

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter

## December 2019



Year 3 children and their families had a great time investigating magnetic forces in their **science open lesson**. Everyone learnt the scientific language of magnets, such as repel and attract, and then used it to describe what they could see while they were investigating which magnets were the strongest. Superb Science everyone! See you at the next open lesson! *Mrs Averbrook. (Assistant Head)*



## Merry Christmas

*This term we are saying a fond farewell to Lisa Thompson, Honorata Dziwisz & Romina Mezzatesta - we wish them every success in their new careers.*

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every member of the Colindale School Community!***

### A message from Colindale Primary School Governing Board



As a result of our visits to Colindale in our role as governors and from information on the school website, we can see that our children enjoy a very rich curriculum. During our recent Learning Walk we enjoyed looking at the children's displays and were also particularly impressed by the standard of work we saw at the recent art exhibition. We are very proud of all the activities both in and out of school that the children participate in. We know how much hard work this is for the staff, but the benefits for the children are enormous.

As Chair of Governors I was thrilled at being invited to accompany Ms Rodgers to City Hall in September. Colindale Primary School was invited to be one of the Mayor's Schools for Success. This celebrates the amazing progress the children have made. The governors would like to extend their congratulations to the children and the staff for all the hard work undertaken.

The Governors and school will be facing challenging times financially in the coming year, but we can be assured that the senior leaders and the rest of the staff will do their utmost to make sure that this has minimal impact on the children.

We wish you a restful holiday, a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

*Sheila Franks (Chair of Governors)*



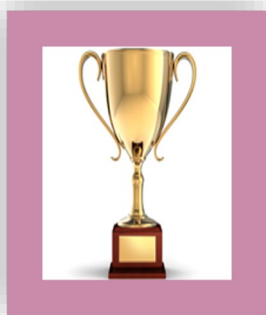
There was lots of fun to be had at our **Winter Fair**, organised by our Parent Staff Association. Children from every year group made items to sell. There were stalls selling reindeer food for hungry reindeer on Christmas Eve, calendars, decorated mini Christmas trees, delicious baked goods (not to mention the amazing cakes which parents

contributed), mugs, keyrings, sweet treats and much, much more. We also had staff from the local Burnt Oak Leisure Centre handing out free passes, as well as donating our main raffle prize.

Lots of children went to see Santa Claus in his grotto and told them what they wished for Christmas before receiving their gifts. There were games, including reindeer hoop-la with Coach Michael playing Rudolph for the evening, giving children the chance to throw hoops onto his antlers. I want to say a very big **THANK YOU** to Ms Wayland and Mrs. Grossi who played a huge part in organising the event and ensured it was the great success that it was!



Last week Year 6 visited the **Tate Modern to see Olafur Eliasson's exhibition 'In Real Life'**. They were mesmerised by the artist's use of light and natural phenomena. In one pitch-black room, a fountain exploded in time to random flashes of light and, in the exhibit 'Your Blind Passenger', they travelled through a fog-filled tunnel in which it was impossible to see more than a metre ahead. This really challenged their sense of sight and forced them to think about how all of their senses work together to help them form a view of the world. This was many children's first visit to the Tate Modern and they thoroughly enjoyed it. *Mr. Kaffel (Class teacher)*



## Attendance awards

In December the following classes were awarded the **Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance: **6K, 4B and 2J twice!**

**WELL DONE!**

All our sports teams have had a brilliant start to their seasons. The **Boys' Football team** have won three games of the four games played, with a stand out performance against Deansbrook beating them 6-1. They are also into the second round of the cup!

The **Girls' Football team** have already improved so much this season under the guidance of Coach Noreen, leading to their first ever win against The Hyde!

The **Tag Rugby team** is now in their second season and are making great improvements. They also played The Hyde where they drew 5-5. Coach Michael is extremely proud of the effort and determination shown by the team and is positive about the rest of the season. *Lianne Nuttall Leader*



There has been a big focus on Rights Respecting this half-term as we prepared for the election of a new **Rights Champions' Committee**.

Throughout the term, children in class and assemblies learned about how elections work, linking their discussions to the recent General Election. Everyone was given the chance to put forward their name and then each class voted to choose their own representative for the year group elections. With ballot boxes and voting slips ready for action on December 12<sup>th</sup>, excitement was high!

There was a high voter turnout and the results were very close! The following pupils have been elected as the Rights Champions for 2020: **WELL DONE!!!**



Year 1 – David 1M	Year 2 – Zach 2P	Year 3 – Isabelle 3K
Year 4 – Danny 4B	Year 5 – Christlyn 5H	Year – 6 Hamed 6N

The annual **Year 3 Carol Concert** was, as always, a great success! We had lots of parents and family members who enjoyed the confident re-telling of the Nativity



story, accompanied by beautifully sung traditional Christmas carols. Father Christmas joined us for a while and the choir sang *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* to him which he really enjoyed. Well done year 3!



On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, year 5 went to **Chick-enshed theatre company**, where they performed Snow

White. We travelled there by coach and it took approximately forty-five minutes. When we got there, we walked into the theatre and excitedly took our seats. The performance was a twisted, modern day take on Snow White. We loved how they included children from all ages and many with disabilities. We really liked that there were people using sign language to explain what was happening and the scenes were funny and made us laugh. We enjoyed the parts where they included us as the audience and there were lots of songs to enjoy. We particularly liked the part where Snow White met the seven people after she ran away from her step mother Jane and when Snow White pretended to be shot and was very dramatic as she 'died'.

By Rowan, Maya and Abisna 5JT

CONGRATULATIONS to all our **Reception children** who performed several traditional Christmas songs to a hall packed with their parents and family



members. The audience were smiling throughout at the confidence and skill at which the children performed. A memorable concert and great part of our Christmas celebrations at Colindale! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**