

Colindale Primary School Newsletter October 2022

Messages from the school office



Individual Photographs – will be taken on the 3rd November. You must renew your child's annual photo and video permissions if you wish your child to have their photo taken on the day. If you have any questions, please call the school office

Uniforms – all uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. All lost uniform without a label will be put in the lost property box which is situated in the main foyer.

School Dinners – please ensure you clear any outstanding charges at the end of each week in order to avoid accruing a large debt. If you are experiencing any technical problems with ParentPay please call the school office.

Dates To Remember

- 01/11/2022 - All children return to school
- 03/11/2022 - Individual Photographs
- 04/11/2022 - 5M Class Assembly
- 07/11/2022 - Y4 Animation Workshop
- 11/11/2022 - 5B class assembly
- 14/11/2022 - Barnet Infant Music Festival
- 15/11/2022 - Y6 School Journey
- 15/11/2022 - Dodgeball Festival Year 4
- 15/11/2022 - Reception Open Lesson Phonics
- 17/11/2022 - Open Lesson Year 3
- 18/11/2022 - Year 4 Verulamium Trip
- 18/11/2022 - 5J class Assembly
- 22/11/2022 - Open Lesson Year 4 Times Table
- 23/11/2022 - Gymnastics Movement Festival Y3
- 24/11/2022 - Open Lesson Year 5 Writing Lesson
- 24/11/2022 – Height and weight measurement for Reception and Year 6
- 25/11/2022 - 3D Class Assembly
- 28/11/2022 - Book Fair – Lower Heart Space`

Year 2 London trip

On the 7th of October, Year 2 went on a school trip to Central London. We were extremely excited, as it was our first Year 2 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. Wow!!

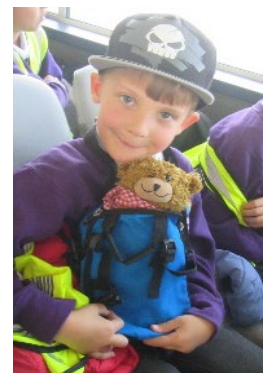
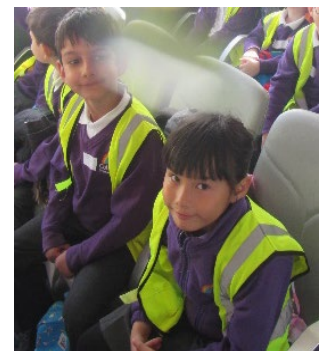
Before going on the London Eye, we went for a river cruise on the River Thames. The children were excellent at spotting the famous London landmarks they had learnt about. They could remember what they were called and facts about them!

After the boat trip we went on the London Eye. Some of the children were a little scared of how high it was going, but everyone was very brave and really enjoyed it once they got right to the top. It was a beautiful day, and we could see all the sights of London. The children spotted Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, The Shard and could even see the Wembley Stadium arch!

After the London Eye everyone was really hungry, so we ate our lunch in the park and then we played on the play structures.

We then got back on the tube to come back to school. Some children were so tired they fell asleep!

Everyone including Jofli had a fantastic day, and we were very proud of how the children behaved.



Year 3 trip to the British Museum

On the 14th of October, Year 3 went back to Prehistoric Britain as they explored the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Age exhibitions at the British Museum. They embarked on their journey with parent volunteers and teachers by walking down to Colindale Station and riding the northern line to Tottenham Court Road.

At school, the children learnt all about how people lived through these time periods. They had gathered knowledge about the different homes they built, the food they ate, the weapons they used to hunt for food, and the clothes they wore. They used this knowledge very well to identify different artefacts at the museum! Lots of children were blown away by how well the museum has



preserved objects. Haris in 3N said *"look at this skeleton that's just lying here!"*



The children spent lots of time carefully examining the magnificent objects from the prehistoric exhibit. Yoosuf from 3D was particularly curious about how farmers used stones when farming, and when hunting for animal skin to make clothes! He commented *"such a small stone had so many uses!"*

Some children in 3F were amazed by the Bronze Age selection. They could not believe what the Beaker People brought to

Britain, including beakers! One child asked, *"how is it possible that they carried these big beakers when they went to fill up water?"*

Once the children had completed their tour, they had the opportunity of strolling through the Egypt exhibition. The children appreciated the beauty and colour of the Egyptian culture. Many could not take their eyes off the large statues of animals, pharaohs, and hieroglyphics! It was a very exciting moment for the Year 3's because they found out that they will be learning about Ancient Egypt later in the year.

Lunch was enjoyed outside the museum gardens as the weather had been lovely and bright. It was a treat because the children got to play and relax in the sun. Just before they prepared for their journey back to school, the children sat on the steps outside the museum entrance, ready for the teachers to take a year group photo. To their teachers' surprise, the children began proudly singing the Colindale song - *"we are the children of Colindale school...!"* It was a very sweet moment, and there was lots of laughter. Overall, it was a fantastic and successful day out. The children behaved very well, had lots of fun, and are already asking about their next trip!

Black History Month

During October, we celebrated Black History Month with storytelling sessions and workshops delivered by Big Foot Arts Education.

The children in Reception and KS1 took part in a story telling session where they learnt about the experiences of a child from the Windrush Generation who came to live in Britain. They listened to a story told from the viewpoint of a friend of Floella Benjamin, a Trinidadian-British actress, singer, presenter, author, businesswoman and politician. The children explored issues of identity, difference and acceptance.

The children in KS2 took part in a Black & British workshop where they learnt about influential black British people, such as Malorie Blackman, Lenny Henry and Maggie Aderin-Pocock. The children enjoyed creating role play scenarios, raps and quizzes to present important information about these individuals.

As well as these workshops, the children also took part in other learning opportunities during this month:

Year 1 learnt about Ruby Bridges, tasted exotic fruits and played the Djembe drums.

