

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

Issue 7: Friday 12th January

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely break. It has been wonderful welcoming you and your children back to school this week – despite the freezing temperatures!



At Colindale we are all raring to go to make this Spring Term full of amazing learning opportunities. The week started off, for staff, with a training day on Monday – where all staff took part in Cyber Security training. We also did some work on our Vision and Values for the school. We all know we are here to educate the next generation – but we also looked a bit deeper into ‘why’ we do what we do and what makes Colindale such a special place for children. Here are just some of the things the staff said:

“To develop good, socially conscious, educated human beings that can change the world for the better.”

“To promote inclusion and create kind and resilient children.”

“To help children reach their full potential in all aspects of life – academic, social, emotional and personal.”

“To ensure that children have the opportunity to fully engage in ‘lifelong learning’ opportunities irrespective of their educational needs and backgrounds. We aim to maximise the potential of learners in ALL areas.”

“To give children the tools and skills to achieve and know what they are capable of.”

I’m sure you will all agree with these things – as school is not just about learning facts, it is much bigger than that. We want all pupils at Colindale to learn and grow into responsible and successful human beings. 😊

This week staff also had Visual Impairment training and pupils in years 3 and 4 learnt about what it means to be visually impaired and how you can support friends who are.

The school has been filled with beautiful singing this week at lunch and break times as the KS2 choir practice for their very exciting Young Voices event at the O2 next week. More news about that in the next newsletter.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Zunic, our office admin assistant today. Mrs Zunic has worked at Colindale since February 2019 and has been a valuable member of staff, with her professionalism, organisation, and smiles. At Colindale we believe not only in growing the children but also the staff and she has secured herself a promotion as Office Manager at a local Barnet school, which is fantastic news for her - we wish her all the best!

Mrs Jane Palmer
Headteacher

Attendance awards for 09.01.24 – 12.01.24

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) –



Gold (highest attendance, but below 100%)- **6B**



Silver (second highest attendance)- **3G**



Bronze (3rd highest attendance) – **4P**

Well done to all the winners!

Attendance Notice

This term we will continue to closely monitor attendance and punctuality – as **this week's attendance has been below the national standard**. Whilst I appreciate that during winter months some children may not be well – there are a lot of families who have taken additional days away and not returned from their holidays. This is against school policy and **will not be authorised**. The office has the right to ask for all **original documentation** regarding missed flights – including when the original flights were booked, cancellation documents and new booking documents. If we have reason to believe the flights in term time were booked in advance and not in an emergency situation – you will be fined.

Our attendance policy states:

Term time holidays will not be authorised and may result in a fine. If there is an urgent need for a child to be taken out of school during term time, parents are required to fill in an absence request form in advance. The Headteacher will usually request to meet with the parents before making the decision as to whether the request will be authorised or not. Authorisation is rare and only agreed under exceptional circumstances.

This week the government have launched a new campaign called “**Moments matter, Attendance Counts**” that include adverts aiming to outline the importance of attendance for attainment, wellbeing and development, as well as signposting parents and carers to support.



Rights Respecting at Colindale

Article 31

The right to relax, play and take part in a range of cultural activities such as dance, music, art and sport.



What is your favourite cultural activity, in or out of school?

Which one would you like to try out?

Should these activities just be 'fun' or also 'competitive'?

National
Storytelling Week



Why not share
a story with
someone you
love?

Some things to think about and discuss:

WHY is it important to relax?

HOW do you like to relax?

Do we, at Colindale, have a wide enough range of cultural activities?

How does our school building and grounds help us meet Article 31?

Give any ideas to your Playground Pal, Rights Champion or School Council representatives.

These ideas can then be discussed at future meetings.

At Colindale, we offer a variety of school clubs to broaden the childrens horizons. For example, we offer art club, coding club and sports clubs. Please see the school website using the link below to find out more information [Clubs - Other - Colindale Primary School](https://www.colindaleprimaryschool.co.uk/Clubs-Other-Colindale-Primary-School/)

Emergency Exit Buttons on School Gates

Please do not lift and break / push the emergency button to exit via Poolsford Gate. This is for emergency use only .

If the gate is closed / locked then you will need to walk along the path and exit via Clovelly Avenue.

The gate is closed at certain points of the day for safeguarding reasons.

Once the emergency button has been pressed the gate will no longer lock and we must pay to reset it and fix the broken glass. This is not a good use of school money, which could have been spent on your children.



