



Colindale Primary School Newsletter December 2022



Messages from the school office

Reception 2023 – Reception application deadline is the 15th January 2023. Applications are completed online at <https://bit.ly/3O0zFPP>. We advise that you make your applications before the deadline in case of technical problems. If you have questions, please call the school office.

ParentPay – As of January 2023 the school office will not accept cash as a form of payment for school dinners, educational visits, workshops or any other items. All payments will be made through ParentPay only. If you have not activated your account, please do so ASAP.

Last Day – School will finish at 2p.m. on the 16th December. Please ensure you collect your child(ren) on time.

Dates To Remember

16/12/2023 - Last day of term, school closes at 2 p.m.

03/01/2023 - Staff Training Day – no children at school

04/01/2023 - All children return to school

13/01/2023 - 2T Class Assembly

20/02/2023 - 2C Class Assembly

2/01/2022 - 2M Class Assembly

03/02/2023 - 1A Class Assembly

10/02/2023 - 1T Class Assembly

13/02/2023 - 17/02/2023 Spring Half Term – school closed

20/02/2023 - All children return to school

24/02/2022 - 1R Class Assembly



Eco Schools

With Christmas fast approaching, why not make it a zero waste Christmas? All you need is some simple materials and imagination. The whole family can be involved and enjoy creating things together.

You can make decorations out of herbs like rosemary. You can tie sprigs of rosemary together to form a wreath and it can be as large or small as you'd like. Smaller wreaths can be used to hang in your tree or even as napkin rings for your Christmas table.

Oranges can also be used for decorations. You can take some little oranges and decorate them with cloves which smell amazing. It is incredibly simple to assemble and make a stunning centerpiece for any Christmas table.

Why not use Kraft paper to wrap your presents and reduce your Christmas wrapping waste? You can draw or add stamps on it, to make it more attractive.



Healthy Schools

Have you seen our Worry Monster? You can find one in every classroom and office; even Ms. Rodgers has one! Worry monsters are used to resolve children's worries. When children feel they have a worry or a troubling thought, they can write it down or draw a picture and feed it to their class monster. Sometimes just writing down a worry can be helpful in itself. In Colindale we always strive to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to the parents, children and staff who bought a poppy this year and contributed to the **£200.76** we managed to raise to commemorate military people who have died in war.



Parent Governor

We have a new parent Governor- Mrs. Asia Manzoor. She has two children in at Colindale - Lybah in 4P and Shaan in R KW. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for putting herself forward to join the Governing Board and welcome her to this most important position.

Friendship Party

Thank you to the staff and parents who once again helped to make our annual, and ever popular, friendship party, a real success. The children who attended, and there were many of them, had a great time, eating pizza, chatting, dancing and just being with each other. We also managed to raise £820 for the school. Thank you again!



Congratulations to... Suhavi and Gunnaaz for being awarded these impressive certificates and cups for their achievements in the Martial arts of Qwan Ki Do, that they participate and clearly work hard in, out of school. Well done!



Goodbyes to staff

We sadly will be saying goodbye to two members of staff who are leaving Colindale for pastures new: Mrs Badiani, who has been supporting children in RJW and also to Coach Micahel, who has been working with children across the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck!

Barnet Infant School Music Festival

This year the Barnet Infant Music Festival was held at Colindale School. Infant choirs from The Hyde School and Brooklands Primary School came to Colindale to sing with us. All the children in Year 2 were part of the Colindale Infant Choir. During the morning they joined in with songs all schools had learnt; sung in 'a round'; practiced body percussion and performed their choice of song 'Teddy Bear

Rock'. The children were fantastic and made us all very proud.



KS1 Open Lessons

In December both Year 1 and Year 2 held open lessons for parents. The open lessons were based on how handwriting is taught in KS1 and how the children learn to form each letter correctly so that they will eventually be able to write in joined up handwriting. All the open lessons were well attended and parents commented on how useful the lessons were. The children showed parents how to warm up the muscles in their hands; how to strengthen their core; and how to hold a pencil correctly. The children worked hard to write their letters correctly and some even moved on to practising joining some letters or words.



Interschool football match reports

The Boys' football team have been busy playing several league fixtures over the past few weeks! On Tuesday 29th November, they played a home match against Deansbrook Primary school. Despite playing really well, and scoring a great goal, they unfortunately lost 4-1. However, last week on Tuesday 6th December, the team played another home match against Barnfield Primary school and performed brilliantly. They picked themselves up and worked extremely hard for each other. As a result, they won **6-0**, with Elvis, Iman scoring two of the goals and Khalid scoring a fantastic hat trick. An excellent result and we hope this continues into the new year. It has been lovely to have sports matches back at Colindale and hope that more spectators will come along to watch and support our school teams.



Colindale Choir

Last week the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Alison Moore, invited our wonderful and talented school choir to sing at an event outside the Barnet Council Offices. They harmoniously sang a range of Christmas carols and seasonal songs beautifully, led by Mrs. Hurn and Ms. Marshall. Well done!



3F Nativity

As our minds turned toward the end of term, class 3F catapulted us headfirst towards Christmas with a wonderful nativity performance in front of Years 1-6 and the 3F families. It was a beautifully performed production full of Christmas songs as the children took us through the well-known story of Christmas. The costumes were a delight, the singing uplifting and the acting delivered confidently. It was clear how hard the 3F children and staff had worked on being prepared for their big show and they did the school proud with a polished and soul warming retelling this traditional story of Christmas.

It was hugely pleasing to see so many adults there to support the 3F children, it really does make a difference to them. 3F also emphasised the modern implications of nativity, which is that we should seek to be kind to those less fortunate than ourselves, especially at this time of year. A very important message for us to remember. Thank you so much 3F for getting us all in the Christmas spirit and, as we dive head long into a cold snap outside, thank you for warming our hearts at this special time of year.



Year 3 Carol Concert

In the final week of term we were treated to festive sounds of the Year 3 Carol Concert. They had worked extremely hard learning the words to all the songs and treated us to a highly festive concert in the hall. The children sang confidently and even had to sing acapella for the first two songs as we experienced end of term technical difficulties. Very well-done Year 3 and thank you so much for a beautiful concert to end the term.



Colindale Winter Fayre

What a great winter fayre we had! It was fun and full of festive cheer with games, tasty things to eat and of course Father Christmas.

Thank you to the staff and parents who helped make it such a success and a very big thank-you to Mrs. Hurn who organised it; without her energy, determination, vision and brilliant planning skills, it would not have happened.



We hope you have a very, merry Christmas and peaceful, enjoyable and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!