



Colley Lane Primary Academy

"Never settle for less than your best"



Newsletter - 8th March 2024

Colley Lane Staff wish all our Muslim families the best of success and a blessed Ramadan!

Fun around Reading

What a fabulous day we all had yesterday celebrating World Book Day! Parades, book safaris, teachers and children sharing books alongside a whole school recipe for making the best reading book ever all added to the buzz of the day and reading. [Take a look at our World Book Day Blog!](#) We have also introduced today our new Reading Superstars Certificates in Praise Assembly. Each week we will celebrate one child in each class who is putting the effort in to be a fantastic reader.

Classroom Engagement

You may have heard your child talking about STAR sitting or tracking the teacher or classmates when they are talking and wondered what this is all about. [This link to information about this engagement strategy](#) helps to explain why it is important. Ask your child to explain it too.

Black Country Foodbank

Thank you for all the generous donations and Oakley and Hallie-Rae from Reception helped to load the van this time. Next Friday we are celebrating Red Nose Day by asking the children to come into school in uniform but with crazy hair and a donation for the food bank. This is a vital charity for many people and needs our support.



Ramadan starts on Monday 11th March



If you want your child (Year 5 or Year 6) to participate in fasting while at school, please message their class teacher via Dojo. This is important for us to keep track of your child's well-being during the day and to provide support as needed.

Big Plastic Count

Starting from 11th-17th March, we are participating in the Big Plastic Count, a national investigation. We want you to count how much plastic waste you throw away at home, and this will help gather evidence to convince UK ministers, supermarkets, and big brands to lead the way to finally phase out plastic production for good. The children have already been given their tally charts, and they are excited to see the results!



Key Dates

Tuesday 19th March
Nursery Parents Meetings
Nursery closed for children

Wednesday 20th March
Parents Evening

Thursday 21st March
Parents Evening

Friday 22nd March
EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 8.50am (KS1 Playground)

Friday 22nd March
Break up for Easter

Monday 8th April
Return to school

Monday 8th April
Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
(Please pay on ParentMail)

Wednesday 17th April
Year 4 Trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre (Please pay on ParentMail)

Thursday 18th April
Year 3 Maya Workshop (Please pay on ParentMail)

Pupil Focus

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

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Attendance

Overall this week:

95%

[Attendance information](#)

Aspire

- I am resilient
- I can self-quiz

School Menu

Week 2

[Link to Menus](#)

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week, Nursery spent some time looking at the chicks which have been born in Reception! We spoke about the different stages of the chick life cycle and watched a video of one of the chicks hatching. The children all listened really well and were very responsible around them.



We have also had a super reading week! On Thursday the children had great fun celebrating World Book Day by dressing up and sharing lots of different stories. They were even lucky enough to be read to by some year 4 pupils and Mrs Knowles! We also enjoyed using the Now Press Play equipment to enjoy acting out the

story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to finish the week!

Reception

This week we celebrated World Book Day. The children listened to a range of stories read by teachers and older children. They listened well and shared their ideas with others.



They also wrote about which character they had dressed up as. The children are now starting to write super sentences with little support. Well done!

They also said goodbye to the chicks this week. The children have really enjoyed this experience, observing how they have grown and changed over the last two weeks.



Year 1

Year 2

What a busy week we have had in Year 2!

In PE, we used our geography knowledge of maps to help us place different items to match a picture. We had to look carefully at the image and decide where to put different things. In our geography lessons, we explored some





We've had another great week in Year 1!

The children enjoyed learning lots more facts and new vocab in Geography this week. We focussed on hot countries and it was lovely hearing the children talk about the places they have been on holiday and what the weather was like! We learnt about the Equator and how climates are affected by a country's proximity to it.

In English we finished off retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the perspective of Little Red. We were so proud of the super words the children used in their writing and we can't wait for you to read their work on Parents evening.

What a way to see in the end of the week with World Book Day - a wonderful day to celebrate the thrill of storybooks. The children looked wonderful and we had a great time taking part in lots of story-themed activities.

human and physical features of Wales and Scotland.

