

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter

## September 2018



The new **nursery** children have settled in really well and are enjoying their first experience of school. They look very smart in their new uniforms.

Well done!

*Jane Walsh (Nursery Teacher)*



The new **reception** children have settled in really well. They have spent lots of time exploring their new classrooms and making new friends. They have enjoyed role-playing, drawing, painting, climbing, building and much more. On 17<sup>th</sup> September, the children stayed for their very first school lunches. They are now staying for the whole school day. Well done Reception!

*Mrs Hurn (AHT/EYFS)*



### Dates for your diary

**16th and 18th October.**

**Parents Consultation evenings:**

**22nd to 29th October:**

**Half term holiday, school is closed.**

**31st October:**

**Open lessons  
Guided Reading in Year 3.**

In accordance with **GDPR** we have updated our Privacy Policies. These can be found on the Policies page of our website. Please take time to view them.

### Attendance awards

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

**1K,3G,3B,6N and 2J twice—well done!**

**3B** has also won the **Super Gold Attendance Award** for an amazing 100% attendance with no lates

**FANTASTIC!!**

**WELL DONE!**



### Is your Family in Need of Support?

Jill Smith our Family Support Co-ordinator is here every Thursday afternoon. Perhaps you have issues at home, that may be affecting your child, that you would like to discuss confidentially. Jill can help with many issues and can signpost you to services that may be able to help you and your family - Parenting, Housing, Health, Finances, Employment etc. Just let the office know and they will arrange for Jill to contact you to make an appointment.



On Wednesday 19th of September the children in year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the **Natural History Museum**. They had the opportunity to look closely at prehistoric rocks and minerals and take part in a Dino Investigation led by the Museum.

During the investigation, the children played the role of Palaeontologists. First they identified whether objects were fossils or not based on their properties.

Then they were tasked to uncover a fossil of a

dinosaur's skull. The children then had to measure the length of the skull to find

out which type of dinosaur it belonged to. By observing the teeth, they were also able

to discover whether the dinosaur was a herbivore or a carnivore. The children were

really excited to find out that their fossils belonged to either an Allosaurus or



Edmontosaurus. *Mr Najjar (Teacher)*

### **We are officially an Eco School!**

We are starting this year full of eco pride as we achieved our **Green Flag status** in July! Our green flag has been delivered and will soon fly proudly in our school grounds, very soon, to show we are an Eco school and that we as a school and community take actions to help and protect our world.

***Well done everyone at Colindale Primary School!!!***

This year we will continue to learn about our world and how we can look after it. To keep our eco mission at large, we have a new Eco Committee to lead the way, they are: Shayna, Kinzy & Asia (Year 1), Clara, Zayd & Patryk (Year 2), Talwaar, Nela & Lenny (Year 3), Riley, Andrea & Entiola (Year 4), Fatimah, Mahmood & Skyrah (Year 5), Hayley, Azana, Mason & David (Year 6) The Eco Councillors will soon have their first meeting where they will carry out an environmental review of our school to look at the areas we will focus on this year. The areas we have to work on to make our school more sustainable will then be added to an action plan, which will then be shared with the school.

*Miss Thompson (PSHE Leader)*



**In October** we will be taking part in the annual **Walk to School Month!** Where every child and member of staff will be encourage to walk, cycle or scoot to school every day. At the end of the month, children who walked at least three times every week will receive a special walk to school badge. Just over half of UK children walk to school, while the number of children being driven to school has doubled in the last 20 years. Our school is taking part because of the many benefits we believe it will bring to our



children and the community.

Children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school:

1. Arrive fit, refreshed and ready to learn
2. Do better in class
3. Are happier, healthier and more independent

And more children walking to school means:

1. Reduced congestion and improved safety at the school gate
2. Better local air quality and reduced CO2 emissions

**Don't forget, scooting and cycling count too!**

*Miss Thompson (Eco School Leader)*

### **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.

Some of **Year 5 & 6** visited the **RAF museum** last week to take part in a pilot for the new coding workshops which the museum is developing to use with all schools.

We had a very busy afternoon, starting with coding our own reaction timer using a mini-computer that we programmed from laptops. Our second project was to turn the mini-computer into an 'electronic compass' which we used to locate different exhibits in the hangar below the classroom. It was amazing to see how quickly most groups were able to program their compasses to work accurately and then use them to follow the trail around the hangar. *Mr Kaffel(Teacher)*

