

## Colindale Primary School Newsletter June 2023

**June – Article 22:** Children have the right to be protected and live safely if a refugee, whether alone or with their family.

### Attendance awards for this month

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) - 3N and 1A



Gold (highest attendance, but below 100%)- 4J, 2M, 6R



Silver (second highest attendance)- 2A, 3D, 5J



Bronze (3<sup>rd</sup> highest attendance) – RF, 6R, 3F, 5M

**Well done to all the winners!**

### Messages from the school office

**School Uniform** - We have a new uniform supplier called Smith Schoolwear. You can order online by clicking on [Colindale Primary School | Smiths Schoolwear](#). If you have questions, please call the school office.

**Arbor** – if you have not activated your account, please do so ASAP. If you have problems with your account, please come to the school office. **All communication and payments are now done through Arbor**, we no longer use Weduc or ParentPay.

**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 To Remember

**30/06/2023**- Summer Fayre

**03/07/2023** – Travelling Book Fair all week

**03/07/2023** – Year 1 & 2 Sports Day – 09:00 – 11:30

**04/07/2023** – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day – 9:00 to 11:30

05/07/2023 and 07/07/2023 - NEU strikes

05/07/2023 – Nursery Sports Day – 9:15-10.15 /13.50-14.50

06/07/2023 – Year 3 & 4 Sports Day – 9:00 to 11:30

07/07/2023 – 1T Class Assembly

10/07/2023 – Reception Sports Day – 9:00 to 10.30

10/07/2023 – Y4 Trip to National Portrait Gallery

14/07/2023 – Y2 Trip to Clacton-On Sea

17/07/2023 – Meet new class teacher - 15.00

19/07/2023 – Y6 To Southend

21/07/2023 – Y6 Graduation 10:00 to 12:00

21/07/2023 – Last Day of Term **School Closes at 2 pm**

06/09/2023 –Y1 to Y6 children return to school

## Eco Schools and Healthy Schools

The Key Stage 2 **Eco Ambassadors** have been busy leading phase assemblies. The first one was on how to save water and how important it is for each one of us to take part in this effort. The second one was about healthy eating and healthy living. Eating healthily and having healthy habits, such as exercising and sleeping well, can support our health and wellbeing.



Our **Textile Recycling bin** can now be used. Please see below what items **can** be recycled and **cannot** be recycled. Thank you for your support in our effort to protect our planet and tackle climate change.



We accept good quality, reusable:



We do not accept:



Nor do we accept items that are damaged by:



Many thanks and happy recycling!

## Recipe of the month (All recipes are adopted from ProVeg International and are plant-based.)

### Homemade Turkish Flatbreads

## Ingredients

Servings: 10 children

180 g plain flour you'll need some extra flour for dusting

180 g wholewheat flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

140 g plant-based yoghurt

90 ml water

115 g leftover roasted veg finely chopped

30 g plant-based cheese



### Instructions

- Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl.
- Add the remaining ingredients and knead for a few minutes either by hand or in a mixer until you have a smooth, pliable bread dough.
- Divide into 70g sections and roll into balls in the palms of your hands.
- Lightly dust the work surface and roll into oval pitta shapes about 3-4mm thick.
- Place on a baking sheet and cook in a 220°C oven for 10 minutes.
- Turn over the pitta and cook for a further 5 minutes.
- Cool on a wire rack.



Preparation  
Time:  
15 minutes



Cooking Time:  
15 minutes

### Notes

- low fat, low sugar
- contains calcium, iron, zinc & vitamin

## Barnet Primary Athletics Competition

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, a range of children from years 3 to 6 were selected to go to Stone X stadium to take part in the Barnet Primary Schools Athletics Championships. The weather was great, and the children were full of smiles! Colindale were amongst 16 schools competing on the day. The children had a fantastic time taking part in field and track events such as long jump, vortex throw, shot put, speed bounce, 60 metre and 80 metre sprints, 400m and relay races. It was a fun-filled day and the children had wonderful competitive spirit! The competition was very tough, but the children had an excellent time taking part and made Colindale enormously proud.



Ramy in 6R was particularly successful in the Year 6 boys long jump, coming in second place. The Year 4 girls and boys worked brilliantly as a team, to win their relay races and come in first place. The Year 5 boys came second in their relay race and the Year 6 boys came third, which was a great result.

