

Colindale Primary School Newsletter April 2018



Last week we said a very fond farewell to Mrs Wate, class teacher in year 1. She has been a member of staff at Colindale for 5 years, but has decided to embark on a new adventure working in Mozambique. We wish her a safe journey.

We also said 'Aurevoir' to Mrs. Syed (Nursery Nurse in the Nursery). She has left us for a while to give birth to her first child. We wish her good health and look forward to meeting her baby when the time comes.

After a long season of training and fixtures I have received the final standings for both the boys' and girls' leagues: The boys won 2 games, drew 4 and lost 4 games and finished in 8th place out of 11 teams. This is the best season ever!!!! The girls won 1 game, drew 1 and lost 3 games and finished 4th out of 6 teams. This was the girls' first season in the league and have set a fantastic benchmark for the future!!!!



A big thanks and congratulations goes to Michael and Joe from Woody's Academy who have put in a great effort to train the boys' and girls' teams this season. Well done!!!! (Ms Nuttall- PE & Sports Leader)

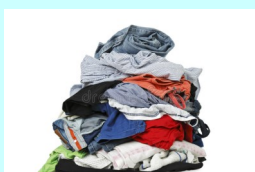
Parent Pay

As you know, we are working towards being a cashless school; our target date is September 1st 2018 and after that date we will not be accepting any cash. We now have over 75% of our families using Parent Pay, but need 100% in order to achieve our goal. If you are not using Parent Pay and need help with signing up, please come to the office and the Admin staff will be more than happy to help you. Mr. Dabasia (IT Manager) is also available to help anyone who needs it, every Monday from 3pm to 3.30pm and Tuesday from 8.30am to 9.00am. Please just ask at the office.



Is it time to start your Spring Clean/Clear-out?

As part of our Eco mission to reduce waste, we now have a textiles bank at our school to collect any type of textiles - clothes, shoes etc. Not only are we helping to reduce waste, our textile bank is supporting an amazing charity – *Children's Air Ambulance Service*- the UK's first and only dedicated paediatric helicopter transfer service. The charity flies critically ill children to the urgent and specialist medical care they need, around four times faster than if the journey was made by road; in many cases time saved is a life saved. Every flight costs approximately £2800 and really can be the difference between life or death for the child involved; so we can save lives and reduce waste at the same time.



will either be prepared for sale in the shop, or if valuable or unique enough to go onto their online shop, or be sent to people who may have more need of them.

So, if you or your children have any clothes or shoes which do not fit or do not want any more, pop them into a plastic or paper bag, and then into our textile bank to make a difference to critically ill children and to reduce waste in our environment.

Find our textile bank at Woodfield Gate!

(Ms L Thompson- Eco Leader)

The textiles *you* put into the textile bank will be taken directly to a shop near our school. At that point, they



Attendance awards

This month the following classes won the *Colindale*

Gold Attendance Award for the highest attendance: 1PF, 5T, 1K & 6K.

And Super Gold Attendance Award for 100% attendance: 3N.

WELL DONE!



A group of **Reception children** were very fortunate to help open the new **Co-op store** on **Colindale Avenue**.

They arrived at the store and were welcomed with freshly baked pastries. After meeting the staff, they helped to officially open the store by cutting the ribbon with a large pair of foam scissors!

Once inside they were able to look around the store and see the fully stocked shelves and the brand new tills.

They purchased some groceries to donate to Colindale Foodbank and were very pleased to receive gifts of their own from the store manager.

As a way of saying "thank you", the Co-op store made a £1000 donation to the school!

This donation has enabled us to reach our target for the Tree House installation project.

A big thank you to Mrs McDonough for organising the exciting event.

Mrs. E. Hurn, Assistant Head



Last week, the pupils in Year 1 visited Whipsnade Zoo as part of their topic on Animals. The pupils had been learning about animals living in different parts of the world such as the African Savannah. This day gave them an opportunity to see these animals in real life. All the pupils were very excited, as this was their first big trip out! We set off early before school began and

arrived just as the zoo was opening. During the day, each class visited as many of the wonderful animals as they could. We learnt about endangered white rhinos; we saw



red pandas sleeping in a tree; we saw European brown bears playing with tyres and ropes; we watched carefully as flamingos stood on one leg; and we heard all about beautiful birds of prey in the bird show.

It was a long day, but a very exciting one. Some of the children told me about their favourite part of the trip. Ria in 1K said, "My favourite part was seeing the giraffes because they are so tall and spotty." Ella in 1PF said, "I loved seeing the elephants because they are big and swing their trunks around." Iman in 1W said, "I loved everything! My favourite animals were the chimpanzees."

Ms. N Parmar (Assistant Head)



Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting the **National Portrait Gallery** last week as part of our topic on *Food Glorious Food*. I was lucky enough to go along with them and was very proud of the way they represented our school through their excellent behaviour and research skills when looking at the paintings. For many children it was the first time they had been to an art gallery and seen original paintings from Tudor and Victorian times, so it was a special trip. We travelled by tube into the city centre and it was such a sunny day that we were able to have our lunch in Trafalgar Square which was right next door to the gallery. We will be using our research from the gallery to make our own portraits similar to an artist *Acrimboldo*, who used fruit and vegetables in his paintings. The National Portrait Gallery is a free gallery to visit and is right in the middle of London, so it's a great day out if you want to visit yourselves! *(Mrs S Averbrook, Assistant Head)*