

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

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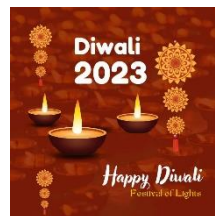
Dear Families,

We have so much to share with you all at the moment that we will now be sending a newsletter every 2 weeks, instead of monthly. This way we can communicate with you on a more regular basis and help you keep up to date with all things fabulous at Colindale!

In this issue you will see there have been some exciting trips and events over the past 2 weeks, plus some exciting things coming up to put in your diary.

This weekend is Remembrance Day, which gives us time to reflect on times gone by as well as the conflicts around the world at the moment. At Colindale we are a huge multi-cultural family and provide a safe space for everyone. Because of this, we must ensure that we are teaching our children, both at school and at home, not to be prejudiced towards others - regardless of their background, race or religion. It is important that we raise our children not to discriminate against others and instead fill the world with kindness and empathy towards each other. At school we have a responsibility to remain impartial and unbiased in all situations.

Happy Diwali to all our families
celebrating
this weekend



Best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jane Palmer
Headteacher



Parent Governor Vacancies

Would you like to be part of our governing body and work with the school making improvements at a strategic level? If so, complete this nomination form: <https://forms.office.com/e/dBPdeiJGAY> and/ or contact Mrs Palmer via the office.

Attendance awards for 30.10.23 – 10.11.23

Every week we award classes with the highest attendance one of our very special trophy's- **Bronze, Silver, Gold or Super Gold. These classes were awarded a trophy this month:**



Super Gold (100% - this means every child in every day) – No-one yet!



Gold (highest attendance, but below 100%)- **4P, 3G, 6N**



Silver (second highest attendance)- **6N, 5T**



Bronze (3rd highest attendance) – **3G, 4P, 5J**

Well done to all the winners!

Rights Respecting at Colindale

During the month of November, the staff and pupils of Colindale will be focusing on Articles 29 and 19. Both articles link to respecting each other and being the best version of themselves. On the week beginning 14th November, it is Anti-Bullying Week and every will be discussing the topic of bullying and the impact it can have. At home, please have conversations with your child about these topics as they may or may not have questions about it. It is our responsibility as 'duty bearers' to talk to our children, to ensure they know how they can be helped if they are being bullied or harmed, either at home or school.

November Article 29 - Education

Education must develop every child to be the best that they can be.



It must encourage children to respect all people and the world around them.

This month also links to Article 19 – Protection

NSPCC



Who protects us at Colindale?
How do they protect us?

Every Child has the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, physically,

or mentally. Adults should look after and protect children from harm. Governments should make sure that adults do this.



On **Tuesday 7th November**, we celebrated our annual **Switch Off Day** as part of the National Switch Off Fortnight. This year we are also supporting **Cut your Carbon** Eco Schools campaign and CNN **Call to Earth** celebration. It's a day that we use as less electricity as possible or not at all! Therefore, the lights in the classrooms are switched off, where possible, as well as laptops, screens, boards and printers. Now more than ever, we need to work together and protect our fragile planet. Saving energy can help reduce our Carbon footprint and tackle Climate Crisis. Our efforts paid off as our energy consumption decreased on that day by **18%. Well done, Colindale!** Some Eco Competitions are up and running during November so the winners will be announced in due course.

Year 6 RAF Museum – Wartime Classroom Workshops - 30th October 2023

As part of our World War II topic, Year 6 students went on a trip to participate in a workshop that allowed them to experience what school was like in the 1940s. The children enjoyed sitting at traditional desks, learning from a chalkboard, and using an ink pen and inkwell to record their learning.

During the workshop, the children learned about the challenges of schooling during the Blitz, including the shortage of resources such as books. They also learned about how children protected themselves under their desks during air raids and how they were prepared for evacuation to travel to the safety of the countryside.

School Lunches and Packed Lunches.

It is great to see so many families choosing to take up the free school meal option this year, thanks to the Mayor's funding. As the days get colder, a warm meal at lunch time is great for all children. Our school lunches have a range to choose from, including vegetarian, halal and non-halal. There is always a good selection at the salad bar too.

If you do opt to bring in a packed lunch for your child, you must ensure it follows are strict packed lunch food policy, which can be found on our website:

<https://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Packed-lunch-policy-November-2021.pdf>

There are also some healthy packed lunch ideas here: [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Year 5 trip to the Science Museum

On the 16th of October, Year 5 visited the Science Museum as part of their 'Space' topic. Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to watch the documentary 'A Beautiful Planet' on an IMAX screen and tour the Space gallery. They also participated in a Rocket workshop, where they learnt about forces and how objects move forwards.

