

Colindale Primary School Newsletter September 2021

Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year!



Messages from the school office

Secondary transfer - closing date for applications is **31st October 2021**. Failure to complete your child's application by the deadline may result in your child not receiving an offer in the first round. For information on how to apply for a secondary school place please click on the following link <https://bit.ly/3kMBPFM>.

ParentPay - please ensure you clear all monies owed for school dinner, educational visits and any other charges via ParentPay. If you have any problems with regards ParentPay please call the school office.

Weduc – all newcomers including Nursery and Reception children should now have received their activation letter for Weduc. If you need any questions, please call or email the school office.

Covid 19 – symptoms which trigger a PCR Covid -19 test are:

- **a high temperature** – of 37.8 or above, or if you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Year 6 Shakespeare workshop



At the beginning of term, Year 6 had the fantastic experience of watching and taking part in Macbeth, the famous Shakespearean play, which was performed by the Young Shakespeare Company.

The children were entertained by the drama and were immersed in a story of ambition, betrayal and magic. Some children took part in performing roles and everyone had to chance help create the atmosphere of the Scottish heath and the final battle scene of the play.

“The best part was performing the battle in slow motion; I was on Macbeth’s side!” said Danny.

“The witches were really creepy and scary when they were saying their spell,” said Hasenat.

Year 5 History tours around Colindale as part of our celebration of 100 years in existence.

Year 5 had a great start to the year with a tour of the local area. We were accompanied by an expert from the RAF museum who provided the children with lots of interesting facts.

Below is some of the information learnt and the comments made by the children.

“A local man called Claude Grahame White used the fields in Colindale to do races with cars and to land planes in 1912.” Danielle.



“Visiting Booth Road was the most interesting for me, as I got to see where many of the most famous pilots lived and were even visited by Winston Churchill.” Ayan



Year 5 trip to the Science Museum

On the 24th of September Year 5 visited the Science Museum. Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to watch the documentary 'A Beautiful Planet' on an IMAX screen.

"I liked the IMAX movie because I enjoyed watching the film in 3D. I learnt that being on the International Space Station can be very difficult because astronauts miss their family members." Santhosh 5J



"My experience in the Science Museum was very exciting because I learnt much more about the Earth and different planets." Zakaria 5B

After watching the documentary, Year 5 explored the space gallery where the children had the chance to find out more information about space.

"My favourite part of the trip was going around the space gallery finding interesting facts about space. I found out that the Earth orbits the Sun every 365 days." Esha 5J

Little Rainbows first days in school

This month in Little Rainbows we focused on settling in our new children. They have been amazing, coming in ready to play and explore. Even though it must have been hard for them to separate from parents at such a young age, they did a fantastic job and we are very proud of them.

The children have been learning our nursery routines, washing their hands, hanging their coats, sharing and turn taking with their peers and using the resources appropriately. They were also introduced to our carpet rules of good sitting, good listening, eyes looking and lips closed.

They have also had a lot of fun digging in the sand, building, painting, playing with play-dough, 'cooking' in the mud kitchen and exploring our outdoor equipment. Well done Little Rainbows!



Settling into Reception

The new **Reception** children have settled in very well. They have explored their new classrooms and have taken part in different activities on offer, inside and outside. They have enjoyed playing 'Hairdressers' in Sunshine room, painting and drawing in Rainbow room and playing in the 'Café' in Rainforest room. The children have started learning some phonics and maths. They have also been learning how to share, take turns, make friends, and follow carpet rules. From the 20th of September, the children stayed for their first school lunches. From this week, they are staying for the whole school day! Well done, Reception!



October: Walk to School Month

Every October is International Walk to School Month – an opportunity for children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils across the globe celebrating the walk to school. Colindale Primary School takes part in it every year with great success.

WOW - WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Children should travel to school sustainably such as on foot, by bike or scooter. If they can do this at least three times a week for the whole month, they will get rewarded with a WOW badge at the end of October. Walk, cycle or scoot to school, get active, be fit, protect the planet!

