

## SPANISH TEACHERS VISIT COLINDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL AS PART OF AN 'ERASMUS AND JOB SHADOWING' PROJECT

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October, three Spanish teachers visited Colindale from *CEIP Castra Caecilia School* in Spain. They were part of a project called 'Erasmus + Job Shadowing' funded by the European Commission. During their visit, they observed lessons and activities to learn about how our educational system works and to gain new ideas they could introduce into their own school in Spain. Our visitors were very impressed with our school and thoroughly enjoyed their stay. Thank you very much to all staff for making them feel welcome.



These are their comments about what they learnt and enjoyed: 'On October 8<sup>th</sup> I arrived at Colindale with great enthusiasm for being able to observe an educational system different from mine. When you have so many expectations, it is very likely that what you finally see is not as special as you thought. However, that first enthusiasm with which I entered Colindale was only growing, as what I found fulfilled my expectations. The week that teachers, students and management team of Colindale School have let us share, has been very productive for me. I got many great ideas from the school that I intend to carry out in my school. I would like to say a big thank you to the entire educational community of Colindale School for giving us a week full of teaching and learning and many new ideas. As a teacher I can only encourage you to continue educating like this, since the children can improve the world and we, teachers must guide them in their first steps.' María Barrantes Caso.

'Colindale Primary School is a place to learn, to think, live and enjoy through active methodologies with a climate of exemplary teaching and learning. In every corner of Colindale you find signs of a very well organised work and perfectly structured classes, both logistically and methodologically. Undoubtedly, there is a great team behind all of this and we have enjoyed getting to know their methods in order to integrate new forms of teaching in our school in Spain. Thanks to the whole team for allowing us to visit you and your students for a week.' Olga Coello Vázquez.

'Visiting Colindale Primary School has been an incredibly enriching experience in all aspects. The teachers and assistants have been very kind letting us into their classes and showing us their teaching techniques and their resources. The school, in general, is a paradise in human, space and material resources. All this is reflected in the way students learn, which, we would like to implement in Spain.' Margarita Mateos

Thanks to this visit we have secured a new link for our 'Pen Pals' activity in Year 5. Our Year 5 pupils will be exchanging letters with the Year 5 pupils from Castra Caecilia School this academic year.

### Attendance awards

In October the following classes won the **Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

**1C,3B, 6K, 2J, 5M, 2P and 5T**

—well done!



**5T** also won the **Colindale Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing 100% attendance with no lates!  
**FANTASTIC!!**

**WELL DONE!**

### Rights Respecting Schools update –

We recently held an election to select the Rights Champions for each year group. It was an exciting event and the results were very close. The pupils have elected a great set of children, who will help raise the profile of Rights Respecting even more.



Reception – Zaina RM
Year 1 – Sara 1PA
Year 2 – Eduard 2P
Year 3 – Todi 3B
Year 4 – Delassi 4R and Alex 4J
Year 5 – Lucas 5M
Year 6 – Haider 6T

**Rights Champions 2018**  
– 2019

**Year 5's Trip to The Science Museum** In Year 5 we have been learning about Space as part of our topic, 'Travel Through Time'. To enhance our knowledge and understanding of space, we visited the Science Museum where they have an extensive area dedicated to our solar system and space travel. During our visit, the children learned even more about the planets in our solar system, space travel and what it is like to be an astronaut. We visited the IMAX cinema where, in 3D, we watched, 'Our Beautiful Planet'. This was a film capturing astronauts travelling through space, looking down onto Planet Earth, an amazing view! We learned many new things on our trip, one of them being who the first man in space was, Yuri Gagarin! Back in school we decided to learn more about Yuri Gagarin and wrote a biography about his amazing and inspirational life.



Miss Thompson



The **Colindale Boys football team** played their first league match against Blessed Dominic's on Tuesday 16th October, drawing the game 3-3. It was a brilliant game where both schools showcased their abilities! The deadlock was broken after 10 minutes when Daniel hit the crossbar after a nice bit of passing play and the ball landed in the box for Jason to tap in. However, on the stroke of half time Blessed Dominic's got an equaliser from an unfortunate Colindale own goal. 1-1 at half time!

The second half started at a very high tempo with both sides striving for the lead. There was some brilliant defending from Jia Ler and David, which kept the opposition at bay. A moment of magic from Daniel, who took the ball past three of the opposition players, and then hammered the ball into the bottom corner. 2-1 Colindale!

Blessed Dominic's continued to pressure the Colindale defence and they received a free kick outside the box. The subsequent free kick was on target forcing Andres to make a fantastic save but unfortunately he pushed it out to an unmarked player who tapped it in to draw level at 2-2.

