



Rights Respecting Article for May – Article 31

Children have the right to relax, play and take part in a range of cultural activities such as dance, sport, music and art.

Colindale Primary School Newsletter May 2023

Messages from the school office

School Uniform - We have a new uniform supplier called Smith Schoolwear. You can order online by clicking on Colindale Primary School | Smiths Schoolwear. If you have questions, please call 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 communications 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.

Summer Half Term – School will be closed from Monday 29th May until Monday 5th June. **Pupils return on Tuesday 6th June**

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.

Dates To Remember

06/06/2023 – All children return to school

09/06/2023 - 2A Class Assembly

16/06/2023 – 2M Class Assembly

16/06/2023 – Year 3 Activity Evening

21/06/2023 – KS2 Choir performing at Barnet Schools Music Festival

22/06/2023 – New Reception Parents Meeting

23/06/2023 – 1A Class Assembly, Year 4 Sleepover

27/06/2023 – New Nursery Parents meeting

30/06/2023 – 1R Class Assembly

30/06/2023 – PSA Summer Fair

03/07/2023 – Travelling Book Fair all week

03/07/2023 – Year 1 & 2 Sports Day – 09:00 – 11:30

04/07/2023 – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day – 9:00 to 11:30

05/07/2023 – Nursery Sports Day – 9:15-10.15 /13.50-14.50

06/07/2023 – Year 3 & 4 Sports Day – 9:00 to 11:30

07/07/2023 – Reception Sports Day – 9:00 to 10.30

07/07/2023 – 1T Class Assembly

10/07/2023 – Y4 Trip to National Gallery

14/07/2023 – Y2 Trip to Clacton-On Sea

17/07/2023 – Meet new class teacher - 15.00

19/07/2023 – Y6 To Southend

21/07/2023 – Y6 Graduation 10:00 to 12:00

21/07/2023 – Last Day of Term **School Closes at 2 pm**

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

Eco Schools and Healthy Schools

Great news: Our textile recycling bin has been reinstalled! Very soon you will be told what items you can bring in to recycle. **For the moment, it is not in use.**

In the meantime, our school is taking part in **Bag2Schools** initiative to raise money for our school PSA. All children were given a bag to fill with clothes that are no longer needed and should be brought to school on **Wednesday 14th June in the afternoon or Thursday 15th June in the morning** when they will be collected by the company. Thank you for your support to tackle climate change.

Recipe of the month (All recipes are adopted from ProVeg International are plant- based)

Crushed Chickpea & Sweetcorn Mayo Wrap

“This quick and easy recipe is a great plant-based alternative to the traditional tuna crunch wrap! Healthy, sustainable, simple and cost-effective “

Preparation time: 10 minutes



and

Ingredients

Servings: 10 children

500 g	Chickpeas, drained	10	10-inch tortillas
150 g	Mayonnaise	20	Little gem leaves
150 g	Sweetcorn, drained	350 g	Tomato, sliced
70 g	Spring onion, finely chopped	170 g	Cucumber, thinly sliced
1 tsp	Onion granules		

Instructions

- Pulse the chickpeas in a food processor until lightly crushed.
- Combine the chickpeas with the mayonnaise, sweetcorn, spring onions and onion granules.
- Place 2 salad leaves down the middle of each tortilla.
- Arrange 3 or 4 slices of tomato along the lettuce, followed by the cucumber.
- Arrange 90g of the chickpea mixture per tortilla along the top of the salad.
- Fold over the top and bottom of the tortilla, just enough to allow the tortilla to be rolled into a closed cylinder.
- Cut each cylinder in half.

International Day

We are very fortunate at Colindale Primary School to have children from such a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Our International Day was a celebration of this. Each class focused on a part of the world that reflected our school in some way. Many of the children and staff dressed up in their own cultural clothes, bringing a sense of colour to the day.



There was a myriad of activities happening across the school which immersed the children in different parts of the world. There was food from Morocco, India, Mexico, Egypt and Spain being enjoyed. There was music in the form of Somali drumming and Romanian folk dance. There were flags being made, languages being learnt, Brazilian samba masks created, Japanese fans constructed, and an array of artwork produced. Many of the children were also lucky enough to benefit from 'Mother Tongue' stories read in Pashto, Somali, Arabic and Romanian. It really was a true celebration of the international make-up of our school. We are especially grateful to the parents who came in to volunteer their time to help enrich the children's experiences further.



