

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

January 2019



Article of the month of

Every child has the right to share their views, feelings and wishes in all matters. Views will be considered and taken seriously.

On Wednesday 16th January the children in **Year 3** visited the **Hare Krishna Temple in Watford** as part of their R.E. and PSHE curriculum. The trip was insightful and informative. The children had the opportunity to learn about what Hindus believe and how community life works. They were also given a tour of the shrine, garden and working farm. *"I enjoyed dressing up as Hindu gods and goddesses because the clothes were colourful and beautiful."* Nadia.

"I enjoyed it when we fed the cows. We gave them carrots and lettuce and we saw how they were milked. We saw the baby cows as well." Caiden

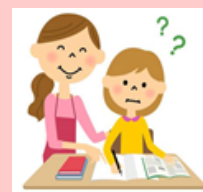
"I liked the food because it was crispy and yummy. We had bread, rice, curry, chips and cookies." Hani

"What I enjoyed the most was the face painting because we looked pretty." Ulrica

"I liked the cart ride because we had the chance to drive it and guide the ox." Heidi



Mrs. Grigoriadou (Class teacher)



Home Learning

Our new **Home Learning** page is now on the school website at:

<https://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk/learning/home-learning/>

In every class children have been shown how to access the 100s of activities on offer.

If you need help, please ask your child's teacher.

REMINDER: School starts at 8.30 am for the nursery and 8.50 am for all other year groups, with the expectation that children are in the playground by 8.45 am ready to go into class. Children who are late miss the first part of a lesson, find it more difficult to settle into the lesson and disrupt learning for others. We have a **Breakfast club** which opens at 7.45 am. If you think your child's attendance at this would be useful and ensure better punctuality, please talk to a member of the office team for advice, or visit the CLUBS page on the school website.



Attendance awards

In January the following classes were awarded the **Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

1K, 2N, 2J, 6T & 4M twice! WELL DONE!

4J were awarded the **Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing

100% attendance with no lates **FANTASTIC!!**



Dates for your diaries:

4th February – Coffee morning for parents of children with special educational needs

5th February – Coffee morning with Headteacher and Deputy Head

12th and 14th February – Parent Consultation evenings throughout the school.

18th–22nd February – Half term holiday



RIDING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Our children with physical disabilities, learning difficulties and autism have been benefitting from horse riding for the disabled for a long time now. We visit Penniwells Stables in Edgware every Thursday, taking children in our minibus, which is adapted to take wheelchairs safely. Being on a horse is great physical and mental therapy, helping our children to be in control and be able to move in a way that takes them out of their wheelchair and makes them feel 'on top of the world'. It is also very calming activity for children with autism. Unfortunately, due to cuts, we are no longer able to subsidise this activity from our school budget and have had to do some fundraising. Year 4 raised over £200 when they sang carols at Bang Bang Oriental Foodhall in December. A big thank you to Year 4, they are obviously very good singers! This will meet the cost of the Spring Term. We are trying to find other ways of raising money so if you know of any, or are willing to make a donation, please speak to Ms Napthine. *(Assistant Headteacher)*



Eco News We are delighted to announce that we are in the process of purchasing a flag pole to fly our Green Flag. Very soon the world will know, from our flag flying high, that we are an Eco School!



Say No
to
Plastics

In other news, the Eco Committee are joining forces with the Debating Club to protest against plastic. The London School of Economics will be visiting our school on 11th February to help us to start the process of protesting against this world wide environmental issue. Both clubs cannot wait to be a part of a London wide fight against the use of plastic.

The Eco Committee are also joining forces with the School Council who have noticed an increase in litter. Alongside Mr Celi and Mr McDonnell, the committees will do a weekly litter pick, as well as communicating to all children the need for keeping our school and local environment clear from litter.

Miss Thompson (PSHE & Eco School Leader)



Our newly trained **Parent Champions**, worked with our original group of Parent Champions, to provide parents with information about local children's centres. This included what they offer for children from 0-5 years old, as well as for adults who may be looking for ESOL classes. Please feel free to approach our Parent Champions when you see them, to ask about local services, such as



library sessions, nurseries and childminders.

*Mrs. Averbroom
(Assistant Headteacher)*

Site security & safety: From Monday 4th February the doors leading from the playground to the swimming pool and the doors from the playground to the office **will no longer be open**. Too many people are still using these doors, despite being closed for over a year now. I counted over 125 people using these doors as an exit from the playground just last week! From now on, to ensure our school is as safe as it can be, the office, school hall, swimming pool & collecting children late, can only be accessed from the main front door near the Clovelly gate.

*It has been a very busy month for our **sports teams**. Earlier in the month, a group of children from Year 3 and 4*



competed in a New Age Curling competition, where they played brilliantly. They finished in second place! The boy's football team have played against Broadfields primary school in another league game. Despite creating lots of chances, the team lost 3-1. However, they didn't let this affect the team's morale and determination as they went on to compete in a Borough



tournament. At the tournament they won 3 games and lost 2, which means they narrowly missed out on qualifying further. The girl's football team have also played another league game. This game was away to Edgware Primary School. In difficult conditions, the girls played some great football. Unfortunately, they lost the game 2-0, but should be very proud of their performance. Ms. Nuttall (PE Leader)