'I loved the 3D movie; it was so realistic, and I felt as if I was actually in space. I also loved how the trip was linked to our science and English. One thing I learnt was that you cannot shower properly.' Lybah 5M

'When I went to the science museum, I really enjoyed the 3D IMAX movie. I learnt about the lives of real astronauts, and we saw a real spacewalk. I also learnt lots of interesting facts about how Earth is from outer space and what it looks like to others.' Freddie 5M

'At the Science Museum, we learnt lots of interesting facts about different rockets and planets. We also learnt when certain breakthroughs in rocket technology were made.' Henry 5J

'We had many exciting experiences such as watching a space movie in IMAX, going to the Exploring Space gallery where we saw a real space suit. I really wish we could go to the Science Museum again.' Syrus, 5J

"We watched a rocket show where we discussed how to create rockets and fuels, we then had to determine whether it was an effective rocket. It was like a mini science experiment!" Alia 5T

"I enjoyed looking at some of the Apollo 11 parts showcased in the museum." David D 5T



We want to raise money for: **Children in Need**



This money will be used help children across the UK be the best they can be.

The focus this year is **MENTAL HEALTH**

Use the QR code to find out more about why Pudsey has taken off his bandana.



You can support our fundraising by.....

Wearing **Spotty Clothes** on **FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER** and bringing in **£1...every penny counts**

Year 3 trip to Epping Forest

On Wednesday 1st November, our Year 3 pupils embarked on an exciting journey to Epping Forest. During this trip the children were able to immerse themselves into the Stone Age world and could experience several different aspects of Stone Age life. They had an opportunity to learn survival skills such as creating fire using flint stones and cotton wool. They also were able to unleash their creativity skills to create cave paintings using charcoal and chalk. The adventure continued as the children marched through the enchanted forest through the stream and over huge tree trunks. Deep within the forest the children constructed their very own Stone Age shelters using natural resources around them. This activity fostered great teamwork and communication between all the children and encouraged problem solving and perseverance when faced with challenges. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their day and particularly loved jumping in puddles and squelching through the mud!

A big thank you to all the adults and parents who came on the trip, your help is always much appreciated!





Colindale PSA

Friendship Party

FUN * PIZZA * MUSIC * DANCE

WHEN
 Tuesday 22nd November
 3.15-4.30pm Years 1,2,3
 5.00-6.15pm Years 4,5,6

WHERE
 School Hall

We're raising much needed funds for the school

Price: 1 child = £5.50 / 2 Siblings = £10 / 3 Siblings = £13.50 / 4 Siblings = £17.00
 Payments via ParentPay **ONLY**




Why not 'pop-in' to our drop-in?

Barnet information and support day
 Tuesday 14 November 2023, 11:00am to 2:30pm

Sense Family Centre - Barnet,
 12 Hyde Close,
 Barnet,
 EN5 5TJ

Learn more about a range of support services, grants and information available to you, your disabled child or young person and wider family.

Come along and meet Family Fund and other local and national charities and get support with making a Family Fund application.



Drop in anytime between 11:00am and 2:30pm.
 You can let us know you're coming or simply turn up.
 For any questions: events@familyfund.org.uk

Visit the events page on our website: www.familyfund.org.uk



Colindale in the news!

[Barnet council School Street Scheme made permanent in borough \(nwlondoner.co.uk\)](http://nwlondoner.co.uk)



ECO ETHOS: Andrea Grigoriadou in front of Colindale's eco board (Credit: James Evenden)

Messages from the school office

School Meals– Although all primary school aged children are entitled to free school meals, it is still essential that children stick with either school dinners or packed lunches. Swapping between the two options causes food waste or not enough food available for all children needing school dinners. For these reasons we ask that your child picks either school dinners or packed lunches and sticks to the option chosen. If you want your child's option to change, this is possible at the end of half term

Are your contact details correct? - If you have changed my mobile / contact number or address recently you MUST tell the school office straight away so they can update the school system

In-App Message – If you respond to an In-App message in Arbor please make it clear which message you are responding to.

Messages From School – All messages from school are sent to your email address. Please check your emails daily to see if you have received any messages. You will also get a notification in Arbor's **In Message Arbor App** to say a message has been sent. Please make sure you download the app to your mobile.

Dates for your diary:

13th – 17th November	Interfaith Week
Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th November	Year 5 and 6 Residential - Hindleap Warren
Friday 17th November	5M Class Assembly – Children in Need
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day – Wear something Spotty for £1
Monday 20th November	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations for Reception – Y6 pupils
Tuesday 21st November	Friendship party for years 4, 5 and 6
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Friday 24th November	6N Class Assembly – Eco Theme
Monday 27th Nov – Friday 1st December	Book Fair
Friday 1st December	6R Class Assembly – Topic
Tuesday 5th December	Year 4 Verulamium Trip
Thursday 7th December	Year 5 Trip to the Chicken Shed Theatre
Friday 8th December	6B Class Assembly – Hanukkah
Friday 15th December	2A Class Assembly – Christmas
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term
Friday 22nd Dec – Friday 5th January	School Holidays – School Closed
Monday 8th January 2024	Staff INSET - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 9th January 2024	All pupils return to school