

Colindale Primary School

Newsletter

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RRSA

The new **Rights Champions Committee** met for the first time this year and they are keen to get going.

We talked about how the Champions can help to make sure that ALL children keep learning as much as possible about Rights Respecting. Every classroom has a Rights Charter, but we agreed that we should also have a Playground Charter.

After reading and discussing Article 15: 'Children have the right to meet with others and join groups as long as it does not stop others enjoying their rights, and Article 31: Children have the right to relax, play and take part in a range of activities.', the Champions put forward some ideas about what adults AND children should do during playtime, to ensure that this is a good time for everyone.

The next step will be to put these suggestions into a charter and take it back to each class so they can vote on the best ideas, then we can create a playground charter.



Little Rainbows

This month in Little Rainbows Nursery we have been reading **Elmer in the Snow**. The children enjoyed listening to the story and they liked describing the herd of elephants, sorting them by their size and counting them.

To link with the story, the children have been playing with small world elephants in pretend snow, they used their creativity to make their own colourful Elmer and they had fun wearing elephant masks to chase each other outside.

We have also been **learning about winter through play**. The children enjoyed exploring ice, painting on ice and they enjoyed taking part in an ice experiment. They 'saved' the animals trapped in ice by pouring warm water and salt to melt the ice.



We also focused on sharing and being kind to our friends with the help of our new friend Gentle George, a cute and soft teddy bear. **Gentle George** taught the children what hands are used for: hands are used to hold a paintbrush to paint; a cup to drink; a car to play with; or we use our hands to hug our family and friends. Gentle George was very liked by the children. They played with him, cuddled him, they even took him out in the garden to find wiggly worms with him. And they will take him home in the following weeks so they can build some more beautiful memories together.



Nursery

Children in nursery have been working hard and having lots of fun.

The recent spell of cold weather allowed us to carry out **investigations with frost and ice**. Haider used two blocks to make his own ice skates to slide around on the slippery floor....'I'm skating!'

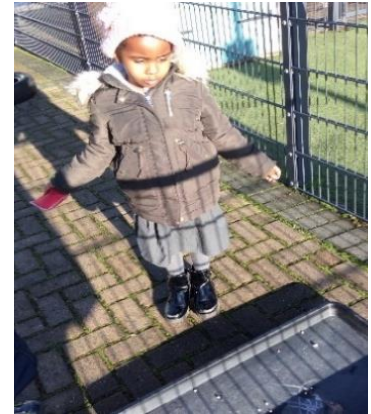
A'isha and Farron had great fun painting the ice cubes then using the cubes to make marks on paper. They then decided to wrap each cube in paper, 'to stop it melting'.

We checked the cubes at the end of the session, and some were still solid.



Najma is wondering what has happened to the ice cubes left outside. She said, 'They have melted in the sun!'

Mark making in the frost was very popular – using fingers, scrapers and even twigs. Some children wrote the first letter of their name and numbers.

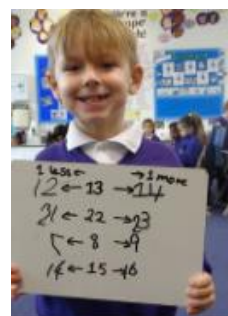
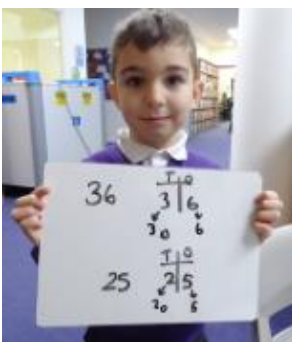


Year 1

The children in Year 1 came back after the Christmas Holidays excited and ready to learn! During January they have been busy across the curriculum. In science they have been **thinking about materials** and which would be the best to make a boat from. They investigated materials, thought about which ones would be waterproof, made their boats, and then tested them to see which would float and which would sink!



They have also been **developing their maths knowledge** by using place value grids, Dienes, working on numbers up to 100, and learning the more than, less than, and equal signs. Their teachers have been very impressed with how well they have learnt and how much they have enjoyed their maths!



Year 3

In Year 3 this half term, we have had a great start to the year! The children have come back settled and ready to learn.

3D performed their first assembly on how to be **Eco-friendly!** It was an informative assembly, and the children are more than ready to get Eco!

In celebration of 100 years of Colindale Primary School, we have many exciting activities and workshops lined up.

In **History**, the children have explored the life and achievements of Claude Grahame- White and the significant impact he had on our local area. We linked this to computing and created concept maps on a computer program, filled with lots of interesting facts!

In **Geography**, we had lots of fun exploring old maps of Colindale in the past, from 1873 and 1920. The children compared similarities and differences to Colindale then and now, and were amazed at the changes in Colindale and the surrounding area over the last 2 centuries.

In **Art**, the children are currently working on creating a 3D map of Colindale from the 1920's and comparing this to the present time, inspired by the work of the artist Tammy Durham.



ECO/Healthy Schools

Looking for easy ways to build healthier habits at home? Why not try using the **free Food Scanner app from Better Health?** The Food Scanner app is a handy health hack for families that helps them to swap unhealthy foods that are high in saturated fat, sugar and salt, to healthier choices.

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