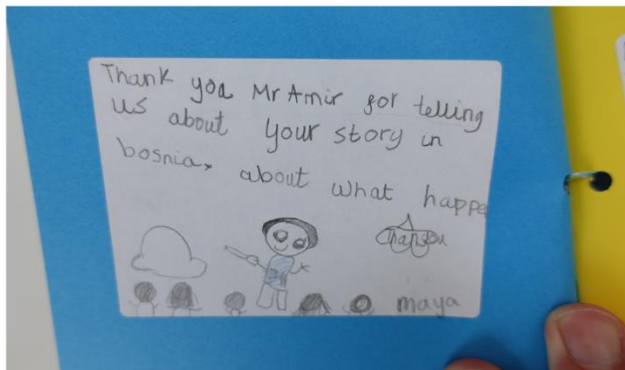
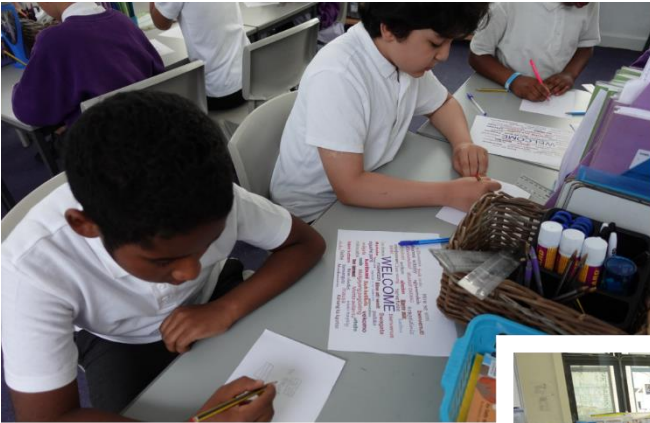
Overall, it was a fantastic day, and the children are looking forward to getting into the competitive spirit again next year,



The week from 19<sup>th</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup> of June was Refugee Week at Colindale Primary School. This is an important focus for us because we know many of our families have either moved from their country of origin through choice or have been forced to move for their own safety. It is also important to highlight how we at Colindale welcome and support refugee families considering negative coverage in the national press.

Through a range of classroom-based activities, assemblies and some parents who were kind enough to volunteer, the children explored what a refugee is, some of their experiences and how we can make them feel welcome. A big thank you to Mrs. Azim for coming in to talk about her work as a lawyer working with and representing those seeking asylum in the UK. It was a sobering insight into the challenges people face when they seek refuge in this country, but also interesting to hear more about the processes that take place in becoming a refugee.

Thank you also to Mrs Nebi and Mr Musinovic. Mrs Nebi spoke to us about leaving her home country when she was a 7-year-old girl. She told us about coming to school in the UK with no English, an experience that many of our children share. She explained how through the kindness of others, especially her first teacher, and her own hard work, she was able to learn English and feel more at home here. Mr Musinovic left Bosnia when he was 17. He described leaving with his injured father on horseback, travelling through mountains to reach safety. His story really opened our eyes to the difficult life refugees face, travelling in unknown countries, with nothing except the clothes they were wearing. Even having to tie the detached soles of his shoes back on with wire. For both Mrs Nebi and Mr Musinovic it was clear that the UK was home to them now and that they were made to feel safe and welcome by the communities they entered. I'd like to think all our school community would do the same, in fact we see the children do it whenever we have new arrivals. Refugee week is about celebrating and maintaining that.



## Year 5 History Workshop

On the 15<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5 took part in a day's history workshop based around their 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 made their own wax tablets. In the afternoon, Year 5 children practiced Greek plays and dances, and held a show where the spectators were served a range of typical Ancient Greek foods, such as bread, grapes, apples and pears, by their very own 'slaves'! The workshop was a fantastic and informative way to

engage the children.

Saara, 5J – *I enjoyed learning about what types of clothes the ancient Greeks wore and I enjoyed mixing spices that were used for medication.* Kiaan, 5B – *We got to experience how the Ancient Greeks lived in their era. We did many different activities related to what the Greeks did. I enjoyed it!* Sophie, 5M – *I loved dressing up like a Greek girl and enjoyed creating my own marble tile that we got to take home after!*

## Year 5 National Gallery Trip

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 5 journeyed across London to the National Gallery for our 'Take One Picture' art project. We roamed around the galleries discussing paintings that linked to our topic lessons, such as Luca Giordano's 'Perseus turning Phineas and his followers to stone' which was covered in our English lessons about Greek myths. We focused on our key painting 'Surprised' by Henri Rousseau discussing its origin and style, linking it back to the elements of art we've learnt. The children had a great informative day out and enjoyed the excellent sunny weather during their outdoor lunch, smiles all round! Zoha, 5J –



*We analysed the painting 'Surprised!' by Henri Rousseau and I was impressed by the vibrant colours and the background and the intricate detail of the tiger.* Lucas, 5B – *I loved all the intricate patterns and designs in the Art Gallery, such as the mosaics and the Corinthian columns made from marble. My favourite painting was a Cubist painting created by Picasso where I could see many objects in it.* Raam, 5M – *I enjoyed learning about all the small details on each painting and the background of the artists. My favourite painting was the Umbrella*