



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*



## *Newsletter - 29th September 2023*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed Mrs Lanckham, WAT Deputy Director of Education, into school to visit lessons and tour the school. She was very impressed with the attitude towards learning from all the children and how our focus on self-regulation and becoming unstuck is helping the children to move their learning on. She was also very impressed with our new calm library space, which we posted photos of on Facebook earlier this week.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone into school for Parents Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, which we are holding earlier than last year. The meeting will be held in classrooms and there will be an opportunity to share books, find out about targets and share expectations for the year ahead. This parent's evening, class teachers will be giving out and recommending resources to help your child at home in place of the small report sheet and have the opportunity to discuss your child's start to the year. Also, Friends of Colley Lane will have a stall selling reasonably priced toys for the children to buy, should they wish to.

You may have noticed some landscape work taking place around the field. We are having the fencing improved and also the bank around the upper playground is being covered with bark to replace the existing mud bank. The steps onto the field are also being repaired and gates moved. All of these little improvements make the school a better environment for everyone.

Thank you for the continued support this year with the high standard of uniform and PE kit. It makes a positive difference to the pride the children have in being part of Colley Lane Primary Academy. [Please refer to the website for further guidance.](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Dominic Simpson  
Headteacher

### Key Dates

**Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October**  
5C Bikeability

**Tuesday 3rd October**  
Year 3 Bikeability

**Wednesday 4th October**  
Nursery Balance Bike

**Wednesday 4th October**  
Parents Evening

**Thursday 5th October**  
Parents Evening

**Thursday 5th October**  
Nursery closed due to parent meetings

**Thursday 5th October**  
Reception Balance Bike

**Monday 9th October**  
Wear happy colours for World Mental Health Day

**Tuesday 10th October**  
School Photos (Whole School Sibling & Solos)  
Friends of Colley Lane AGM at 4.30pm in the hall - all welcome

**Tuesday 17th October**  
Year 4 Stone Age Workshop (Please pay on ParentMail)

**Thursday 19th October**  
Y6 Parent Reading Event

**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

## Colley Lane Primary Academy

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### Attendance

Overall this week:

**96%**

[Attendance information](#)

### Aspire

- I am resilient
- I can become unstuck

### School Menu

Week 1

[Link to Menus](#)

\*Thursday 6th September is an 'Out of this World' themed menu of Cosmic Meatballs, (Or veggie Meatballs) Mash & Veg with Raspberry ripple crater cake. Prizes can be won for children who have a hot dinner this day\*

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

### Nursery

This week the children have really enjoyed learning all about Autumn. They have spent time exploring a range of natural autumnal resources in our indoor and outdoor classrooms and learning new vocabulary such as pinecone, conker and acorn as well as descriptive language such as spiky, shiny and smooth.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed a walk in The Glade where we observed the signs of Autumn in the trees. The children were using some great language to describe the different colours, sizes and appearances of the leaves and sticks.



### Reception

Autumn has arrived in reception! Children have enjoyed exploring different autumnal objects this week. They have developed their fine motor skills threading beads onto sticks, mark making with sticks and making autumn scenes with playdoh, conkers, leaves and acorns.

As part of their whole class reading work, they also tasted different breads and even had a go at making their own bread today. I wonder what story book they are going to read next week.

### Year 1

It's been a week of fun practical learning in Year 1. We really enjoyed exploring the human body in Science this week with the children



excited to use playdough to make their own person! We enjoyed singing and dancing along to 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' before the children were tasked to make their own playdough person. They then explored



### Year 2

In science this week we have been working scientifically and looked at recording results. We carried out an experiment where we put warm water onto skittles and watched the dye come off the skittles and make a rainbow pattern. Why don't you try it at home?



Year 2 also



the different parts of the body by labelling a child from their class! The children were then tasked to evaluate their initial playdough person by adding new body parts. We will have a selection of the children's work in the display cabinets in the foyer. Make sure you check them out when you come along for our Parent Meetings next week!

### Year 3

In Science this week the children were able to use and apply their enquiry skills to pose, do, answer and explain their findings.

