

July Article: Children with disabilities have the right to the same opportunities as other children and have support to enable them to be as independent as possible.

Colindale Primary School Newsletter July 2023

Attendance awards for this month

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) – **2T**



Gold (highest attendance, but below 100%)- **5B and 5M**



Silver (second highest attendance)- **3D and 4G**



Bronze (3rd highest attendance) – **1A and 4G**

WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS!

Messages from the school office

Arbor – if you have not activated your account, please do so ASAP. If you have problems with your account, please come to the school office. **All communication and payments are now done through Arbor**, we no longer use Weduc or ParentPay.

In-App Message – If you respond to an In-App message in Arbor please make it clear which message you are responding to.

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.

Cashless School - We are a cashless school. We will not accept cash for any **school payment** under any circumstances. Please do not come to the office with cash or send your child into school with cash. All payments for educational visits, meals, workshops and any other school event (this does not include PSA events) must be paid via Arbor.

Dates To Remember

06/09/2023 –Y1 to Y6 children return to school.

04/09/2023 and 05/09/2023– staff training days.

06/09/2023 school opens for pupils Year 1-6.

07/09/2023 9am – Welcome to year 5 meeting.

08/09/2023 9am - Welcome to year 3 meeting.

11/09/2023 9am – Welcome to year 6 meeting, secondary transfer & school journey.

12/09/2023- Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop
13/09/2023 9am - Welcome to year 4 meeting.
14/09/2023 9am – Welcome to year 1 meeting.
15/09/2023 – 3N class assembly.
18/09/2023 9am – Welcome to year 2 meeting.
22/09/2023 – 3D class assembly.
29/09/2023 – 3G class assembly.
23/10/2023 to 27/10/2023 - Autumn Half Term break
22/12/2023 to 05/01/2024 - Winter Holiday.
08/01/2024 - Staff Training Day
09/01/2024 - All Children Return to School
12/02/2024 to 16/02/2024 - Spring Half Term break

Eco Schools and Healthy Schools

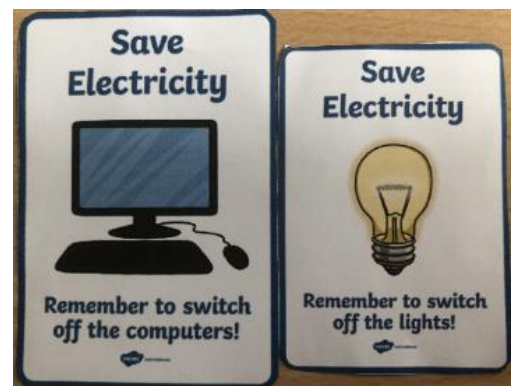
Eco Schools

This month the Eco Ambassadors have been busy putting up signs in all classrooms to remind children and adults to save electricity by switching off the lights and computers.

Please find below some more ideas on how to save electricity and tackle climate change:

- Switch your appliances off and do not leave them on standby.
- Avoid using the tumble dryer and dry clothes outside or indoors.
- Switch to LED lights which are more efficient lightbulbs.
- Lower your combi boiler lower flow temperature to 60 degrees.

A few days ago, we received some exciting news; we were awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag, the highest award, with merit and we couldn't be prouder and happier! This is our 4th time to receive the award since we started our Eco School journey. Here is a part of the assessors' feedback about our Eco work:



"It's very impressive that you have formed such a large Eco-Committee. It shows that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and committed to being active and creating positive change. Your Eco-Committee were elected democratically, which is a fair and mature approach – well done to selected members on their appointment! They're clearly a passionate and impressive young person and we're delighted that they have been given an opportunity to make a difference through the Eco-Schools programme, what a fantastic ambassador for your school and our programme. We enjoyed reading about your plans for your focus areas on Healthy Living, Energy and Transport. We love the variety of activities that you and your Eco-Committee have included in the Action Plan. This will no doubt support multi-disciplinary skills and shows how integrated environmentalism is in your school. You have used environmental issues to enrich learning and increase engagement with learning in your school and this is something to be very proud of. You have worked with a variety of different individuals and organisations including Walk to school

month, relying on their expertise and passion to enrich and inform your Eco-Schools journey. Well done with your success on transport! This is what the best forms of climate action are about – impactful but achievable things that create a positive experience and prompt more action. We love this! Your Eco-Code is very punchy, clear and easy to digest for those that see it. It's a direct call to action. Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an **Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit**, congratulations!”

