

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter June 2018



As I am sure all of you are aware on Tuesday 19th June 2018 we had an **Ofsted inspection**. Two of Her Majesty's Inspectors and one Ofsted Inspector spent the day going into lessons, looking at children's work, talking to staff and to children. The outcome of the inspection should be published before the end of term in the form of a letter, which every parent will receive.

**The Kwik cricket team** have been busy competing in a Barnet league. They have been training hard and have won 3 of their 4 games! We are awaiting the final league standings to see if we are the league champions.



Don't forget that your child's **Sport's day** will be next week. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit with the necessary coloured t-shirt, as well as a hat, sun cream and water bottle. Please come along and support your child! Ms. Nuttall

During June, the pupils in **Year 1 and some in Year 2** took their **Phonics** check. This is a test during which pupils need to read 40 words. The words are made up of the phonics that the children have been learning all year. There are a mixture of real words and nonsense words such as 'vlop'. The pupils have worked hard all year (and continue to work hard) to make progress in their learning and to achieve well. During the checks we were all very proud of how the pupils conducted themselves; they were focussed and excited. The teachers commented on how mature and well behaved the pupils were during this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of every pupil who took the check. Having worked closely with them and their teachers this year, it is clear to see how they have all progressed from the start of the year. They love learning phonics and the impact of their hard work can be seen across their reading and writing.

Well done ! Ms. Parmar

Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)

**Welcome to Amy Stevenson**  
who has joined us as a **Nursery Nurse in the Nursery**.



**Green Day!** What a fantastic day we had on Green day! Nearly every child and every member of staff wore green and brought in 30p to raise money for our biodegradable bags for our new food waste bins. We have raised **£218.64!!!** Plenty of money for



us to be able to dispose of our food waste in an eco-friendly way.

Ms. L. Thompson



## Attendance awards

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

**2J, 1W (twice) 1K, 4R, 3P, 6T, 5T**

**And Super Gold Attendance Award** for 100% attendance: **1W and 4M**

**WELL DONE!**



### Families Connect

Mrs Choonara and Ms Majeed have started Families Connect, an eight-week programme backed by Save The Children which is aimed at Reception parents and their children. The group meets once a week. First there is a short session to introduce an exciting learning activity, then the children join the group and work on the activity with their parents. This encourages and increases the children's skills and confidence.



### Secondary Schools

This month we have had two well attended after school meetings for our year 5 parents and pupils, who will choose their secondary schools next term. There were presentations from Copthall School, Kingsbury High, Whitefield, Hendon School, North London Grammar School and Saracens School. Parents and pupils were able to ask lots of questions and meet the school leaders before visiting the schools on their open evenings.

**Colindale Primary School's annual International Fair is on Friday 6th July from 4.30-6.30pm. We will need lots of help and contributions: cakes, savoury food, help on the day and much, much more! So put this date in your diary and join in the fun and hard work!**

Last week we said a very fond farewell to Mrs. Dayani Suyhenthiran who retired after working at Colindale for more than 25 years. We wish her all the best!

**Year 5 Visit to the London School of Economics.** Colindale was one of a small group of schools to be invited to the Behavioural Studies Lab at the London School of Economics (LSE). Year 5 pupils had a tour of the campus with LSE students, including a visit to the university library, where they saw lots of students preparing for their final exams; they also had a chance experience what it's like to sit in a lecture theatre. In the behavioural studies lab our pupils took part in a number of experiments. You can see a short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjEmGHtGaqU>



### DT Week and Exhibition

During the first few weeks of this half term, the whole school celebrated DT week. The theme was the World Cup 2018 and some amazing projects were undertaken throughout the school including experimenting with mechanisms to make moving players;

building table top football games; and making pennants, pencil cases and badges. DT week culminated in the school's first DT exhibition which was held on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June where every child's final product was displayed and celebrated. It was great to see so many parents and carers attending and supporting the event. The exhibition was a huge success as the children had worked extremely hard on their World Cup inspired designs. A selection of work from across the school will also go on to be displayed as part of an exhibition at Whitefield school. The children should be very proud of what they have achieved. *Mr Najjar*



### L&Q Construction Workshops

Year 6 had a visit from civil engineers, electricians, carpenters and site supervisors from L&Q Construction, who are building flats on Edgware road. L&Q led a series of workshops for our year 6 pupils, on the themes of the different jobs people have within the construction industry. They learned about how buildings are designed and why they are built in a particular way. They learned about health and safety. Cavell, 6T, said "It was a fun, a really good experience and everyone was really excited". *Ms. Wayland*





## We are now OFFICALLY an Eco School!



The eco assessor visited our school and she was **amazed** by how much we are doing to help our planet and become an Eco School. She was **so**

impressed she awarded us with our **Green Flag!**

The *ultimate* Eco School award! Well done Colindale Primary School! In just 2 years, we have achieved our **Bronze award**, our **Silver award** and now our **Green Flag**, showing all the changes we have made in how we behave towards our environment and recognising actions we can take

to help our planet, have paid off.