This week to celebrate World Book Day, in writing we have focused on a new book called The Wolf's Story. We have learnt about play scripts and performances and acted out The Gruffalo and Little Red Riding Hood. We then used humour (similar to the story) to turn a part of the book into a play script.

World Book Day was a brilliant day for all with the children wearing all their costumes and sharing their favourite books. We particularly enjoyed the whole school parade where we got to see everyone else's costumes. During WBD, we also launched British Science Week which is taking place next week. Year 2 were chosen to be volunteers when demonstrating the digestive system. We learnt a lot and it was so much fun!



Year 3



A great week in Year Three. We have been busy with lots of different activities going on.

The last couple of weeks have been exploring fractions in Maths. The children have been finding fractions of shapes and amounts; they can identify unit and non unit fractions and next week will be exploring equivalent fractions. Some of the children enjoyed modelling to their peers and were shown respect through active listening by their classmates.

In English we completed our Writing map. We have been working together to produce a class set of instructions aimed at helping others to grow a strong mind. Next week the children will be planning and then writing their own set of



Year 4

Another super week in Year 4 with lots of exciting activities going on.



We began the week learning all about earthquakes and which plate boundary causes them. We also learnt about where earthquakes occur the most and how earthquakes are measured

using the Richter Scale and seismographs. The children then had to use their knowledge to design a building which would be earthquake proof.

In Science, the children put their practical skills to the test and used thermometers to measure different tubs of water. We then discussed what we found out and how, if we repeated the investigation again, we could make it more accurate.



self-help instructions.



We finished the week celebrating books for World Book day! The children loved seeing all the different characters represented in the school parade. They have created some rather strange book recipes, made their own corner bookmarks and enjoyed having the Year Six children come and share a story with them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



World Book Day was also a fantastic success with the children wearing all their cool costumes and sharing their favourite books. They thoroughly enjoyed being a reading buddy to the younger children and creating their own 'Best Book

Recipe'- a chance to be super creative as a class!

Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed another wonderful week of our Spring term. We have been incredibly busy in all of our lessons, really getting stuck into all of the different subjects we have been studying.

We began our WCR book 'The Fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird. The children are fascinated with the story, discussing the differences in society in Ethiopia compared to here in Britain. They really can't wait to hear what happens next to Solomon and his grandfather when they reach the big city of Addis Ababa.

We had an amazing World Book Day. It was jam-packed day from start to finish:

- * We took part in the Book Day Parade
- * We read 'A Child of Books' by Oliver Jeffers and designed our own favourite book covers in his style
- * We watched the amazing Super Science Show!
- * We read books to Year 1
- * We were visited by teachers around the school to hear them read their favourite books

It really has been a fabulous week!



Year 6

What a busy week Year 6 has had!

We would like to say well done to all Y6 pupils who have worked tirelessly this week to complete their mock SATs. All children have tried their best and worked to the best of their ability. On Thursday 14th March, parents have all been invited to the SATs meeting where we will be able to tell you how you can help your child in the lead up to SATs and what they entail. At Parents Evening the following week, you will then be able to find out specifically what your child needs to work on to help them improve.

Invite:

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Last week, we made Brazilian headdresses, a Brazilian treat called 'brigadeiros' and learnt a Brazilian samba routine in the hall as part of our South American unit. We all had a great time together!



This week, we also celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters or just simply wearing our pyjamas. The children read to younger pupils in the school and different teachers came to read a book to the children in each class.



In addition, we had a fabulous day and we watched a




terrific Science show! In addition, we made some lovely book marks.


A great week all round! I think the children will need a well earned rest.

Pupil Achievements

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


NURS	RR	RW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Ameer	Jaxon	Faiz	Aayan	Casey	Ayah	Aamna	Frankie	Zaakirah
Skylar	4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
	Riley	Daniel	Robyn	Eden	Justin	Adam	Olly-George	

Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Evie G	Hallie-Rae	Lilly	Eviee	Ellis	Megan	Sulaiman	Aafiya
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Piper-Blue	Skyla	Oliver	Nageb	Next Week			

We have introduced a **BRAND NEW** certificate across the school this week to celebrate those children who read regularly at home. We would love to see the children getting involved with reading at home with a parent, grandparent or relative. Make sure to record your reads in your reading diary or on Boom Reader.