National Numeracy Day 2023 – Wednesday 17th May

National Numeracy Day

Numbers and Dancing

Let's get moving this National Numeracy Day! My dancing activities can help you to understand that maths doesn't have to be scary. It's completely normal to find maths difficult. But just like dancing, if we break it down into easy-to-follow steps and keep practising, we can ALL get better.

Katya Jones
Professional dancer from BBC's
Strictly Come Dancing
National Numeracy Ambassador

A popular choice of activity was **NUMBERS AND DANCING** for National Numeracy Day 2023 at Colindale Primary School. Here are some of the steps in action. Well done all those who took part.

3D have fun doing the dance steps for National Numeracy Day 2023.



5J join in the dance – and their counting is spot on!

Well done everyone. Good to see lots of smiles and some deep concentration.

Find out what your children know about different dances.

The Waltz

The Jive

The Cha-cha-cha

And ask them what this has to do with Numeracy!

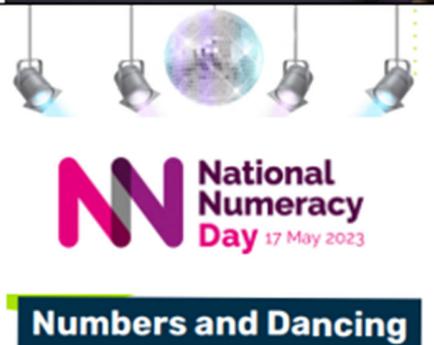




National Numeracy Day



4G showed a great sense of **teamwork** and **collaboration** as well as being aware of **counting steps to the music** and **using repetition**. Well done everyone.





National Numeracy Day



5B practice their steps and their dance moves as they dance along with Katya Jones, professional dancer from BBC's Strictly Come Dancing. Well done everyone.





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Numeracy
Getting on with numbers



It's official – 1R had a whale of a time keeping up with Katya Jones.
Professional dancer from BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.





National Numeracy Day



Young dancers unite! Children in 1T had a great time practicing their moves.
Too fast for the camera! Brilliant work 1T.



SUMDOG National UK Maths Contest

Sumdog National UK Maths Contest - 19 May to 25 May

2,149

Classes qualified



Position	Class name	Region	Score
175th	Class 3D, Colindale Primary School	England	263
178th	Class 5J, Colindale Primary School	England	261
198th	Class 5M, Colindale Primary School	England	249
618th	Class 6N, Colindale Primary School	England	126
662nd	Class 5B, Colindale Primary School	England	121
777th	Class 3F, Colindale Primary School	England	107
926th	Class 4J, Colindale Primary School	England	90
937th	Class 4G, Colindale Primary School	England	88

35,354

Students played



Position	Name	Class name	Score
47th	Aman	Class 5J	989

Brilliant news with the Sumdog National UK Contest.

3D, 5J and 5M managed to come in the top 10% of classes across the country.

To get in the top 200 scores is AMAZING.

All our qualifying classes came in the top 50% of qualified classes.

A BRILLIANT effort by all.

A special congratulations to Aman who scored an almost perfect score.

Aman came in the top 50 students in the whole country - a group of more than 35,000 children.

This is OUTSTANDING - an excellent effort Aman.

We are all so proud of all of you. Well done everyone.

Primary Mathematics Challenge – BONUS ROUND



In November 2022, 44 of our year 6 children and 15 of our year 5 children sat the PMC. From this, three of our year 6 children were invited to compete in the BONUS ROUND in February. Here are the results of this challenge.

PMC Bonus Round 2023

We are pleased to announce the 2023 PMC Bonus Round results are in!

In November 2022 almost 58 000 pupils took part in the Challenge. 3700 pupils scoring 20 and above were then invited to take part in the Bonus Round in February 2023.