We cannot wait to receive our Green Flag and fly it proudly in our school grounds, showing we *are* an Eco School! *Ms. L Thompson*

## Bikeability in Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their bikeability run by Cycle Confident



this term. The children that took part in the training completed Level 1 and Level 2. Level 1 took place in the playground where the children were taught how to check their bikes were safe to ride, taught how to control their bike and how to be aware of the space and other cyclists around them. At Level 2 children were taught how to cycle safely and confidently on the road. The children completed their two courses on the school grounds and roads and were delighted with their certificate presented to them during Well Done assembly. Well done Year 5!

This has been an amazing opportunity for our children at Colindale, provided by Barnet. This opportunity will hopefully encourage our children in Year 4 and 5 to cycle to school safely.



If your child *is* cycling or scooting to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet, The Borough of Barnet do state children *should* wear a helmet when

travelling to school. *Ms. L Thompson*

**Reception** have been learning about different countries around the world.

Their role-play area has turned into 'Colindale Airport' and they have built an aeroplane in the outside construction area. They were very lucky to meet First



Officer, Adam Payne, a real life pilot as well as a former pupil of Colindale! Adam told them all about flying an aeroplane and answered the many questions the children asked him such as, "How do you become a pilot?" "Which countries do you fly to?" and "How long is an aeroplane?" The children found out that pilots have to go to pilot school to learn to fly and that have two or three stripes on each sleeve to show which type of pilot they are. What a fantastic experience for reception! Thank you very much to Mrs Payne for arranging the visit. *Mrs. Hurn*



**Reception** have been learning about the importance of 'Saving the World' by reducing and recycling our waste, repairing things, instead of throwing them away and re-using things we no longer need for different purposes. The upcycling competition helped the children to learn about the importance of re-using items. There were some fantastic entries from all participants. We held a special



assembly to announce the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards winners from each class. All children received a Runner - up certificate for taking part and helping to save our world. *Mrs Hurn*



On the last day before the half term holiday, Year 3 visited the **British Museum** as part of their Egyptians topic. The children were excited about the trip as they were looking forward to seeing real mummies. We travelled to central London by tube and fellow tube passengers were treated to the sound of 3P's wonderful singing. Once we arrived at the museum we listened to an interesting talk about mummies. The talk reinforced what the children had learnt at school, and it also taught them about how technology helps historians to learn more about mummies without having to unwrap them. The children were amazing during the talk.



They listened carefully, answered questions and asked some very thoughtful questions of their own. They certainly impressed the experts with their knowledge of mummification! During the day each class visited the Ancient Egyptian galleries which contained many artefacts such as Egyptian sculptures, tomb paintings, everyday objects and mummies. The children were fascinated by many of the artefacts that they saw. Adonis from 3P said, "The best thing about the museum was seeing real mummies because I have never seen anything like that before. I also enjoyed learning about the animal mummies." We all had a wonderful day and as always, the children did themselves and the school proud with their enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour. *Ms. Pindoria*



In year 6 we have been learning (for our DT project) all about healthy food. First, we researched what made foods healthy, then we designed our own healthy snack. Once we had, as a group, decided on a final snack we made them using our own recipes. After we had made our healthy snacks, we had a sale in order to share them with the other children and parents in the school. *Mrs. Martinez*

At the end of the first week after our half term break, many from our Colindale School community celebrated Eid with their families following the month of Ramadan. I want to take this opportunity wish all our families a Happy Eid!

Eid Mubarak!



#### **Dates to remember:**

**Sports days** start the week of 2nd July— look at the website for details. **International Fair**— 6th July from 4.30-6.30pm. **Year 6 productions:** 17th July— 6K; 18th July—6T; 19th July—6M all shows start at 2pm. **Year 6 graduation:** 20th July at 10 am. **Last day of term:** 20th July—school ends at 2pm