Reading Certificate:

RW	RR	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3K	3W
Daniel	Henry	Amal	Danie	Harrison	Poppy	Abdulla	Jacob
4A	4H	5C	5P	6G	6R	6S	
Lily	Robert	Finley C	Ethan	Maddie	Lucas	Emily	

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

Well done to the school football team who took part in the Halesowen Football League on Monday winning one and drawing one of their league games and winning a friendly match as well.

The team have four fixtures left and are currently sitting in eighth place in the league. Well done boys!



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 school. Ask the office if you would like to come in and have a look!



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](#)

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[Extracurricular Activities
and School Clubs](#)

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Local Events

LIBRARY NOTICE

Please support your local library...

Cradley Library, Colley Lane, B63 2TL
01384 812 885

We offer a variety of services:

- A huge range of books for you to enjoy including exciting new releases...
- Take Your Library Anywhere with the ULibrary app
- Did you know we can order books from any of our Dudley libraries to collect here at Cradley?
- Audio books for both children and adults
- Check out our new Crime Fiction, Family Saga and Wellbeing sections for a quick and easy find if you are in a rush!
- Free access to computers and the option to scan and print
- Ancestry access on library computers
- Photocopying and printing from just 15p for a single A4 black and white page
- Jigsaws to borrow and exchange
- A book sale
- A lovely outdoor space to sit and relax in our gardens

For adults we also offer:

- Coffee and Chat – every Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00
- Book Chat – 1st Monday of every month 10.30 – 12.00
- Writing Group – 2nd Tuesday of every month starting at 11.00am
- Reminiscence and Local History Meet -Up – NEW beginning Thursday 1st June 11.00-12.00
- Crafting Demo and Workshop – NEW launching Wednesday 7th June 11.00-12.30

We love to see children too:

- Any time you want a story read please just ask
- Rattle and Rhyme for Under 5s – Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.15-10.45
- Board Games - Every Thursday 3.15-4.00
- Lego – Every Saturday 10.00-12.00
- Regular crafting and other events – check out our notice board or Facebook for dates

Or just come in sit, relax, enjoy a book and please also take some books home. Many of our services are FREE apart from photocopying and printing charges. We are always here to help and would love to see you.
The Cradley Library Team



Library Notice Board - Cradley Library - 2023

Easter Activities



Looking for something fun and free?
Come and join us here at Cradley Library!

Monday 25th March	10.30-12 Bunny Crafts 2-3 Easter Badge Making
Tuesday 26th March	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 1-3 Chick Crafting
Wednesday 27th March	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-4 Lego
Thursday 28th March	10.30-12 Easter Card Crafting 2-4 Board Games
Saturday 30th April	10-11.15 Lego Tech- booking required 10-12 Lego 12.30-2.00 Mixed Easter Crafts
Tuesday 2nd April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-3 Egg Crafting
Wednesday 3rd April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme followed by Easter egg finger painting for little ones 2-4 Lego
Thursday 4th April	10.30-12 Spring Flowers Crafts 2-4 Board Games
Friday 5th April	10.15-10.45 Rattle and Rhyme 1-3 Spring Lamb Crafts
Saturday 6th April	10-11.15 Lego Tech (booking required) 12.30-2.00 Mixed Easter Crafts

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We'd love to see you!

AGES 8-14

Monday 25th – Tuesday 26th March

Kids Athletic Camp

Halesowen Athletic & Cycling Club

Invites you to join us for 2 days of:
Games, Athletic Events and Competitions

Start/Finish Time: 9:30am – 3pm | £15 for 1 day | £30 for both days

For more info please contact
James Hoult: 07779309084

Find us on

Manor Abbey Stadium, Halesowen, B62 8RW

MMR Clinics

There are new measles vaccination clinics every Saturday in March in Brierley Hill and also at additional locations across the borough. These will be offering free measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunisation to children aged from 3 years and 4 months and anyone born from 1970 onwards. Appointments do not need to be booked. People can just turn up on the day. These clinics are a great opportunity for easier access to immunisation for those who haven't received 2 doses of their MMR vaccine.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/mmr-vaccine-pop-up-clinics/>