can be collaborative

School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week the children have started to learn all about 2D shapes. We have been looking at circles and triangles. They have been introduced to key vocabulary such as sides and corners and we even went on a 2D shape hunt around Nursery looking for circles and triangles.



This week we have also been practising our makaton for our Christmas song. The children are all trying really hard to join in with the words and actions. I will be sharing the video on ClassDojo so that you can share it with your child at home if you wish.

Reception

RW had their parent workshop this week, thank you if you attended. If you weren't able to attend do not worry as we will be offering a Christmas Workshop in December.

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their DT skills lessons linked to making a sandwich. The children worked hard to follow instructions to make their sandwich and enjoyed eating them! They also listened well during our hand washing talk from our school nurse and learnt about the importance of washing hands.



Year 1

We've had another great week in Year 1. The children really enjoyed exploring maps as part of our new Geography theme. We explored Google Earth by searching for our school and the children were excited to spot some of their favourite



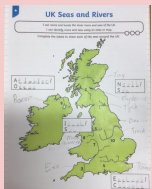
Year 2

This week as part of our theme we went on a walk around the local area. We were looking at human and physical features. We found lots of human features but not many physical ones. We did a tally to count how many of each human feature we saw.



places - the Reception playground and the strip where they enjoy playing in our afternoon break! We looked at different maps and identified various symbols before the children drew their own maps detailing their journey from home to school. They even added symbols to their maps, including a book to show our local library and a knife and fork for McDonalds!

In our computer lessons we have been learning about algorithms. We have programmed various 'sprites' to move around the screen stopping off at different points. They have been mastering the basic way to use directional language and debugging their algorithms if they went wrong. The children have really loved learning how to do this.



Year 3

The children are enjoying the Geography Theme we have this half term. They have been learning the names of the seas

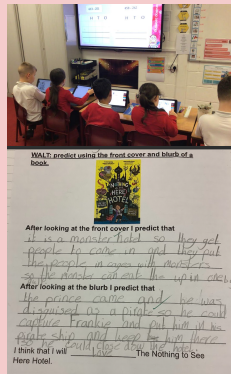
around the UK this week. They used atlases and ipads to help label the map.

We use ipads across the week to support, explore and extend learning. The ipads were used in Maths here for working on column subtraction.

The children might have been telling you about Frankie and the strange creatures in the hotel in Brighton!

The children predicted what the book might be about and whether they thought they would enjoy it - it seems to have captured their imagination!

We're looking forward to seeing you for our Reading session next Wednesday, if you can make it. Our next session will be on a different day in the Spring term. Have a lovely weekend.



Year 4

We've had a creative week in Year 4. This has included creating a golden ticket as part of our writing experience day linked to Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Next week, children will be writing the next section of the story. We will be looking forward to reading their work.

Children have created decorations and started some prep work ahead of the fast approaching Christmas season. Exciting!

Linked to above, information about our parents event was sent out on Class Dojo last week. Thank you if you have responded with your attendance and we fully understand, in this busy period, if it isn't possible.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another fantastic week, filled with lots of exciting activities.

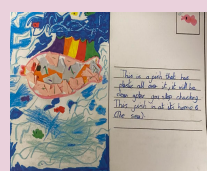
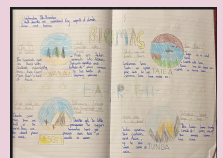
To begin the week, we continued to read our Whole Class Reading book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The children have started to explore the history of Stanley's family (our main character) and are beginning to decipher the plot of the story. We can't wait to continue our novel!

On Friday, we went on our first Year 5 trip to the Think Tank in Birmingham. We had the chance to experience the Planetarium, visiting the planets across Space. The children absolutely loved it. Additionally, we had the opportunity to explore the many other areas of the

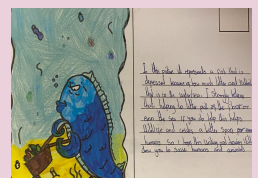
Year 6

We have been very busy bees this week completing assessments. Well done to all children for giving 100% effort and there was much improved attendance this week so that the children could complete their exams at the right times.

Within Geography theme lessons over the last few weeks we have been learning about the different biomes and the children completed double page spreads on this theme.



All children this week have




museum. What a fantastic day out!
Have a lovely weekend.


also taken part in Non-fiction November where they had to draw their favourite place by water and write about why it is their favourite place on a postcard. A polite reminder to you all to please check Class Dojo regularly as we do send messages and keep you updated as to what is going on in Year 6 there. Have a lovely weekend. We will see you on Monday!

Pupil Achievements

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Laila-Mai (AM)	Mo	Rosarn	Isabelle	Isabelle	Jovan	Rosie	Matthew	Aafiya
Lexi (Full-time)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Tyler	Madiha	Finley C	Re nesmay	Summer	Dasiy	Emaan	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Eloise	Lavakuhan	Aayan	Lyla	Elyas	Harry	Ruby	Layan
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Aryaan	Feb	School Trip		William	Amelia	Billy-Lee	



Well done to Henry in RR who was awarded 'Star of the Week' at swimming this week for his amazing breast stroke.



Maddie in 6G took part in a tapathon with her dance school for children in need this weekend raising almost £1000. 64 people were tapping alongside other dance schools across the country trying to break the world record for the most tappers doing the same dance at the same time. Maddie also danced a ballet duet and achieved her silver medal with 83%.



If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Club News

Another great week at clubs this week. Please remember that now the nights are getting dark to come down to collect the children and not call them across the car park to you.

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 Fleecees

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](#)

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