

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

May 2022



Messages from the school office

Summer Uniforms – As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately and they have their water bottle with them every day.

ParentPay – Please ensure all nursery fees and lunch monies have been cleared before the start of the next half term. If you are having problems with your ParentPay account, please call the office.

New half term dates – Monday the 6th June is a staff training day so the school will be closed to the children. All children will return to school on Tuesday 7th June.

School lunches – if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements you need to do so before the 7th June 2022. Failure to notify the office that your child is no longer having a school lunch will result in you being charged, even if you are sending your child into school with a packed lunch.

Message to the children – This week the office staff got to see the children in various year groups performing. We were stunned by how talented the children of Colindale are and were delighted that we got out of the office to witness such amazing performances. Well done from all of us.

Important upcoming dates

30/5/2022 -03/06/2022 - Half term school closed

06/06/2022 - Staff Training Day – school closed

07/06/2022 - History Week

08/06/2022 - PSA Meeting @ 9:00 AM in hall

24/6/2022 – Summer Fayre

01/07/2022 – School closed for the Queen's Jubilee

04/07/2022 - Sports Week

13/07/2022 - Parents Consultations

15/07/2022 - Year 6 Sleepover

22/07/2022 - Last day of school. School closes at 2:00 PM

SATs – KS1

During the month of May, children in Year 2 took their SATs tests. They have worked hard all year to make progress in their learning and to achieve well. During the tests we were all very proud of how they conducted themselves. They were focussed and excited about doing the tests, especially the Maths ones! Every child 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 they were during their tests.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of everyone in Year 2. Having worked closely with their teachers this year; speaking to the children and looking at their book, 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 (KS1 Assistant Headteacher)

SATs – KS2

During the week beginning 9th May, our year 6 children took their End of Key Stage 2 SATs. These important tests indicate the children's attainment in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, and mathematics. They will receive their results in July, along with teacher assessments in writing and science, and these will also be passed on to their secondary schools.

We are so proud of the mature way in which the children handled themselves during this week, all focusing so well and doing their best in every test – there were 6 of these spread across four days. They were ably supported by our staff team and the rest of the school, who stayed quiet during the tests and accommodated timetable changes to suit the year 6 timetable.

We were also delighted to welcome many of the children to our special SAT Breakfast Club that week – a great way to start the day with the chance to have breakfast and chat with friends before the serious business of the day!

Mrs Sarah Robertson (Deputy Head & Y5/6 Phase Leader)

Nutrition Education workshop

5N and 5B took part in an exciting nutrition education workshop this month. They began their day learning about the amount of sugar in their everyday snacks and were taught how to check nutritional information by looking at packaging labels. Children learnt about the adverse health effects of excess sugar in their diet including poor concentration, tooth decay and weight gain that can lead to diabetes. They were able to use the Eatwell Guide to balance their meals and were taught the tricks to healthy snack swaps.

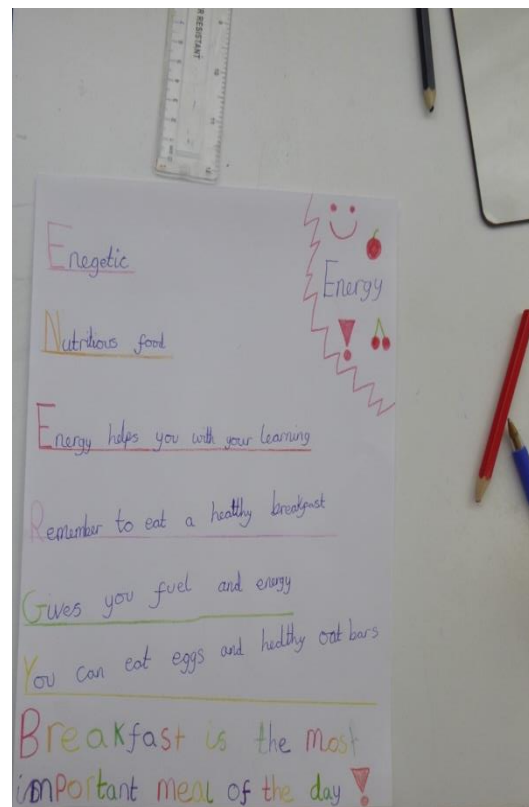
Their first activity of the day was to create an oat bar from simple and fresh ingredients. They were able to take them home and bake them. Hopefully they were delicious! Both classes then, designed a poster advertising their snack and an acrostic poem outlining healthy eating. In the afternoon, they had the opportunity to make an amazing fruit salad, in the design of a rainbow! Lastly, every child was delighted to go home with a goodie bag full of healthy snacks!