Cost of living

We understand that for some families buying uniform can be yet another cost that is added to their ever increasing bills – during this cost of living crisis. We want to be able to support all families at Colindale, therefore, every Friday there will be a rail in the main entrance foyer with 2nd hand uniform for you to take. Each week there will be a range of the uniform we have – we cannot guarantee sizes, items etc – it is just what we have or has been donated to us.

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and it is in good condition, then please donate it to a family you know or to school instead of throwing it away.



Well Being Support



Barnet Wellbeing Service

Barnet Wellbeing Café

What is it?

The Wellbeing Café is run by the Barnet Wellbeing Hub and hosted at The Meritage Centre. It is a warm, welcoming space for the community where people can relax, feel comfortable and confident sharing their story, and learning together. The Wellbeing Café is now run fortnightly and is an opportunity to socialise and meet new people, learn about new activities, and enjoy taster sessions and various wellbeing activities. This service is delivered by Meridian Wellbeing.

How can it help me?

Everyone is welcome at the Wellbeing Café and you can join in for as much or as little as you feel comfortable. As a safe environment, it helps you build your confidence in meeting others, socialising and potentially making new friends.

With the programme of wellbeing exercises and activities, you'll get the opportunity to discover more about what others have enjoyed and taken part in.

How can I access it?

The Wellbeing Café is free for anyone to join and you can just turn up!
To complete a self referral, please [click here](#).

[Wellbeing Cafe | Barnet Wellbeing](#)

Dr Bike

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks, particularly among parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the new year. I can therefore announce we will continue to run these through January, February and March at the following locations/dates/times on a rotating basis each month:

The free Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free.



Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	17/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	24/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	31/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	07/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	14/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	28/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	06/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	13/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	27/03/2024	4pm to 7pm

Barnet Education and Learning Service

Early Years SEN Conference

Date: Wednesday 24th January 2024

9.45am-1.30pm on Zoom



Filling your Well-being Bucket - Supporting SEN Early Years Children and Families



This conference is for Barnet parents/carers of Early Years children and professionals working in Early Years including staff from nurseries, private, voluntary and independent settings and schools, organised by Barnet Early Years SEND Advisors, Barnet Early Years SEND Workstream and Educational Psychology Team.

The conference is an opportunity for the Barnet community to learn more about how we can support children within the Early Years, particularly focusing on understanding and supporting children's and family well-being for those with special educational needs.

The conference will be free for attendees. To book a place click on the link:

[Booking Form](#)

Schedule for the morning *may be subject to change

TIMING	SESSIONS
9:45-10:15	Conference Key Note Speaker: Dr Nick Gore, Tizard Centre Early-Positive Approaches To Support (E-PATS)
10:15-11:00	Session 1: Emotional Well-being Workshop – Educational Psychology Team
11:00-11:45	Session 2: Supporting Siblings Workshop – Mencap
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00-12:45	Session 3: Intensive Interaction – Speech and Language Therapy Team Intensive Interaction is an approach to help children at early levels of development to enjoy being with other people, relate, interact, know, understand and practise communication.
12:45-1:30	Session 4: Sleep – Barnet Early Autism Model (BEAM) & SEND Early Years Team



Booking form: [Click Here](#)

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Messages from the school office

Swimming – Please send children’s swimming kit on the days when they have a swimming lesson.

Payments - please check your Arbor account to make a payment for school trips and breakfast clubs (if attending)

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

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:

Monday 15 th January 2024	KS2 Choir - Young Voices Concert @the O2 Arena
Friday 19 th January 2024	2M Class Assembly
Friday 26 th January 2024	2T Class Assembly
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	Year Trip to RAF Museum
Friday 2 nd February 2024	1A Class Assembly
Wednesday 7 th February	1CH – Class Assembly Please note change of date
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last day of half term – school finishes at 3.30pm
Mon 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb 2024	Half Term Break – school closed
Monday 19 th February 2024	All pupils return to school
Friday 23 rd February 2024	1T Class Assembly
Friday 1 st March 2024	5J Class Assembly
Friday 8 th March 2024	5T Class Assembly
Friday 15 th March 2024	5M Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd March 2024	4P Class Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – School finishes at 2pm
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April 2024	School Holidays – School Closed
Monday 15 th April 2024	Staff INSET - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	All pupils return to school
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of half term – school finishes at 3.30pm
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term Break – School closed
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Staff INSET - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Last day of term – School finishes at 2pm.