Healthy Schools

On the 5th July our school was awarded a certificate of recognition for successfully completing the Gold Award as a Healthy School. The ceremony took place in Hendon Townhall and the certificates were presented by Cllr Tony Vourou, Deputy Mayor of Barnet.



Recipe of the month

Vegan vanilla popsicles (source [Vegan vanilla popsicles](#) | [Recipe database](#) | [ProVeg International](#))



Preparation
Time:
15 minutes



Waiting Time:
6 hours

Ingredients

Servings: popsicles

400 g **ice cubes**

150 g **white almond paste**

6 **Medjool dates** (alternatively other soft dates),
pitted

1 **vanilla pod**

160 g **vegan dark chocolate** 70% cocoa content

Instructions

1. Scrape out the pulp from the vanilla pod. Place the ice cubes, almond paste, pitted dates, and the vanilla pulp in a high-powered blender and blend until smooth. Then pour the mixture into 6 popsicle moulds – or large ice cube moulds. This is best done by spooning the mixture into the popsicle moulds and tapping the moulds on the work surface several times to release any air and allow the cream to slide down into the mould. Put the sticks or handles into the moulds and place the ice cream in the freezer overnight.
2. The next day, break the chocolate into pieces and melt it in a water bath while stirring. Take the ice cream out of the freezer, carefully remove it from the moulds and glaze it with the melted, slightly cooled chocolate using a large spoon. This works best over a bowl so that no chocolate is lost! You can eat the finished vegan vanilla popsicles immediately or store them in the freezer.

Rights Respecting

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that we have finally received the banner from UNICEF, confirming that Colindale Primary is now a GOLD Rights Respecting school! This has been achieved thanks to the efforts of everyone at Colindale, adults, and children. The gold award lasts for three years, when the school will be reassessed. It has been a great privilege to lead the Rights Respecting agenda at this fantastic school for the last seven years and I am so pleased to pass on this responsibility to Miss McCague. She will take over the role from September and I know she will work hard to ensure that children at Colindale Primary School continue to develop their knowledge of rights and how these affect their lives, and the lives of others. *Mrs. McDonough.*



Year 3 Activity Evening

On the 16th June we invited the Year 3 children to come back to school for a few hours to take part in a fun activity evening. The children had the opportunity to sign up to a wide range of activities. They all arrived excitedly ready to start and loved welcoming their friends as they arrived in the hall. Although still at school, the evening had a relaxed holiday atmosphere, the sun was shining, and everyone had fun. It was lovely to see so many children attend, and I am sure they will agree it was a great way to end the year.



Year 4 Sleepover

On the evening of 23rd June, we welcomed the Year 4 children back to school for their first ever school sleepover! The children arrived excitedly at 6pm sharp and were helped to take their overnight bags to their rooms. Some of them looked as though they were packing for a fortnight! We then spent the next few hours doing a range of activities, eating pizza and making smores on the fire. At 10pm we said goodbye to some of the children who had chosen to sleep in the comfort of their own beds. For those braving the classroom floor for sleep, we headed in for a movie and to get ready for bed. As the initial excitement of sleeping in school started to wear off and the evening activities caught up with them, the rooms became quieter one by one. I think 2:30am was the last room to fall asleep. The room that was convinced they had seen a ghost walking outside their room, I should think. Miss Pindoria and Ms Constanti pulled an all-nighter to make sure the children were sleeping and safe. They fueled themselves on snacks through the small hours and as those of us who got some sleep rose around 6:30am the children were also starting to stir. With this it was time to pack up and move things to the hall before playing outside before breakfast. The children gobbled through the toast and fruit as they shared stories from the night before. Once we finished, we went back outside to play before the children were collected. I have to say the children were exceptionally well behaved and they were an absolute delight to spend a Friday night and Saturday morning with.



School Council Trip to Parliament

At the end of June, the KS2 children from the School Council went on a trip to the Houses of Parliament. The purpose of the trip was to see where our laws are made and learn more about how laws are made. We began by walking past Downing Street and then onto the Houses of Parliament themselves. The children were awe inspired by their tour of the Houses of Commons and Lords. In both chambers there were live debates going on, where we got to sit and observe democracy taking place. Several of the children said it was the best trip they had ever been on. Several were also convinced they had just seen King Charles. It was explained that the King would not usually be in Parliament unless it is the day, he is opening it. We then had a workshop on how bills become laws, this included some role playing where we acted out our own debate, just like ones we had seen earlier in the day. Again, this part of the day was hugely engaging, and the children (and adults) learnt a lot. Before we headed home, we spent some time in Parliament Square where the children had to identify certain statues. The children were marvelous and all absolutely loved the day out. They were also inspired by the House of Parliament being in such a famous and historical building. The day really illustrated the power of going on these types of trips; learning in the classroom is great, but sometimes you need to live it to learn it.



