

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter

## March 2017



### The Mayor of Barnet's Golden Kilometre

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, children in every year group, along with the staff (and our fabulous Jofli – see photo), put on their walking shoes and wore something yellow to walk, jog or run the Golden Kilometre. The Mayor of Barnet joined in too, as he visited a number of schools in Barnet's ConnectED partnership. Two of our children, Sienna and Joshua in year 4, joined the Mayor and his team on their minibus and toured several Barnet schools, cheering the children on and sending out the message that exercise can be lots of fun.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Ms Wendy Wayland (Interim Deputy Head)



**Year 3 went on a fantastic trip to the Hindu Temple in Watford.** They had been learning about Hinduism in

RE and writing information pages about it in English, so the trip brought their learning into a real context. Whilst on the trip they had the opportunity to see a lot of the Hindu

traditions, including trying on the traditional dress, the sari and having their faces painted. They watched an Arti ceremony which is where Hindus wave a flame in front of their Gods.

Mrs Susie Averbrook (Assistant Headteacher)



### Open lessons in year 3

In year three this term we held open lessons in writing, where all year 3 parents and carers were invited to come in and see how their children are developing their writing skills. The lessons focussed on how to construct a good sentence and then edit it to make it even better, using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.



We were really pleased to see so many adults able to join us and we hope that it will help parents support their children at home with their writing homework.

In response to the very positive feedback we got from parents who said it was very useful, we hope to have another open lesson in maths next term. We look forward to seeing you then!

Mrs Susie Averbrook (Assistant Headteacher)

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated **World Book Day**, a special day aimed at promoting the joy of reading. Children and staff had fun dressing up as characters either from the poem their year group had been learning or a favourite book, so we had a wide variety including highwaymen, robbers, rapping grannies, fruit pickers and well-known fairy tale characters! Nursery children enjoyed dressing as well-known nursery rhyme characters. The day started off with a session of *Everybody Reads* in class, with many parents joining their child to enjoy a book. Other activities that took place included children having a special story time where they could choose from a range of stories read by staff, some of which were read in children's home languages. The day culminated in a fantastic poetry performance in the hall involving all the children from reception to year 6. They really enjoyed watching each other per-

forming a wide range of entertaining poems and seeing all the amazing costumes.

Mrs Sarah Robertson (Assistant Headteacher)



### Eco School

We are very excited to announce we have been awarded our **Eco School Bronze Award!** Well done to all the children, staff and parents of Colindale Primary School for trying to be more eco-friendly; all our actions from switching lights off to upcycling has been the reason we have received our reward. Thank you and well done everyone! Let's keep it up and go for Silver! Ms Lisa Thompson (Eco Schools Leader)



Colindale's **Boys Football team** has been entered in the BPSFA Boys Football League. We are in the large schools league and are entered in with 8 other schools. Our team consists of Daniel (6T), Karol (6T), Idin (6T), Naeab (6W), Farhad (6W), Aldo (6W), Adem (6C), Masood (6C), Lorent (5A), Xiang (5A), Maxwell (5A) and Jason (4R). We have played 4 games (W 1 L3) with 3 still to play. Our victory came against Barnfield where the score was 2-0 with goals scored by Naeab (6W) and Daniel (4R). Currently we are 7<sup>th</sup> in the league in which the boys deserve a lot of praise as there are no easy games in this league. Regardless of the league position, the boys have done Colindale proud.

Mr Raj Dabasia (Computing Manager & Football Team Coach)



#### Attendance awards

So far this month, the following classes have won the Colindale **Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance in a week:



**1M, 6W, 2KC, 4G, 2KC, 5B**

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

**4R, 2CC, 2FC**

*Further to the announcement in our February Newsletter we are pleased to be able to inform parents that we are anticipating that you will receive your **ParentPay** activation details early in the new term*

For **future dates** please visit our website calendar at

[www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk/calendar/](http://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk/calendar/)

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March **Year 1 visited the RAF Museum**. This is the first visit to the museum, the beginning of a partnership which the school will continue to develop over the next year.



Year 1 were invited to visit the museum in order to learn about and see the different airplanes and helicopters on display. Whilst there the pupils drew sketches of the different aircraft. These drawings were then finalised at school. The drawings will form part of the design for

some of the hoarding in front of the RAF Museum. This has also been picked up by local press (see link below) and is also on the RAF Museum website under the headings 'What's going on?' and 'news'. We are very excited to see the final design in front of the museum.

Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)

[http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/whats-going-on/news/raf-](http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/whats-going-on/news/raf-museum-announces-partnership-with-colindale-pri/)

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#### Barnet Dance Festival – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

For the eighth year running Colindale Primary Street Dance club attended the Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot in Finchley. This year they were taught *old skool hip hop* and *street dance* combined for their performance at the festival. The children worked hard every week learning new dance moves and as the festival approached used their own lunch times to perfect their dance routine. The day of the festival was very exciting, the children got to see other schools' performances and share the love for dance with others. The children were outstanding during their performance! Their families and teachers who came to watch were amazed and felt very proud as they danced so confidently on stage. Well done Street Dancers! You were amazing! Miss Lisa Thompson

