

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

September 2017



We have had a **great start** to the school year with several years groups going on interesting trips connected to their topics; welcome meetings for parents in every year group; and children new to Colindale settling in well. At the end of last term we were awarded the **Inclusion Quality Mark** which we are very proud of. Here is a link to an article about our wonderful school:
<https://iqmaward.com/news/colindale-achieves-inclusive-school-award/>

The new **nursery and reception** children have settled in really well. They have spent lots of time exploring their new environment and making new friends. They have enjoyed role-playing, drawing, painting, climbing, building and much more. The reception children stayed for their very first school lunches this week and will start full days next week.

Our parents seem very happy too:

"Raphael is very happy to be at school. He feels comfortable, does not miss nursery and is showing some interest in drawing and learning how to hold the pen. Great first few days."

"Rayen was very excited and he couldn't wait to play at his big school. He loves walking to school. He already knows his teachers' names."

Well done Nursery & Reception!



Colindale's **UNICEF Rights Champions** who will be leading our journey towards achieving Level 1 of the Rights Respecting School's Award are: Amir Mokrani - Reception; Robert Urshachi - Year 1; Julia Holt - Year 2; Maryama Gure - Year 3; Jamar Harris - Year 4; Irena Ibrahim - Year 5; and Madhi Assad - Year 6.



Reminders: The school entrance closest to Poolsford gate is only for Reception and Year 1 children and their parents. This is to minimise congestion.

Children are not allowed to ride their scooters on school grounds, for health and safety reasons.



Congratulations to Fjorela Dushi in year 5. Fjorela won a Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT) scholarship due to her excellent violin playing. Fjorela has been learning to play the violin for three years and recently passed her grade 2 exam with flying colours.

The **Eco Committee** is very proud to announce that Colindale Primary School has achieved the Silver Eco School award.



This year they will be working towards the final and ultimate eco award—The **Green Flag**.

This year's committee members are:

Balma (1PF) Kiera (1W) Kayla (1K) Nadia (2CC)
 Danny (2KC) Gino (2J) Natalie (3C) Claudia (3N)
 Akaylah (3P) Anosh (4G) Andres (4M) Pelin (4R)
 Irena (5H) Calin (5D) Yamama (5J) Mariam (5T)
 Tiya (6K) Aaron (6T) Sophie (6M)

Attendance awards

This term so far the following class has won the **Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

2CC—well done!



These classes have won the **Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing 100% attendance with no lates **2KC & 4G who have won it twice in a row!! FANTASTIC!!**

As part of their topic on the Stone Age, **Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum**. This gave the children the opportunity to observe and compare different rocks and minerals, look at fossils in rocks and find out what different minerals can be used for. The children had a fantastic day and learnt a lot. Cheri in 3P said "I liked looking at the gems and rare stones and finding out what they can be used for". Omar in 3C said "I found the fossils interesting and liked seeing the fossils that Mary Anning found because we learnt about her in Year 2". The children showed a very sensible and mature attitude when travelling on the tube and walking around the museum. The Year 3 teachers were very proud! Ms.Christie



Every Friday morning parents, pupils and staff participate in **'Everybody Reads'**. It is an opportunity for parents to come into school and read with the children and their friends. At Colindale we believe in reading for pleasure and promoting a love of books. Since the opening of our new library we have invested in wonderful new books for the pupils. Since the start of term every class has visited the library and chosen books for their class book corner. It is lovely to see parents and pupils enjoying the new books and sharing the joy of reading together. Below are some photos taken during September's Everybody Reads. Nisha Parmar(AHT)



In September, the pupils in Year 2 were invited back to the **RAF Museum** for a 'hard hat' tour. The construction at the RAF Museum is set to finish by the end of October. A special tour to look at the site and the machines used by the construction company was put on just for the pupils. The children were able to try on hard hats and test out the strength of the steel capped boots by standing on the feet of some of the adults there. They learnt about the different machines used, such as rollers, dumper trucks and diggers. The organisers of the tour were very impressed by the pupils' knowledge of how to stay safe on a construction site and the names of the various machines. Hopefully, once the construction is complete, the Colindale pupils and parents will be invited to a special pre-visit before the museum reopens to the public. Ms Nisha Parmar (AHT)



Reminders:

Children are not allowed to bring backpacks into school. This is because we do not have the space in the classrooms to store them.

PE kits and swimming kits should be brought to school every Monday in the lightweight bags available to buy on our website and will be sent home once used.

Please keep referring to the school website for news and important dates.

www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk

Once again I have had **complaints from our neighbours** who live in Clovelly Avenue and Poolsford Road. They have told us that parents continue to park across their drive ways, despite many reminders. This means they are often blocked in and cannot get to where they need to be. Please be considerate when driving to Colindale and think about where you can legally and considerately park before doing so.