Summer Fair 2023 – Our Summer Fair was held on Friday 30th June and was a huge success. Hundreds of families join us for an evening of delicious food and fun together with a fantastic ‘Talent Showcase’. The ‘Talent Showcase’ performers were brilliant and kept us all entertained with songs, dances, live music and gymnastics. We were also treated to a feast of international food, pizzas, popcorn, sweets and cakes. There were lots of games, which proved to be very popular; Hoopla, Marvel Villains target game, ‘What a Catch’ fishing game and ‘Guess the Name of the Toy’ and the ever-popular ‘Beat the Goalie. More fun was had at the Tombola, face painting, henna and on the bouncy castles. The raffle was also very successful, with some excellent prizes, which were kindly donated by parents and businesses: The Arch Climbing Wall, Bang Bang Oriental, The Beaufort Pub and Dining, Willows Farm, Fixation Academy, Five Guys, Occasion Queens, Kopi House.

It was great to see our school community come together, enjoying themselves at such a fun-filled event. With this in mind, the PSA would like to take this opportunity to say a big ‘THANK YOU’ to all the members of staff, parents and pupils who gave up their time to either run a stall, donate wonderful food and help produce a fantastic showcase. We managed to raise an amazing **£5006.96!!!** Colindale PSA



Year 4's Trip to The National Portrait Gallery (written by Lybah , Marco, Monishka and Alia)

Recently Year 4 visited the National Portrait Gallery as part of our art learning. On Monday 10th July, I woke up quite excited because we were going to the National Portrait Gallery. When I entered the classroom, I saw all the hi vis vests draped over the chairs. Once I put my bag on the table, Miss Pindoria instructed me to go to the toilet and then she checked that everyone had their lunches. Then we headed off and soon after Year 4 were snaking along the pavement talking and giggling with the sun beaming on our faces. We walked through Colindale Park and we got to Colindale Station. As we waited patiently for our train to arrive, some of us were talking to Mr Wild about how people can get over the train tracks to graffiti on a wall. When the train came, we all got on and some of us were lucky enough to get a seat. Before we knew it, we had reached Charing Cross Station, where we needed to get off. We walked to St Martin-in-the-Field Church and sat down on the steps to have a snack. As we were starving, we gobbled up our snacks in no time. After we had finished our snacks, we walked passed a statue of Edith Cavell towards the gallery. Miss Edmonson was helping us to cross a busy road when police on motorbikes came along guarding a car. Some claimed to have seen Joe Biden in that car!

When we reached the gallery, we were led to a room where we left our bags and were welcomed politely by a lady called Claire. A few minutes later, we began to walk around and explore the paintings in our booklets. It was like a scavengers' hunt! Unfortunately, Ms Rodgers and Mr Wild had to leave us because the school had got a phone call that the inspectors were coming. We continued to search for different portraits, and we wrote down information about them. We saw a huge portrait of the general officers of World War I, a portrait of Roald Dhal in his RAF uniform and we liked the colours used in the portrait of the social scientist, Tom Shakespeare. We also saw a painting showing a battle between Indians and British soldiers. I especially liked the painting of Queen Victoria showing the power of Britain by using the Bible. I liked this painting because I found the clothes that the African leader was wearing to look interesting. Finally, we went to the third floor to see the portrait of Tudor Kings and Queens and we were surprised at how pale they looked. It made me wonder if people from that time really looked that pale! After looking at all of the paintings, we had our lunch in Trafalgar Square. Some of us enjoyed getting sprayed by the water from the fountains. After we finished lunch, we set off back to school. I recommend that everyone visits the National Portrait Gallery because it is really big, interesting and it's got lots of old pictures that are fascinating to see.



