

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

July 2017



Everyone had an amazing time at our **International Fair** this year! From tasting all the delicious food and jumping on the bouncy castles, to watching all of the fabulous acts that performed and winning fabulous prizes from the raffle and Tombola; a lot of fun was had! As Saraya in 4N said, 'It was fun because there were lots of fantastic performances and things to do. I don't know how it could have been better!' Thank you to the PTA, staff and everyone in our fabulously diverse community for making the event such a fantastic success. I have just heard from Michelle Grossi (our fabulous & hard working PTA Chair) that we made a fantastic £2,897.04 profit, which was a 30% increase on last year.

Well done!

Mrs S Averbrook
(Assistant Head)



Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic sunny day out at **Southend-on-Sea** on Monday for their end of primary school trip. The children (and some of the adults!) enjoyed the many rides at Adventure Island. Around midday they rode on the train along to the end of the pier, where they enjoyed eating their lunch and admiring the view. They then walked the mile or so back towards the beach – some sharp-eyed children were lucky enough to spot some fish. A short time was also spent on the beach, where many children searched for crabs. It was a great way to celebrate the end of year 6 – many thanks to all the parents who joined us and provided excellent support to the staff.

Mrs S Robertson (Assistant Head)



In June, we underwent an assessment for the **Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM)**. This was a 2 day assessment which looked in detail at our inclusive practice. We are delighted to say that the assessor was very impressed with the inclusive practice at Colindale School and recommended that we should be awarded the IQM. We are proud of how we include children with different needs and experi-

ences at Colindale and are very pleased that this has been recognised at a national level. We collect the award in the Autumn Term and you will see a plaque displayed on the wall showing all visitors to the school that we are among the most inclusive schools in the country. Thank you to the parents who spoke to the assessor about how their child has benefitted from the inclusion at Colindale.

Ms L Napthine (Assistant Head)

Increased security measures

As I am sure you are all aware, to improve site security, Poolsford gate is now closed except between 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm. During the summer break a CCTV camera and buzzer will be installed by the main school doors, which will now be shut between 9.00am and 3.00pm. If you want to get into the school between those hours for any reason, you will need to press the bell and wait for a member of the office team to let you in. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused, but am certain you understand that the safety of our school, is of paramount importance and our first priority.

Attendance awards

This month the following classes have won the **Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

5F, 3T, 2CC

These classes have won the **Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing 100% attendance with no lates **2FC**

WELL DONE!



Once again I have had **complaints from our neighbours** who live in Clovelly Avenue. They have told us that our parents continue to park across their drive ways, despite many reminders. This means they are often blocked in and cannot get to where they need to be. Please be considerate when driving to Colindale and think about where you can legally and considerately park, before doing so.

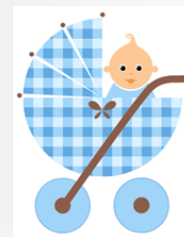


A message from Philippa Poll (Deputy Headteacher)

I'm sure that many of you know that I was lucky enough to have a healthy baby boy in September, whose name is Hugo. He has had an amazing sense of curiosity from the moment he was born and has, as you can imagine brought an enormous amount of pleasure to my husband and I. I have decided that I would like to continue to enjoy as much time with him as possible as well as pursuing my passion for education. Colindale as you know is a very large primary school and it therefore needs a full time deputy. It is with great sadness that I must inform you that I will be leaving Colindale to start another adventure in a new school on a part time basis. I have enjoyed every minute of the last 10 years, watching the school grow from strength to strength and helping to build what is truly a very special community of parents, staff and children. You have all been fantastic to work alongside and I shall miss you all very much.

I wish each and everyone of you the very best for the future and look forward to hearing about all your successes to come.

Fondest wishes, Philippa Poll



WELL DONE TO THESE CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVED **100% ATTENDANCE** FOR THE WHOLE YEAR! At Thursday's school assembly they were awarded with a special certificate and a book token:

CLARA MAZILU in reception: JULIA HOLT, DANIEL HROMEI, OLUWATODIMU OLASUPO, LUKE YAPP, ZHI QUI KAY CHAN, ULRICA CHEN & JAKUB PIETRUCHA in year 1; JIYAN PATEL, BORIS POPOV, PETRU SALAG-EANU, JUN XI WU, CHRISTINE ALBU, ALBERT DEDIU, NALIN TOFI in year 2; XAVIER KERLIN, JUSTIN CHEN, CHLOE TAN, NANA-ADWOA AGYEPONG, MALACHI KERLIN, JIA LER LOW, DIYA PATEL, BERYL ZHENG, REECE JOHNSON, LEWIS O'CONNELL, JEREMY AGYAKWA OKYERE in year 3; SHIV-PRANSHU PATEL, DENIS-VLAS GANGA, ZHI LI, RESHAYNE FEARON-GILCHRIST, NEVAEH TOMLINSON-KHUMALO, ALLANA ACKOM in year 4; GABRIEL MIRON, AARON CARRIBON in year 5; NURIA DIAS BARREIROS, JASMINE AGYAKWA in year 6.



During the latter part of the summer term, Year 1 visited Clacton on Sea. This was part of their topic on 'Seasides' and also a wonderful way to end a very successful year for all the Year Two pupils and staff. This was the first visit for many pupils to a British seaside. Whilst there, many sand castles were made; many pairs of feet were buried in the sand and lots of fun was had by all. The pupils also got to splash in the very cold water. They enjoyed jumping over waves and collecting shells. Before departing for school, the pupils were able to walk to the end of the pier and see what kind of arcades and fun fair rides there were. A fantastic day was had by all!



Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)

Important September dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th September:

School starts for years 1 to 6

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am on Wednesday 6th September. Make sure you register your children if you want a place.

After school club will start at Colindale from Wednesday 6th September from 3.15-6pm. Make sure you register your children if you want a place.

Welcome to your child's new year group & class: Year 6, 7th September; Year 1, 8th September; Year 5, 11th September; Year 2, 12th September; Year 3, 13th September; Year 4, 14th September.

Secondary Transfer—for all year 6 parents 8th September.

Deputy Headteacher

I am very glad to announce that Wendy Wayland, who has been our effective interim deputy headteacher since September 2016 whilst Philippa Poll has been on maternity leave, will be staying at Colindale until we recruit a substantive deputy in the Spring.