" I enjoyed estimating the amount of sugar in food and drink and making a fruit salad shaped as a rainbow." Avi

" My favourite part was making an oat bar by using fresh ingredients." Natasha

" During the workshop, I learnt that in a small pack of chocolate buttons have five teaspoons of sugar!" Destiny

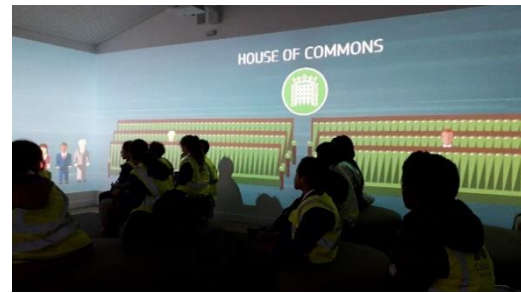
" I really enjoyed the contents of the goodie bag that we got to take home!" Robert F.



School Council Houses of Parliament Tour

We arrived at the education department of The Houses of Parliament where we watched a presentation about its history.

The first room we visited in the Houses of Parliament was a room with Queen Victoria's throne and her picture hanging on the wall. There was also a copy of the Magna Carta which was a law passed by high knights to prevent the king from passing laws without the House of Lords and Commons allowing it. Afterwards, we walked below Victoria Tower, where all the signed laws were kept, before entering The House of Lords. All of the seats were red and there was a throne which the monarch uses every year to open Parliament. Then we passed a hall that had pictures of the last monarchs to live in Parliament.



We walked to The House of Commons. All of the seats became green and I saw the opposition and government seats. Then we ended the tour at Westminster Hall where our guide told us that the tiles in the hall were over 1000 years old! Some parts were 400 years old. **Vedant 6N**



Athletics competition

On May 25th 30 Children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed in the annual athletics event which happens at the amazing StoneX stadium. The children competed against 12 other large schools in Barnet, in a combination of track and field events. The morning started with the field events consisting of High Jump, Speed bounce, Long jump, Shotput and the Javelin. Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls competed against children from the other schools demonstrating some excellent throws and jumps!



The children were able to enjoy lunch in the stands overlooking the rugby pitch, where Saracens rugby team play their games. Lunch had finished and the races for the track (running) events began! Colindale flew out of the blocks and comfortably won both the year 3 girls and boys finals! The wins kept on coming and you could hear people talking in the crowd “wow those Colindale children are fast!” There were multiple wins from years 3-6 including the relays, where the children worked extremely well as a group of 4 to pass the baton with smooth precision, despite moving at incredible speeds. The presentation followed the races and to our delight we were 1st place in the track events and awarded a trophy for us to keep in our school for this achievement! We also finished 2nd place overall (combination of track and field points) in the competition, narrowly missing top spot. This is the first athletics trophy that Colindale has won and is such a great achievement! Congratulations!!

A fantastic day for Colindale Primary school which was made even better by the positive, enthusiastic and hardworking children, parent helpers and staff! Thank you to everyone that helped! Everyone played an important team role in the success - from hearing the chants from the stand to competing down on track. Hearing other schools say how respectful our children were and seeing how our children supported each other whether they won or lost was truly the real winner of the day! I am truly honoured to have seen the 30 children who attended do so well! Well done! I hope those children and others continue to keep training hard and keep the passion for all things sport and PE!

Coach Michael (PE Coach)

Eco Schools

Bikeability Training

From 16th to 19th May, some **year 6** children participated in **Level 1 Bikeability** cycle training as part of the school's drive to support children become responsible citizens and promoting sustainable travel.

This safe, structured, and standardised programme is designed to make children more competent cyclists and prepare them for eventually cycling on the road. The children also had the opportunity to have their bikes checked by an experienced instructor, who ensured that all of them were working properly and safe. They all enjoyed the training and had fun learning!



Cycle Training for adults and families

There is an opportunity to have free adult and family cycle training from Cycle Confident in Barnet. See below.



FREE Adult & Family

Cycle Training   

> How competent a cyclist are you?

> Would you like to improve your cycling skills and become a more confident cyclist?

> Would you like training as a family so you can enjoy family days out?



If you live, work or study in the London Borough of Barnet you can receive free adult one to one cycle training or free family cycle training for up to 3 people, one of which must be an adult.

To arrange your free cycle training follow the procedure set out below:

1. Visit www.cycleconfident.com
2. Register on the website by clicking the 'register' link in the top right hand corner of the website.
3. Once you have registered you will receive an activation email from Cycle Confident, with a link to activate your account.
4. Once you have clicked on the link within the activation email you receive, follow the instructions and book your adult individual or family cycle training session.
5. Please fill in the booking form carefully and ensure that when prompted to do so you choose from a drop down list that you 'live, work or study in Barnet'. This will ensure that at the end of the booking form there is no charge for the training.
6. The cycle instructor that will run your training session will contact you to confirm the date and time you have chosen for your session. If the instructor is booked on that date s/he will discuss alternative dates with you.

If you need help booking online please telephone 020 8559 4972

I wish you all a very happy, enjoyable and fun half term break.

Lucy Rodgers, Headteacher