

We have had a very busy month at Colindale Primary School and hope you enjoy reading all about it in this newsletter.

I would like to share some good news with you—Mrs. Syed (Nursery Nurse in the Nursery) has given birth to a baby girl. Congratulations ! We look forward to meeting her soon when Mrs. Syed come to visit.

Colindale Primary School is Tackling Food Waste!

The Eco Committee are on a mission to reduce and recycle food waste! We would like to start using food waste bins so that the food we throw away is recycled back into the environment. For this, we need biodegradable bags, which cost 10p each. Being such a big school, we need many bags. To raise money for the bags we would like to have a **Green Day**, where everyone comes into school dressed in **green**!



Please wear green on Thursday 20th June and bring in 30p to help us stop food waste!

Danny, Year 2, Eco Councillor.

Year 5's Groovy Greeks Workshop: Earlier on this month, Year 5 took part in a workshop at school as part of our learning about the Ancient Greece. The day consisted of fun-filled activities, practical learning, storytelling and drama.

The day began with the children being instructed that they were now residents of Athens and they had to be arranged into groups of whom was the most important in Ancient Greek times – boys, then girls, then visitors to Athens and finally slaves. The children found this quite amusing! They were



then told the story of how their day would begin. 'It is 490 BC and Persia had invaded Greece. The armies were pushing toward the city-state of Athens and the Persians had reached Marathon a few miles away. The Athenians stood 10,000 strong to face the invaders, but would it be enough?' The tension was mounting!

For the next activity, the children were then allocated typical roles found in the Athenian Agora (marketplace) at the time, such as wax tablet makers, pottery painters, fresco painters and jewellers. They were able to make small pieces of arts and crafts at various activity tables.



As the children worked, news and rumours swirled through the Agora about the battle. Could the Persians be defeated?

Was Athens safe? They had great fun gossiping, spreading rumours and giving offerings to the Greek Gods in the hope of good fortune.

During the afternoon the children were split into different groups – slaves, dancers, soldiers and ac-

tors and they had some time to learn their parts for their dramas. When we all came back together, a brave soldier (Aydin 5D) was chosen and he acted out that he had run all the way from Marathon to tell the Athenians that the battle of Marathon had been won and the Persians were now defeated. The celebrations could begin! A Greek feast took place where the children sampled feta cheese, bread, olives, dates and honey cake. They even had a goblet of wine (blackcurrant cordial!) to toast the brave soldiers. They were then entertained by a dance, a formation march by the soldiers and two plays – one about a Greek Myth and the other about a fable by Aesop. The whole day was an amazing experience where the children were able to learn about many aspects of the Ancient Greeks in a fun and immersive way. *Ms. Dray (Year 5 teacher)*



Attendance awards

This month the following classes won the *Colindale*

Gold Attendance Award for the highest attendance: 1W 5H 2J 5T 6K

And Super Gold Attendance Award for 100% attendance: 4M

WELL DONE!

During May, the pupils in **Year 2 took their SATs tests**. The pupils have worked hard all year (and continue to work hard) to make progress in their learning and to achieve well. During the tests we were all very proud of how the pupils conducted themselves. They were focussed and excited about doing the tests especially the Maths ones! Every pupil worked conscientiously and tried their very best to complete the tests to their best ability. The Year 2 teachers commented on how mature and well behaved the pupils were during their tests.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of every Year 2 pupil. Having worked closely with their teachers this year; speaking to the pupils and looking at their books it is clear to see how they have all progressed from the start of the year and how much they all love learning.

Well done Year 2! *Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)*

From 25th May Colindale Primary school, like every other organisation, will be governed by the new **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**. You will notice changes to our website as we update it to remain compliant with the new regulations and there will also likely be an increase in the requests made to you for your consent to use data on an ad hoc basis. We will endeavour to keep consent requests to a minimum, but in order to remain compliant with the new regulations it is important that you respond to these requests when you receive them. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

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; so put this date in your diary and look out for further information coming soon!

Since January, **the nursery have provided full time 30 hours places** for eligible children. This has been a real success! The children have made lots of new friends in the morning and afternoon nursery sessions. They enjoy eating their lunches together in the dining hall with reception. They have coped very well being in nursery for the whole day. They are certainly ready



We are very proud of our Year 6 children who conducted themselves really well during their SAT tests last week. Most of them attended our breakfast club each morning and enjoyed chatting with their friends, while eating a hearty breakfast! All of them took their tests seriously, making sure they did their best during each test and showing great maturi-



ty. On Thursday morning, after the last test, they all enjoyed playing a range of sports on the field, in beautiful sunshine, as a treat for all their hard work. The year 6 team would like to thank the whole school for their support and patience in ensuring everything ran smoothly and that year 6 had a quiet environment to work in. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support: we had full attendance in year 6 every day and the children were as fit and rested as they could be throughout the week. Year 6 are now looking forward to the rest of the school year, with lots of exciting events



planned, including healthy snack sales; end of term performances and a fantastic final outing to the seaside.

Mrs S Robertson (Assistant Head for Year 5 / 6)

Bikability in Year 4

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their bikability, run by Cycle Confident this term. The children that took part in the training completed Level 1 where they were taught firstly how to check their bikes were safe to ride, then taught how to control their bike and learnt how to be aware of the space and other cyclists around them. The children completed their course on the school grounds and were delighted with their certificate presented to them during Well Done assembly. Well done Year 4! Year 5 are up next! They will complete level 1 and some will proceed onto level 2 where they will be taken out of school onto

quiet roads. This has been an amazing opportunity for our children at Colindale, provided by Barnet. This opportunity will hopefully encourage our children to cycle to school safely.