The game continued to go back and forth, with both teams battling hard, before Reece was put on the left hand side and slotted the ball into the bottom right corner of the goal. Colindale had 5 minutes to hold on. Andres made an incredible triple save keeping Colindale in the lead, but there was a series of unlucky deflections which allowed the ball to drop at an opposition player who slotted it away. It was a truly fantastic game with both teams performing brilliantly. Colindale can be proud of all their efforts and can hopefully go on to have a great season. *Coach Michael*



**Year 6 went on a trip to the Imperial War Museum in London for our World War 2 topic.** Once there, we were able to see a variety of real-life objects that had been used by a family during the war, such as a mangle for drying their clothes and radios they used to listen to music – they were massive!



We saw a life-like Anderson Shelter and had a go at sitting in it as well as many World War 2 planes.

In English, we wrote letters explaining what we liked about the museum and how it could be improved. We used linking devices and formal language to write our letters. Some of the letters were then sent to the Imperial War Museum.

Ms Thompson



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Dear Ms Lees,

I am a student from Colindale Primary School. I recently came to your museum since my year 6 class were learning about World War 2. However, I think there can be things that can be improved.

Firstly, I enjoyed the Anderson Shelter, since it helped me understand what it would be like in our war. I was very amazed of how restricted it would be inside a 'hole' that was packed. It was for a whole family. I could not imagine what it would be like to be near bombs and hear bombs as it would be terrifying.

Secondly, I also liked the comic screen since you learn by reading what information it has. Also the comic screen was different unlike other activities which weren't interactive. It was very helpful as it was understandable and appropriate for children and adults.

The final point is that I was delighted by the stamp activity as it was not just fun but it is also educational, since you have to understand what the stamps meant. In addition, the letters to people who took part in the war helped me understand what it was like and what the stamps meant.

On the other hand, although I enjoyed it, I think there could be some improvements. The museum could be improved by letting the cleaners use the easiest and for us also the games could be 3D or real. For the war area it could be about the World War 2 people talking about how it was like.

In addition, it was very funny to walk from a very long time. I suggest that there should be more benches in each room so people can rest more. My class and another class had to walk to and from the station and to the museum.

In conclusion, I think the Imperial War Museum was a marvelous place to visit for a trip which needs a few improvements. I hope you take my ideas in consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Li

### School Council

The school council has 39 members comprising of a boy and a girl from each class and one co-opted member in year 6. We continue to have upper (years 4 to 6) and lower (years 1 to 3) school council meetings so that all pupils' voices can be heard.

1PA	Nicole & Abel
1K	Amir and Liyana
1C	Rakai & Alexandra
2N	Bejan and Natasha
2J	Viktor and Aleeza
2P	Danielle & Elvis
3N	Jerome & Ruth
3B	Mirela & Danny
3G	Kylie & Dhruv
4M	David and Amelia
4J	Cheri & Christlyn
4R	Khudaija and Yusuf
5M	Laila & Reece
5T	Sara & Hamed
5DM	Jamar, Alex & Laiba
6T	Mya and Raza
6K	Daniela & Nisal
6N	Lashai & Babur
6D	Mirub and Calin

In our first meeting this month some of the topics pupils were keen to discuss were Anti-Bullying Week and how it should be celebrated, the school canteen, after-school and lunchtime clubs, plans for the tree house, which the PTA raised money for, and fundraising.

Ms Wayland



During October, Year 2 went on a trip into central London. We went on The London Eye and a Thames River boat cruise. This was part of their topic on 'London'. This was the first visit for many pupils into London and on The London Eye. It was a fantastic experience during which the pupils were able to see many of the landmarks and sights that make London famous. I was very



impressed with what they had remembered from their summer homework and from what they had learnt in school. The excitement of the day had started even before reaching Colindale underground station! Before going on The London Eye the pupils enjoyed a 4D experience which they loved. They felt snow on their faces, a dragon breathing out fire and birds flying out towards them. During the time on The London Eye, the pupils were able to spot landmarks such as The Shard, St Paul's Cathedral and even Buckingham Palace. Whilst on the boat the pupils and the adults were in awe of the sight of Tower Bridge which had its bridge opened for once! In all the years we have been on this trip it has never happened before. A wonderful day was had by all! A special thank you to all the parents who came to help.



Ms Nisha Parmar



On a sunny and bright late September morning, all of Year 4 embarked on an exciting visit to the wonderful **Verulamium museum** and park in St Albans. We had been learning about the Ancient Romans and their story of how they invaded, conquered and settled in Britain. We were very lucky to have the opportunity to have a closer look at the remains of a Roman villa with a beautiful mosaic floor and the underground heating called a hypocaust. From afar, we saw the remains of the walls that surrounded the Roman city, which was known as Verulamium. We all enjoyed the interactive session where we were able to get our hands on Roman artefacts

that were used over two thousand years ago and also dressed up as Romans and Celts! Inside the museum, we watched an interesting video about the famous battle between the Romans and Queen Boudicca's Celtic tribes who fought to regain their land. We then took a tour of the museum to find out about Roman life in Britain. 4J, 4M and 4R returned to school in the afternoon, filled with excitement and great knowledge about their autumn topic.



Miss Robinson

