

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter July 2018



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**Year 6** delighted Colindale school and their families with their fantastic end of year production ***Pirates of the Curry Bean***. Each

class performed their own version of the story and brought to it their own special magic. The play was funny and accompanied by several



well sung songs. The children acted their parts skilfully, many having to remember multiple lines. Well done to all year 6!



We are saying a fond farewell to several members of our Colindale community:

To staff members:

**Donna Brain, Maureen Orosco, Ranya Ahmed and Rose Goodman—our office team. Stephen Mealy & Shazmin Pesnani—from the Early Years. Caitlin Campbell, Jessica Marshall, Olympia Matheou & Bridget O'Sullivan from our teaching staff . Ali Southam, Maria Gelekis , Phiona Namuyomba, Samina Khan, Dilek Sekerci, Meriam Bekker, Steph Sinani & Zahida Dullo. From our team of Teaching Assistants.**

I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and commitment to Colindale and to wish them all the best in their new ventures.

We are also saying *au revoir* to Sabina Mahmood who will be leaving us for a while to have her first baby; we wish her all the best!

**And of course to our Year 6 children!** Good luck in your secondary schools! I know you will continue to do well and achieve your best!

During July, Year 2 **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. It was a very hot day and, despite a slightly longer than expected coach journey, the pupils were very excited when they saw the sea. Whilst there, many sand castles were made, many shells were collected and lots of fun was had by all. The pupils loved splashing in the refreshingly cold water. They enjoyed jumping over waves and playing with the toys they had brought with them. 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! A special thank you to all the parents who came to help. *Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)*



## Attendance awards



At the leavers Assembly on Thursday 19th July, 32 children were awarded a special certificate and a £5 WHSmith or Amazon voucher for **100% attendance** this year. This is a great achievement !

**Well done!**

I will be monitoring attendance again very carefully next year to see who is on track for more awards next July.



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June myself, Miss Wayland and 6, Year 2 pupils visited the RAF Museum for a special preview of their redesigned site. We were invited to come as a special thankyou for the continued work Colindale has been doing with the museum. There was a picnic on their new open lawn area, followed by tours of the new hangers. All the pupils had a wonderful time and were able to speak about what they have enjoyed when visiting the museum. It was a lovely afternoon and the pupils were very excited to tell their teachers and friends about what they had seen. They also wanted to rush home and tell their parents to take them again, as we did not have time to enjoy all the new facilities as much as they wanted! *Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)*



On Monday 16th July year 6 went on a trip to **Southend's Peter Pan Adventure Island**. It was an amazing day and the children had lots of fun walking on the pier, going on the rides, eating ice creams and drinking slush puppies.



The Reading Agency and Barnet libraries are excited to be working with Beano in their 80th anniversary year to bring you Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2018.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

**Read 6 books – collect stickers and prizes for each one!**

**There will be lots of fun events in your local library**

**The school with the highest percentage of children finishing the Summer Reading Challenge will win a special prize for their school!**

***Sign up from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July!***

#### **Summer Events and Activities**

Throughout the summer holiday, Barnet libraries will also be running a programme of fun activities for early years and primary school age children to coincide with this year's Mischief Makers theme. Events this year include;

A [comic art masterclass](#) from **Beano artist Kev F Sutherland**

A 'Motley Zoo' [animal – handling workshop](#) from **Zoolab**,

A 'School of Pranks' [drama workshop](#) from **Freshwater Theatre**.

Other highlights include one-off events from our specialist early years team, free craft activities in every library and much more.

**Visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/mischiefmakers](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/mischiefmakers) for more information about the reading challenge and summer events in Barnet.**



#### **International Fair**

The **International Fair 2018** was a huge PTA success again this year. It was attended by nearly 1000 people from our whole school community, who enjoyed delicious food from around the world, entertainment from across the school (including parents!) and lots of fun activities. We raised over £3000 for our treehouse, as voted for by the children. Thank you to everyone involved, it was a real community event and we look forward to many more in 2018-19.





At long last Scouting has arrived at Colindale Primary School. I'm delighted to say that on the 20<sup>th</sup> June we held our first taster session for the 1<sup>st</sup> Colindale Scout Group Beaver Scouts. Beavers are for young people aged from 5¾ to 8 years old. The session was run

by members of the local Scouting District and three of our amazing Parent Volunteers. The session was attended by seven young people who had put their names on the original 'waiting to join' list. Priority was

given to these young people as they have had their names on the 'waiting to join' list since your International Fair some two years ago.

Regular weekly Beaver meetings start on 5th September, 2018.