Sports Week

Monday 3rd July kicked off an exciting sports week where children, staff and parents had a fantastic time! KS1 were the first to begin, taking part in a range of races, from egg and spoon, racing over hurdles, to tyre flipping and a water obstacle course. Year 5 and 6 followed, then Year 3 and 4, Nursery and finally Reception. Each sports day finished with the hugely anticipated races which did not disappoint!

Everyone came with a competitive spirit and dressed in bright colours to proudly represent their house. It was great to see so many parents and carers come and support their children, creating a fun and supportive atmosphere for everyone involved.

Well done to the Sports Superstars from Years 3 to 6 who were very helpful and did a brilliant job with taking scores. Congratulations to Metropolitan who were the triumphant house in KS1 and Upper KS2 and Northern who were the overall winners for Lower KS2!

Thank you to everyone for making sports week such fun for the children!



Clacton Trip – Despite the weather, Year 2 had a fabulous time!



Maths Week London

During **Maths Week London** Y3-Y6 took part in the Sumdog Contest.

Y1-Y6 took part in the TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) Competition.

Reception Classes used 1-Minute Maths (White Rose) in school and at home.

mathsweek
LONDON
26 – 30 JUNE 2023

Here are our results:



5,694

Students played

Position	Name	Class name	Score
9th	Aman A	Class 5J, Colindale Primary School	996
11th	Alvin W	Class 5J, Colindale Primary School	995
37th	Kiaan K	Class 5B, Colindale Primary School	962
47th	Kian H	Class 5M, Colindale Primary School	942

320

Classes qualified

Position	Class name	Score
21st	Class 5J, Colindale Primary School	358
40th	Class 3D, Colindale Primary School	302



Position (Out of 319 schools taking part) **School Average Correct**

149 **Colindale Primary School** **434**

Greater London Summer Sumdog Maths Contest

These were our results on Day 6 of the **Greater London Summer Sumdog Maths Contest**.

Greater London Summer Sumdog Maths Contest - 14 Jul to 20 Jul

190

Classes qualified

66th	Class 5J, Colindale Primary School	132
77th	Class 3F, Colindale Primary School	122
142nd	Class 4J, Colindale Primary School	59
156th	Class 4G, Colindale Primary School	48
171st	Class 5M, Colindale Primary School	35
182nd	Class 6R, Colindale Primary School	24
185th	Class 3D, Colindale Primary School	20

3,516

Students played

Position	Name	Class name	Score
27th	Emily P	Class 4J, Colindale Primary School	946

Talent Show



After the Summer fair, we invited all Talent Show performers to perform again for the children, staff and their parents. Those who were unable to attend the fair, or did not get to see the talent show, had the chance to see the wonderful variety performance in the school hall. We were all very impressed with the talented singers, dancers, musicians and gymnasts. It was a fabulous show!

Ofsted

Our Ofsted report will be finalised after the summer break, sometime in September. As soon as it is available, it will be sent to all families and published on the school website. Thank you to all the parents and children who completed the surveys.

KS2 School Choir sings at the Barnet Schools Music Festival



On Wednesday 21st June, the KS2 choir were invited to attend the Artsdepot to perform at the Barnet Schools Music Festival. After weeks of practice and lunch times given up, the day finally arrived. The choir, from years 4 to 6, set off to the Barnet Music festival at the Artsdepot theatre. The day began with a practice run of all the songs the children had learnt. After a trip to Northside school's playground for a break and to eat our packed dinners, it was almost showtime. In no time at all, the theatre was filled with proud families. Then it was lights out and performance time! Six other schools performed on the night, singing a variety of international songs. Colindale's own song 'Keep Holding On' was sung beautifully. We are very proud of all the children who took part and look forward to next year's festival.
Mrs Hurn, Mrs Marshall and Miss McCague

Farewells

We are saying a fond farewell to class teachers - Mrs Khan, Mrs McDonough, Ms Dave and Ms Robinson; to Mrs McCarthy, our Office Manager; to Mrs Neil, one of our mealtime supervisors; and Ms Cinnamon, Mrs Taraki and Ms Gulaid three of our teaching assistants. I am sure you will join me in thanking them all for their hard work and wishing them good luck for the future. We will also be saying 'au revoir' to Mrs Jeway who will be leaving the school for a while to have her baby. We wish her luck and look forward to seeing her again soon.

As you know, I am also leaving Colindale. It has been a real pleasure and honor to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school and I have enjoyed every minute. Your children are a real delight, and I am proud to have been their headteacher. I wish you well and all the best for the future.

Lucy Rodgers