

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter

## November 2022

### Messages from the school office



**Reception 2023** – Reception application deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Applications are completed online at <https://bit.ly/3O0zFPP>. If you have questions, please call the school office.

**ParentPay** – We are a cashless school, and the office **will not accept** cash for any payments. You must activate your ParentPay account. If you need assistance, please come to the school office.

**School Dinner** – you can only change your lunch arrangements at the end of each half term. A letter will be sent home on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you wish to change your child's lunch arrangement, please complete the form and return it to the school office before the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Medical Appointments** – all medical appointments should be arranged during the school holidays. If this cannot happen, please ensure you provide the office with proof of the appointment and inform the office in plenty of time.

#### Dates To Remember

1/12/2022 - Open Lesson - Y6

2/12/2022 - Class Assembly – 3N

05/12/2022 - Open Lesson - Y2

07/12/2022 - Open Lesson – Y1

09/12/2022- Class Assembly – 3F

13/12/2022- Reception Christmas Song Performance for parents

14/12/2022 - Y3 Carol Concert for parents

14/12/2022 - Winter Fair

**16/12/2022 - School Finishes at 2 p.m.**

03/01/2023 Training day for staff – School closed

**04/01/2022 - All children return to school**

## Interfaith week

The 14th-20th November was Interfaith Week at Colindale. Pupils brought in an object that is important to their religion or that represents a non-religious belief they have. They showed their special object to their class and explained why it is important. It was great to listen to the pupils share their beliefs with each other.



Across the school we listened to stories from different religions and thought about what they might teach people. Year 2 learnt about the stories of Hanukkah and Diwali. Josiah in 2T said "They are both about good and bad, and good winning in the end." And Alyssa noticed "Light helps the people in both of the stories."

Year 3 were visited by Rabbi Jackie Tabick. She showed them how some Jewish people dress and told them some of the routines and rituals Jewish people might carry out. We also found out that in her group of Judaism there are female Rabbis and that she was the first female Rabbi in Britain.

Year 4 were visited by Father Matthew Duckett. He told us about some of the symbols and features of a Church and how they are used in ceremonies such as Baptisms, Holy Communion and Sunday services. He also showed us a sacred oil that will be used to anoint the new king.



## Year 6 School Journey to Hindleap Warren

This November, 42 year 6 children enjoyed three fantastic days away in East Sussex at the Hindleap Warren Outdoor Activity Centre.

During the trip, the children took part in a range of challenging and adventurous activities: shelter building, fire lighting, climbing an assault course, team building games and an unforgettable forest adventure that involved wading through mud and streams. During the evening, the children took part in an exciting challenge night and watched a film to wind down after a fun-packed day.

The children were well-looked after throughout their stay, by six of our staff and the centre's own instructors. They slept in cosy log cabin-style accommodation and enjoyed a delicious menu with a wide-ranging choice of foods for all tastes. The tuck shop was also a big hit with them too! All of the children agreed that they had a great time, they discovered they had the courage to try new things and that they learnt many new skills.

**Thanks to all our staff who gave up their time to make this wonderful school journey possible:**

**Ms Dray, Mr Najjar, Miss Pindoria, Ms Savenkova, Ms Murphy and Mrs French**





## Year 4 Trip to Verulamium

As part of our learning about the Romans, we visited Verulamium in St Albans which was once an important Roman city. The children took part in a fascinating workshop where they investigated Roman artefacts close-up. Some of the artefacts



were two thousand years old! The children needed to think as



historians to work out what the objects may have been used for and who might have used them. The children were particularly interested in how the Romans kept themselves clean! When exploring the artefacts Mohammad (4J) commented "I can't believe how old these are!"

The children then explored the grounds. They were able to spot remains of the Roman wall that once protected the city. Visiting the Hypocaust was a particular highlight for the children as the children were impressed by the Roman's engineering skills. We also saw beautiful examples of detailed mosaics used to decorate the floors. "I loved the hypocaust and learnt how they made underfloor heating." Monishka, 4G



"The mosaics were my favourite because they were pretty." Zaina, 4G



The museum gave children an opportunity to learn more about Roman life in Britain as well as see more artefacts such as coins, tools and jewelry. Seeing the artefacts close-up helped bring their history learning to life. "My favorite part was seeing the skeletons in the museum. I can't believe they're real and used to live here!" Marco (4P) commented.

## Eco Schools

In October we celebrated our annual **Walk to School month**. The children were encouraged to travel to school in a **sustainable way** such as walking, cycling or scooting to raise awareness and help tackle climate change\*. It was a huge success as we made **6,253** sustainable journeys.



## WELL DONE!

\* **Climate change** is a consequence of rising average global temperatures caused by greenhouse gas emissions from burning fossil fuels. The effects of climate change include extreme heat and drought, more rainfall and more frequent extreme weather events such as storms and floods. Some of the solutions to climate change are:

- Keep fossil fuels in the ground
- Invest in renewable energy
- Switch to **sustainable transport**

(Source: [www.greenpeace.org.uk](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk))



## Rights Respecting Schools Award

### Article of the month for NOVEMBER = Article 15

This article states that children have the right to meet with other children and join groups, as long as it does not stop other children from enjoying their rights.

This fitted in well with our work during anti-bullying week, also in November.

Colindale School is a caring school, supporting many different charities over the year.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, we had lots of children AND staff, walking around in pyjamas! We did this as part of Children in Need Day.

Before the day, the Rights Champions and School Council members suggested that we should also support a charity chosen by Colindale pupils. They had three to choose from and every class was able to vote. The results were very close, but the charity chosen by most pupils was...

### **The Pakistan Floods Appeal.**

We raised the FANTASTIC amount of **£836.75** from the charity day and will be sending money to both appeals, Children in Need and the Flood appeal.

The School Council and Rights Champions will meet soon to decide how to split the total between the two charity appeals.

Fundraising helps children to realise that not everyone is as fortunate as they are.

This is how the money raised may be used.....well done and thank you to everyone who donated during these difficult times. This money will make a real difference to so many children in need.

<b>£30 will help pay for an emergency shelter</b>	<b>£43 will help pay for a family to get a water and hygiene kit</b>	<b>£80 will help pay for 20 children to continue their education</b>
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