Year 2 tasted Afro-Caribbean food and created collages based on the artwork of Marisa Hylton.

Year 3 learnt about the Windrush Generation.

Year 6 learnt about the role of the Commonwealth during the Second World War.

Our Black History Month celebrations ended with a spectacular carnival where Years 3 and 4 made costumes and performed carnival dances for the other children to enjoy. A group of talented Year 6 children also performed the Charleston. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all and a wonderful way to end out month of Black History Month celebrations.



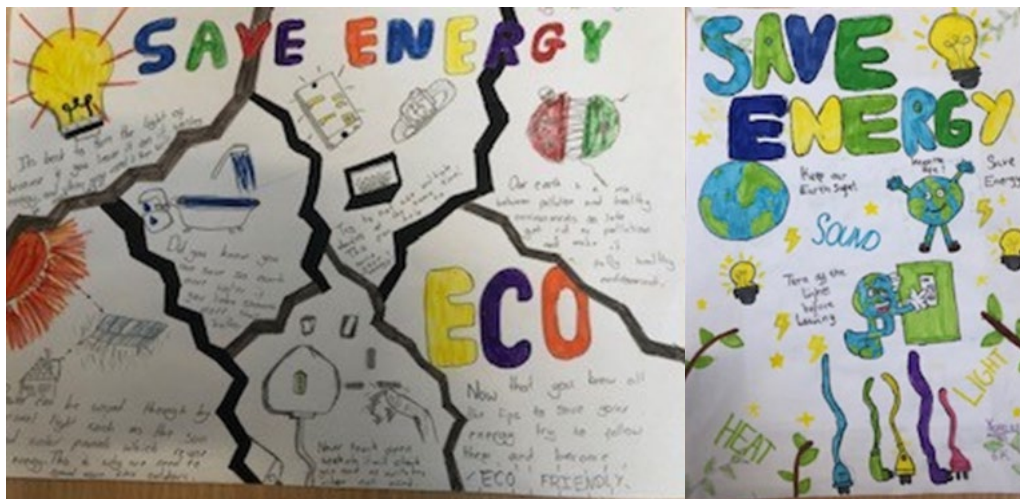
Switch Off day

On 11th October we celebrated our annual **Switch Off Day** as part of the national energy campaign, **Switch Off Fortnight**, which is organised by The Pod in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust Foundation. It is a day that we save as much electricity as possible by switching off lights, not using computers, laptops or smart boards and learning new ways to tackle climate change, raise awareness and help our planet.



Although our school has LED lights and the pool wasn't working on that day, we managed to save **14% of electricity! Well done, Colindale!**

This year, the children also took part in a **competition** by writing poems or songs and making posters of how we can save energy and help the environment. Here are some of the entries:



School Council

I would like to introduce our new school council. All the children below were voted for by their peers and have been entrusted by them to represent their voices and opinions to ensure that the children's voices have a real impact on school life:

Year 1: Elliot Swift, Poppy Cade-Watts, Viyani Mitul-Kerai, Leonardo Mendes-Burnett, Ikram Habiballah and Zion Vincent

Year 2: Suraya Hotak, Andy Mazilu, Jad Lkayati, Suhavi Minhas, Alia Agbaria and Mohamed Bouali

Year 3: Yousef Hakimi, Hareem Habib, Kevin Panait, Ali Goktas, Hassan Hashim and Lamis Ali

Year 4: Alia Abdulla, David Dumitrache, Syrus Shahbazi, Jessica Urzica, Aaida Yaz and Marco Parsons

Year 5: Raphael Boullay, Afia Kakaizaddah, Abdulrahman Kadir, Alissia Budi, Margaret Fofie and Abel Piscuc

Year 6: Stuti Razdan, Hussein Ali, Samah Majidzada, Musa Khan, Ria Gorasia and Malakai Muhamudu

We have already held our first meeting where we discussed the role of a school council and where we gave out the special school council badges. These will be worn by the children to show the school that these children have been democratically elected to represent their voices and that the councilors themselves know they are role models in upholding our school values.

I look forward to working closely with the council to ensure Colindale Primary School can be the best it can be.

Mr Wild. (Assistant Head)

Sports events

Boccia - On Wednesday 12th October a few selected children participated in an event called Boccia. This took place at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. This sport involves rolling a large ball towards a smaller ball. The team whose large ball is closest wins. The children had a fantastic time and one said *"I was good at this!"* They represented the school brilliantly and were asked to come and play in the next competition!



Football vs Brunswick Park- On Wednesday 19th October Colindale Primary school started their football campaign for the first time post COVID! They had a tough game on their hands coming up against a very talented Brunswick Primary school, who played extremely well. The team showed great resilience and determination during the game and worked hard for each other. There were several promising moments within the game where we showed great skill, which is good for the season ahead. With limited training post Covid they performed well and should be proud of themselves!

Coach Michael

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Article 15 of the Rights' of children

It states that children can join groups or organisations. This means they have the right to join sports clubs and play in competitions. Ask your child what club they might want to join and see if there are any after school or in your local area. Clubs are a great way to develop skills and interests, as well as having fun and making new friends!

Rights Respecting



Article of the month – OCTOBER: Article 24

All children have the right to be healthy, have nutritious food, clean water, a clean environment and good quality health care.

During October, as part of our Harvest Celebrations, we once again asked for donations of food and toiletries, to pass on to the Colindale Foodbank.



We received SO MANY items, we nearly ran out of storage space!



The Rights Champions gave a helping hand to pack everything into bags and boxes.



Loading the van – job done!

A **HUGE** thank you goes to everyone who donated these much-needed items – this just shows how the Colindale Community cares about others in need. Well done everyone!

