

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

May 2017



Rights Respecting School Elections

Rights Champions have been elected! On 4th May, as many adults were voting in local elections, children had an election of their own. They were voting for Rights Champions to lead us on our journey to become a Rights Respecting School. In the few days before the election, children were working hard on their campaigns to persuade their year group peers to vote for them. Some fabulous campaigns, ranging from posters, presentations and speeches were heard. Children then visited voting booths and using voting slips, voted for their favourite candidate. Congratulations to Maddie MaCarthy 6T, Madhi Assad 5T, Irena Ibrahim 4M, Jamar Harris 3P, Maryama Gure 2CC, Julia Holt 1M, Robert Urshachi RW, and Amir Mokrani - N. We are confident that they will do a super job. Mrs Wates (RRSA Leader)



Year 4 went on a fantastic trip to the National Portrait Gallery last week. They have been learning about a painter called Arcimboldo, who paints portraits of people using fruit. They have been developing their sketching skills in school by drawing fruit and their trip to the Portrait Gallery helped them to understand more about how a portrait can be drawn and then painted. They looked at portraits of famous people, like Queen Elizabeth I, Princess Diana and Ed Sheeran and answered

questions about how the portraits had been made. They also had time to sit and sketch their favourite portrait at the end. We then all went to have lunch in the sunshine, in Trafalgar Square. It was a great trip and the children will be using all of their ideas to paint their own Arcimboldo style portraits this week. Look out for them! Ms Averbrook (AHT)



Year 6 took their SATS earlier this month. It was a tense time for everyone, as they were keen to do their best. Every day started with a shared breakfast in school. Thank you to all parents/carers of our year 6, for supporting your children so well at such an important time. Their behaviour and attitude to the tests were impeccable and we were very proud of their efforts.



Attendance awards

This month the following classes have won the Colindale **Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

2KC, 1M and 4R

These classes have won the **Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing 100% attendance with no lates:

4M, 6T, 6C, 2FC



On Thursday 20th April, the PTA held a film afternoon event for years 1-6 to raise funds for a tree house structure, as voted for by the children. The film watched was Moana, which everyone appeared to enjoy along with the rustling of popcorn bags! We had a very good turnout of parent helpers at the event in the afternoon as well as on Thursday morning, where we bagged 310 bags of popcorn and Capri sun in a record breaking one hour, 15 mins. Thank you to all the parents and children that supported this event which helped us raise a whopping £875!

Playing in the nursery: It is a fact that young children learn best through play. It is an opportunity for them to acquire an understanding of the world. It develops their imagination and promotes their wellbeing. I recently observed the children sitting around a large tray of water. The children had rolled up their trousers and were dangling their feet in the water which also contained big numbers and counting fish. During my observation, I noticed the rich conversations the children shared, the smiles and laughter they enjoyed whilst developing counting skills, number recognition and sorting skills. It looked like a day out at the seaside. When they had finished, they had to use their self-help skills and decide if they needed to change their clothes because they were wet and if so they were responsible for taking off and putting on dry clothes. Wow, all this learning and independence from one activity!

On Thursday's, we have a 'stay and play' session when parents are invited to come and see the children at play. It is an opportunity to discuss with staff the learning that is taking place. Please join us and see for yourselves how much fun children have in the nursery. Ms Walsh (Nursery Teacher)



On 3rd May year 5 took part in a day's history workshop based around their new topic, the Ancient Greeks. In the morning children had the opportunity to participate in a range of exciting practical activities, helping them understand what everyday life was like in those times. Children enjoyed making their own clay pots, mosaics, medicinal potions and olive oil lamps. They also found out that the Greeks used wax tablets for writing: the children saw how these were made and wrote their own names in Greek once the hot wax had cooled down. In the afternoon the children practised Greek plays and dances, and held a show where the spectators were served a range of typical Ancient Greek foods, such as honey cake, olives and feta cheese, by their very own 'slaves'! The workshop was a fantastic and informative way to engage the children with their new topic.



Ms Robertson (AHT)



On Friday, Mrs Taylor will be leaving Colindale for a while to have her baby. We wish her all the best and hope she returns soon after her baby is born to show him or her off!



We welcome Ms Selmha Hussain who will be taking 5T for the rest of the term & staying with us until Mrs Taylor returns.

On line safety: Most of us are 'connected' via our laptops, mobile phones, tablets or personal computer. The potential for the internet to be a valuable and a fun resource for entertainment, making friends, keeping in touch and learning are huge. But if you use the internet, you could be at risk of illegal activity or abuse - be it bullying, fraud or something more serious. Unlike seeing someone face to face, on the net, people aren't always what they first seem. Here are a few things you, as parents, could do to ensure your children are safe on the internet: Be aware of what children are doing online. Show interest in their online activities and talk with them about what they do on the web. Discuss the internet with your children and explain to them what you consider to be appropriate use of the Internet. Make a clear set of rules for using the Internet with your children. Consider writing these out and putting them next to your family computer. If necessary consider, putting computers in the main living area of the house, where you can keep tabs on how they are being used.

Mr Dabasia (Computing Manager)

