

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

November 2021



Messages from the school office

- If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they will **start Reception** in September in 2022. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2022. Please click on the following link to make the application <https://bit.ly/3qIZvP3>.
- Please ensure that you **label all your child's uniform**. Without it being labelled, staff cannot return uniform to the correct person. Lost property is emptied each Friday afternoon.
- All charges for lunch, nursery fees, educational visits and workshops are charged to your **ParentPay account**. Please ensure you clear all monies owed on time. If you have any queries with regards to your account, contact the school office.
- If you have not activated your child's **Weduc** account or are having trouble accessing your account, please come to the school office for assistance. Weduc is the main form of communication used by the school and you need to have access to your account.
- Please remember that **we are unable to authorise any absences for holidays** during term time. Any unauthorised absences taken for holidays will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. Please find our Attendance policy by clicking on the following link <https://bit.ly/3xA23jX>

Year 2 Infant Music Festival

On Monday 8th November, 30 children from Year 2 attended the Barnet Infant Music Festival. They travelled to The Hyde Primary school where they sang several songs alongside children from The Hyde and Parkfield primary schools. They also sang a solo song called 'I feel good'. The children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed learning different songs. A special thank you to Mrs Marshall for all her hard work teaching and practising the songs with the children.



Year 2 trip into central London



On the 11th of November, Year 2 went on a school trip to Central London. They were extremely excited, as it was their first every school trip!

The children, parent volunteers and teachers walked to Colindale Station and travelled on the Northern line all the way to Waterloo Station! We were so excited when we finally saw the London Eye. As it was November the 11th we held a two- minute silence before getting into the pods.

The children really enjoyed being on the London Eye and they were able to recognise most of the landmarks they had learnt about in class. Some of us were a little afraid of how high it was, but we were very brave.

After the London Eye, we went on a river boat cruise along the Thames.

When we got off the boat, we ate our lunch and we played on the play structure.

All the children and adults had a fabulous time and as always, the children were very well behaved!



Year 4 trip to Verulamium

On Monday 8th November, Year 4 visited Verulamium Museum. They travelled by coach and spent the day exploring Roman ruins, artefacts the museum grounds. They also took part in a workshop where they handled real life Roman artefacts. The children showed exemplary behaviour and handled the artefacts with care throughout. Whilst exploring the grounds, the children got to see parts of the Roman wall built by the Romans to defend the city of Verulamium from enemies. This wall is over 1700 years old and we were impressed by how much of it still remains today! Jordan from 4J was particularly impressed with the artefacts inside the museum, "I can't believe the coins they used look like the ones we have". Abdulrahman from 4P enjoyed learning some facts about the Romans. "I liked everything at Verulamium! I learnt that the Romans built walls to protect their cities." Afia and Lucas from 4G loved the tour in the museum. "I enjoyed looking at the skeletons and the Roman jewellery." "I liked learning about what Romans used to eat and how,"

A special thank you to all the parents that came along, the visit would not have been possible without you!



Connecting Classrooms Project

This is a project run by the British Council, where UK schools are twinned with schools in other countries. Colindale School has been twinned with Kaneshie Kingsway Primary School in Accra, Ghana.

Class 3CH were invited to take part in this project and during the October half-term holiday the children were given two tasks to do.

For task 1, the children had to take and print out a photograph showing 'The view from a window in my house', to give the Kaneshie Primary children some idea of what our local area looks like. Some children chose to draw their view. The children in Ghana will do the same task to show us their local environment.

Task two involved choosing and researching about a famous London landmark, finding facts and information to share with the children in Ghana.

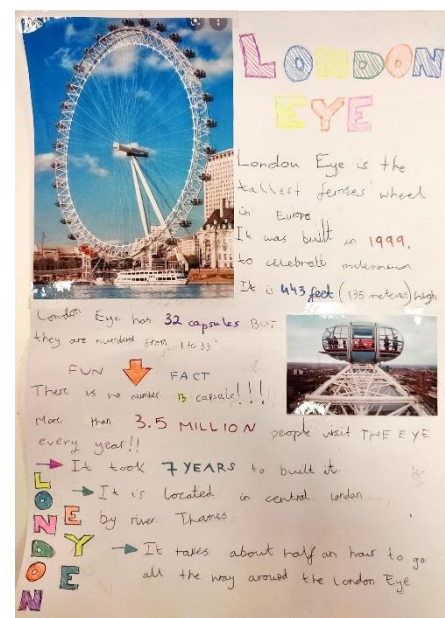
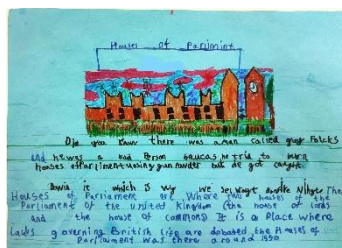
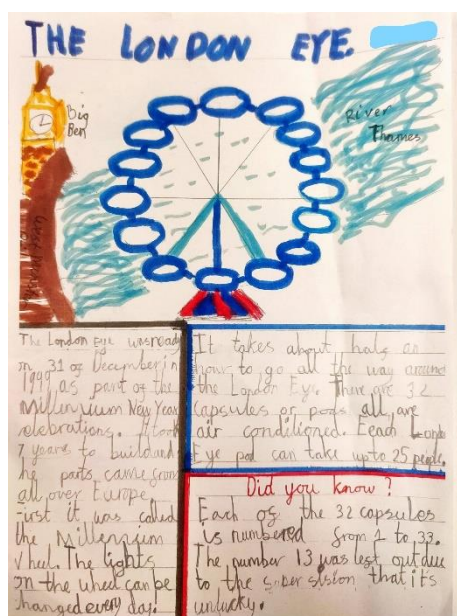
Class 3CH are very excited to be part of this project - here are some of their views:

Jonathan: 'It was good to do this because we were a bit like tour guides!'