Spaces are still available to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Colindale Beaver Scouts and if you are interested in your child joining this exciting new Scouting adventure at Colindale Primary School or just want more information, then please contact me at [keith.savage@scouts.org.uk](mailto:keith.savage@scouts.org.uk) or phone me on 07960-160110.

*Keith Savage IEng MIET Growth & Development Officer – London Boroughs of Barnet & Harrow*

I was very lucky to be able to join Year 1 on their visit to the local Hindu Temple - **The Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Kingsbury** - as part of



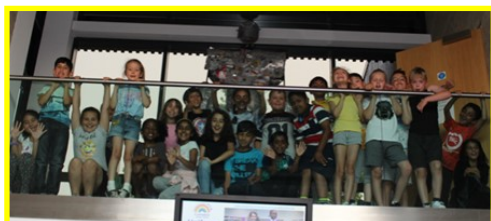
their RE curriculum. We were shown around by a very knowledgeable member of the temple who told us when and how the temple was built; stories about the gods whose statues are in the temple; and more broadly about Hinduism and the rituals Hindus follow. All the children enjoyed the trip, asked many very intelligent questions and, as expected, were very well behaved.



To celebrate a successful few years in their current classes and **as part of their transition into Year 4**, the children in Year 3 had an amazing time sleeping over at the school. They left school as normal on Friday and returned in the evening with their sleeping bags and everything that they would need for the night and next morning. During the evening, the children took part in fun activities including a treasure hunt and playing games. After they had completed the activities, all of the children gathered in the hall



for a snack and a sing-a-long, before brushing their teeth and watching a DVD. The children then settled down to sleep in classrooms, where they made themselves comfortable with their sleeping bags, pillows, books and teddies. All the children woke up early on Saturday morning and enjoyed eating breakfast together in the hall. They finished watching the DVD from the night before and then played outside in the sunshine before being collected by their parents. All of the children that attended the sleepover were fantastic! They displayed a mature attitude, behaved well and were a pleasure to look after all night. Entiola from 3P said, "I enjoyed all of the activities and, even though I was a little nervous at first, sleeping over with my friends was so exciting!" Rowan



from 3N also described how he enjoyed the experience. "The best part was being with my friends and sleeping in my classroom." Anthony from 3C



described it as, "The best day ever!" This was the first time our school had held a sleepover, and due to its success we hope to make it an annual event. It most certainly was an experience that will be remembered for a long time! *Ms. Pindoria*

During the first week of July, different **Sport's day events** were held from Nursery to Year 6. All children participated in a variety of activities such as the Egg & spoon race, Hurdles, Tyre flipping, Football dribbling and a great favourite the Sack race! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed fantastic sportsmanship and physical prowess throughout. It was also lovely to see so many family members attending to show their support for their child. I hope to see you all again next year!

The results are as follows: -

#### Key Stage 1- Metropolitan house first place



#### Lower Key Stage 2- Circle house first place

#### Upper Key Stage 2- Metropolitan house first place



This half term, Year 6 have been involved in a biomimicry art project with the **RAF Museum**. The children first learnt about how nature has inspired the

design of planes, and were given a list of animals that linked to different aircrafts at the museum. Working with students from North London Grammar School, our pupils created some spectacular 3D sculptures of these animals that are now on display at the RAF Museum. Each animal is displayed next to a plane, with a plaque to help educate young visitors about the aircrafts. Year 6 visited the RAF Museum to see the animals on display

and celebrated their wonderful work. They had the opportunity to look for their animals before enjoying some cake and juice. The children were excited to see the animals on display and read the plaques that acknowledged them and the school. Well done to the children in Year 6 who worked hard with Ms Cooke to create such wonderful artwork. The animals will be on display for around one year, so if you would like to see them please visit Hangers 3, 4 and 5 at the RAF Museum. *Ms Pindoria (Interim Art Leader)*



#### Important early dates to remember in September:

Wednesday 5th September—School starts at the usual time of 8.50am for years 1 to 6.

Thursday 6th September—Welcome to Year 6 & secondary transfer! (For all parents/carers who have children in year 6)

Friday 7th September—Welcome to Year 1! (For all parents/carers who have children in year 1)

Monday 10th September— Welcome to Year 5! (For all parents/carers who have children in year 5)

Wednesday 12th September— Welcome to Year 3! (For all parents/carers who have children in year 3)

Thursday 13th September— Welcome to Year 4! (For all parents/carers who have children in year 4)

Monday 17th September— Welcome to Year 2! (For all parents/carers who have children in year 2)

**I want to take this opportunity to wish every member of our community a restful, enjoyable and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in September.** Lucy Rodgers, Headteacher.