Of the 3204 results returned to us, an incredible 67 pupils got full marks, with the boundaries for gold, silver and bronze awards as follows:

Gold	23 - 25	382 Pupils
Silver	20 - 22	952 Pupils
Bronze	17-19	1051 Pupils

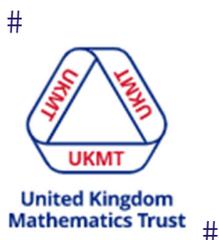
A big congratulations to:

Santosh – Silver Award Winner

Abilesh – Bronze Award Winner

Avi – Participant Award Winner

UKMT (UK Mathematics Trust)



Certificate Thresholds

This year's certificate thresholds are as follows:

Gold: 82+

Silver: 66+

Bronze: 52+

All students below the Bronze threshold receive a certificate of Participation.

This year 25 of our Year 6 children entered the UKMT Challenge in April.

A huge congratulations go out to everyone who took part, and that includes all the parents who were helping at home. But mainly the children – well done, this was a huge undertaking and you performed admirably.

<p>Gold Certificate Winners: Abilesh and Santhosh</p>	<p>Silver Certificate Winners: Avi</p>
<p>Bronze Certificate Winners: Stuti, Hikma, Kaarunya, Elvis, Robert F, Manha, Ali, Iman and Tudor</p>	<p>Participation Certificate Winners: Zunairah, Safa, Charmaine, Hussein, Asvitha, Ayan, Zayd, Mengting, Bejan, Chakierra, Yasmine, Abdulrahman and Esha</p>

PSA Sponsored Walk

On Friday 19th May, all children from Little Rainbows to year 6 took part in the PSA Sponsored Walk. The weather was perfect for the occasion, there wasn't spot of rain and it wasn't too hot.

With upbeat music to keep the children motivated, they set off from their class tables determined to walk as many laps as possible. They showed great perseverance as they walked around the school grounds, collecting stamps for each lap walked. Some children managed to walk a total 15 laps!

It was a successful event and the children had great fun. Not only did it increase their fitness levels, but it also helped their wellbeing.

Thank you to the PSA members who helped on the day, and a big thank you to all families and friends who sponsored the children.

A special mention to the children who raised over £100:

Dami 5B - £210.00; Joshua Mendes Burnett Nursery- £130; Raam Ratish 5M- £130;

Grace Doman 4P £110; Skylah-Rose 1R- £100 and Saara 5J and Safa Nursery- £115.

In total we have raised just over **£3800** for the school!

Colindale Primary School PSA



Rights Respecting School

After a very long wait, mostly due to lockdown, we finally received a visit from the UNICEF accreditor on Thursday 30th March. She came into school to assess our journey from Silver to Gold as a Rights Respecting School.

Before the accreditation visit, we had to send evidence of the actions taken since the last assessment visit. Ms Rodgers and Mrs McDonough, along with input from various other members of the staff team, had to complete a School Evaluation Gold level form and send in a collection of digital evidence as a power-point.

During her morning visit, the accreditor spent a lot of time talking to the Rights Champions from Year 1 to Year 6, visiting classrooms and talking to pupils working there, then meeting with a group of school staff. After this she went away to consider her observations and notes, before giving some verbal feedback to members of the Senior Leadership Team. It was good to hear how impressed she was by what she saw during her visit. Now all we had to do was wait for the official report.

This report arrived just under two weeks ago and confirmed what we thought to be true..... **We**

are now a GOLD Rights Respecting School!



The report praised the strengths she noted:

- Confident children who were able to demonstrate a sound knowledge of a range of rights.
- The school's commitment to children's rights.
- Our culture of inclusivity.
- The good work done at Colindale regarding health and wellbeing, focusing on mental health and emotions.

A huge WELL DONE to all children and staff who took part on the day – everyone brilliantly explained and described Rights Respecting at Colindale – THANK YOU!

Year 4 trip to Regents Park

As part of Year 4's science learning this term about living things and their habitats, we visited Regents Park. There the children took part in several workshops, exploring the living things that can be found in the park.

The children investigated the mini beasts that they found amongst the long grass, by catching them using a net and releasing them safely after identification.

The children also had the opportunity of exploring the many trees that can be found at Regents Park. They learnt unique ways of identifying the type of trees found and measuring their length.



I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a sunny, happy, restful and fun half term holiday!

Lucy Rodgers, Headteacher