Isaac: 'This will tell other people about Colindale.'

Minisha: 'It's important because it helps the other school learn about us.'

The work produced was of an excellent standard, as you can see from the photographs below:



Multi-Faith Day

On Friday 12th November, Colindale hosted a Multifaith day to celebrate National Interfaith Day. We invited local religious representatives from Barnet Multifaith Forum (BMFF). All year groups took part in exciting activities across the curriculum such as, making and eating Samosas in DT, designing rangoli patterns with 2D shapes in Maths, tasting special foods from different, an acrostic poem in English and reading tales from different religions.

As part of their topic on celebrations Year 1 listened to a representative from the Hindu religion retell the story of Raama and Sita, which explains why and how Diwali is celebrated. They were given a chance to ask questions from the story and share what they have been learning in class. Year 3 also had the opportunity to meet Suchita Rajadhvaska from Barnet Multifaith Forum and learn about how dress and symbols play an important role in everyday life for a Hindu person.

Year 2 had an amazing opportunity to meet a Priest, Father Duckett from St Mathias Church. He talked about the different features of the Church and spoke about his role in the community. He showed the children artefacts he had bought from the Church and explained what they were used for. The children were able to handle the artefacts and dress up as a Priest. This was a good introduction to their topic on special places.

Year 4 met with Thami and Pamela Nomvete representatives from the Buddhist Faith. They shared their experiences of being a Buddhist and the basic teachings of Buddah. They listened to an exciting story and watched Pamela perform a special chant. The children worked really hard in preparing interesting and thoughtful questions for their visitors. Both women were impressed in the children's engagement.

Year 5 met with Propa Anwar the Vice chair of BMFF, who spoke about some important teaching of Islam and what her role as a Muslim entails for the community. The children gained an insight to the hard work the Muslim community in Barnet have done during the pandemic to support families and help people get vaccinated.

Rabbi Miriam visited Year 6 and delivered a fantastic workshop on her role as a Rabbi and the role of the High Priest in Judaism. She brought lots of artefacts linked to the discussion and children were able to dress up and were involved in deciding on the different duties for the roles. The children had worked hard during to week to prepare questions for the Rabbi. Well done Year 6!



Eco News

Walk to School Month

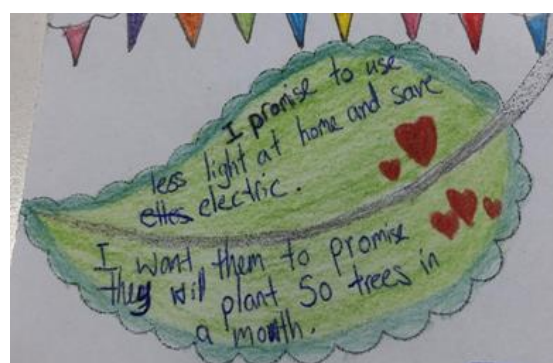
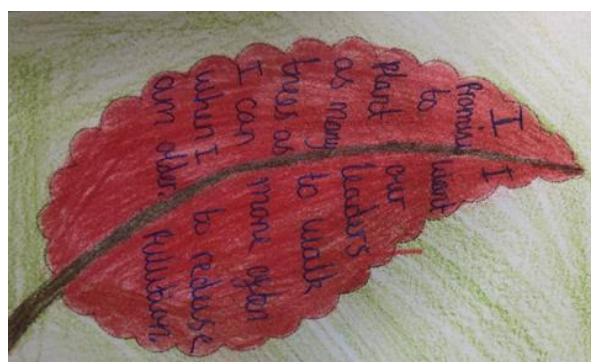
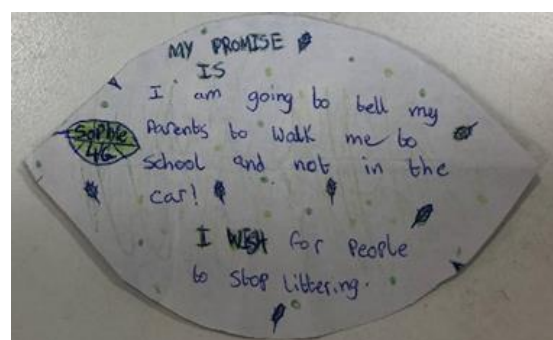
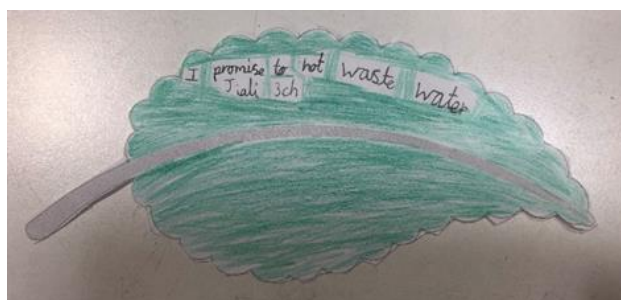
Our Walk to School month (October 2021) was a success. **5,511** sustainable journeys were made. Well done Colindale! **1M in KS1 and 3K in KS2** are the winning classes with the most sustainable journeys.

Congratulations! Keep up walking, cycling, or scooting!



COP26-Climate Change Conference

In Colindale Primary, from 8th to 12th November, we had our **“Together for Our Planet”** week to discuss what climate change is, what we can do to protect our planet and be responsible citizens as part of the COP26- Climate Change Conference, which took place in Glasgow at the beginning of November. All classes wrote their pledge to help our planet and their wish, on leaves that will create the “Tree of Promises” to raise awareness of how fragile and valuable our planet is.



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