They were able to use two different sized cupcake cases in their investigation. Some really good scientific questions posed.



This week has brought us to the end of our Sentence Stacking writing around 'The star in the jar'. The children have been using adjectives to build intensity and onomatopoeias to describe. Next week the children will be independently writing their 'Star in the jar' story and hopefully showcasing the skills and new vocabulary we have been working on together.



Have a lovely weekend and we're looking forward to meeting you at Parents evenings next week.

### Year 5

This week has been crammed full with lots of lovely activities! We really haven't stopped!

In Theme, we learnt about the Ancient Gods of Greece, including Zeus, Poseidon and Hades. We learnt about their roles in mythology and how they were seen by the people of Greece. We also began to look at life for the Ancient Greek people. We looked at their homes and their daily lives in towns and cities.

In Reading, we have continued to read our class reader, 'Danny the Champion of the World'. We learnt Danny's father's deep, dark secret about his time as a poacher of pheasants. We investigated what poaching was and how illegal activities like this were undertaken to keep families fed. We can't wait to see what happens next!

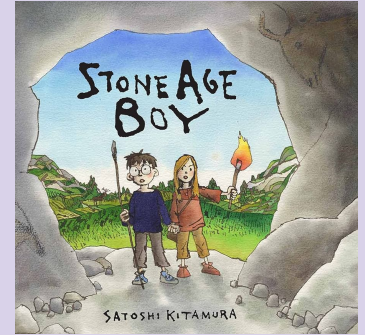
Just a quick reminder that bikeability for the children who are taking part is on Monday and Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend.

produced portraits of Tim Peake using pencil. We looked at proportions and where the different features come on our face. Did you know your eyes are halfway down your head?

### Year 4

We are well and truly all about the Stone Age at the moment in Year 4. We are writing our own version of Stone Age, adapting the story from the Mesolithic to the Neolithic era.



In theme, we have created a double-page piece of research based on Skara Brae and have learned about how it dates back to an important period of history - when people began to settle on farms instead of roaming as hunter-gatherers.

We look forward to meeting you all at Parents Evenings next week.

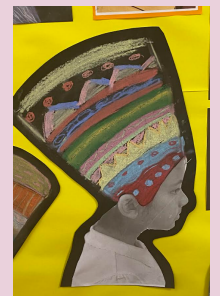
### Year 6

We are still enjoying the theme Ancient Egypt in Year 6 this week.

We have completed some pastel headdress art work with ourselves as a pharaoh!



We also looked at the life of Cleopatra and the different Kings and Queens of Egypt by going on a small treasure hunt in class.



Some children also had the time to act out the life and times of Cleopatra!

We look forward to seeing you next week at Parents Evening.





## Pupil Achievements



Louie M (5C) was awarded Man of the Match with his football team on Sunday. He played really well and got stuck in with his tackles. Well done Lou!




Eshara in Year 6 took part in a dance competition last weekend and came away with a haul of medals, trophies and first places. Well done Eshara, we are all very proud of you!




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)

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

NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Aamina (AM)	Ren	Darcie-Mae	Elias	Oscar	Adam	Sala	Abdulla	Eva
Lottie (PM)	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Libbie	Olivia	Jennie	Seth	Ed	Lukas	Clara	

**Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Carmelo	Kyla	Florence	Grace	Tommy	Aamna	Freya	Joshua
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Hudayr	Indi	Layla	Scarlett S	Tuliyah	Lillie	Kaiden	



## Club News

We have had another enjoyable week at clubs with everyone working hard on new skills and preparing for upcoming competitions. There are still spaces at sports clubs so the children still have the chance to come along and try something new like tag rugby, hockey or dodgeball. Thank you to everyone who has been paying for the clubs on a regular bases.

There will be no choir this week due to parents evening, all other clubs will be on as normal.

## 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.



## 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:  
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*Friends of Colley Lane*



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# Annual General Meeting (AGM)



**FRIENDS  
OF COLLEY LANE**

**10th October 4.30pm @School**

**All welcome with no pressure to  
join PTA- refreshments provided**



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](#)

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