

Colindale Primary School Newsletter September 2022



Welcome to the first newsletter of this school year.

Messages from the school office

ParentPay – All new parents should have received a letter introducing them to our online payment system. If you have not received one, please let the school office know.

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.

Uniform – please label all school uniform items with your child's first and last name, and their class. All unnamed uniform will be put in the lost property box, which is near the school office. This will be cleared out every Friday afternoon.

Individual Photos – will happen 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

Dates To Remember

07/10/2022 - Y2 trip to London Eye

07/10/2022 - 4P class assembly

14/10/2022 - Y3 Trip to British Museum

14/10/2022 - 4J class assembly

27/10/2022 - 28/10/2022 - Half Term – School is closed

31/10/2022 - Staff Training Day – School is Closed

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

Year 6 Shakespeare workshop

An exciting start to the year, Year 6 had the opportunity to watch and take part in a famous Shakespeare play, Twelfth Night. Young Shakespeare Company put on a fabulous performance and all the children were engaged, entertained and ready to study the play in depth during their English lessons.

Over the next few weeks, the children will be working to rewrite scenes using a selection of famous quotes from the Shakespearean play. They will be focusing on describing settings and characters and will use role play to help them develop their vocabulary.

Here are some of Year 6's comments about the show:

"The love triangle between Viola, the Duke and Lady Olivia was a big mess!" ~ Khaled 6K

"I can't wait to read more Shakespeare in class, I am already reading one of his plays!" ~ Nevaeh 6K

Year 5 trip to the Science Museum

On the 26th of September, Year 5 visited the Science Museum as part of the 'Space' topic. Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to watch the documentary 'A Beautiful Planet' on an IMAX screen and tour the Space gallery.

'In the Space gallery, we were allowed to put our hands in real astronaut gloves and feel objects, it was really fun. We also watched a giant projector that told us facts about every planet.' Bilal 5B

'The most exciting part of our trip was the 3-D movie because it mentioned lots of facts about space and the 3-D glasses made everything look extremely real. We also saw lots of space gadgets in the gallery like a space lander and space suits.' Chi 5B

'At the science museum, we watched a 3D movie that taught me there might be another planet exactly like Earth in another galaxy, there are also 5 planets that are the same size as Earth in that solar system.' Harita 5M

'It was a really good experience for us as we could see models of the planets spinning and there was a speaker at the bottom that told us different facts. One fact I learnt about the astronauts is that if they don't exercise every day, their bones will get weak very quickly.' Bilal 5M

'I enjoyed learning about the space station in the 3D space film. We got to see how the astronauts lived their lives in space, how they exercised, slept and what they ate!' Saara 5J



'The best part of the trip was watching the 3D space movie as I have never watched one before, it was so exciting! I wish we could go to the science museum again.' Hadya 5J



Little Rainbows first days in school

This month in Little Rainbows we have focused on settling in our new children. They have settled very well, exploring the resources and taking part in activities, both inside and outside.

To help with their settling in we have been reading *Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas, a book about feelings. We have focused on how the children might be feeling, such as being sad when parents are away or feeling happy when they are playing.

Also the children have been learning our nursery routine, washing their hands, hanging their coats, sharing and turn taking with their peers and using the resources appropriately.

They have also enjoyed digging in the sandpit, pouring and emptying containers in the water tray, modelling in play-dough, 'cooking' in the mud kitchen and exploring the outdoor equipment. They have also had fun sorting colours, painting, drawing and playing with cars.



Nursery first days in school

We have had a very busy start to the autumn term, settling everyone in. There have been some tears, but many children have settled quickly and are keen to start their learning journey at Colindale Primary School.

At first, it isn't easy for parents and children to leave each other at the entrance door, but the children have managed so well, and we are very proud of them. Also, well done to those children who have just begun to stay all day, having lunch in the nursery classroom. They are becoming more independent every day!

During this term, our focus is on learning about following nursery routines – a VERY important part of nursery life.

Sharing, making friends, joining in, using resources correctly, good sitting and listening during story sessions and MOST important of all – how to tidy up once we hear the bell!

Nursery is always a busy place, as you can see in the photographs.



RRSA

The Article of the month for September is Article 28: Children have the right to a good education, be treated with dignity when in school and have a choice of secondary school.

I know that Year 6 pupils will already be thinking about the next part of their education, even though they have only just arrived in year 6.

Elections have been held to elect new Rights Champions, in some classes. Other Champions will remain in position. We have now begun the process of going for the Rights Respecting GOLD award and will have a visit from the accreditor sometime after half term. We will of course let you know the outcome as soon as possible.



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 'Space role play' in Sunshine room, painting and junk modelling 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 19th of September, the children stayed for their first school lunches. From last week, they stayed for the whole school day! Well done, Reception!



October: Walk to School Month

October is International **Walk to School Month**, when thousands of children across the world will be celebrating walking to school. There are innumerable benefits of walking and using it as a means of transport whenever possible, it is a great way to develop a healthy habit and introduce exercise into our lives. In **Colindale Primary**, we are celebrating it by **walking, cycling, scotting or wheeling** to school every day from **3rd October until 21st October**.



Switch off day

On **11th October 2022**, we will be having our annual **Switch Off** day as part of the national Switch Off Fortnight. It's a day when we use less electricity to save energy and raise awareness on how to tackle climate change.



Eco Schools

In September, Colindale Primary was awarded the **Green Flag**, which is the highest accreditation of the Eco Schools programme, for the third time!



WELL DONE EVERYONE!!!!

Here is a summary of what the assessors wrote about our school in their review:

"We love your open and democratic approach to selecting Eco-Committee members. It's wonderful to see how other pupils played a part in the selection process by voting for the best candidate. We love your Eco-Committee's dedication to gathering information by working with school stakeholders, such as your site manager. We love how diligently you and your Eco-Committee have promoted and invited participation in your Eco-Schools activity through peer feedback, newsletters, emails to parents, workshops, competitions, and your Eco-Board. We think your Eco-Code is great. It aligns with your school's values. Your achievements this year have been fantastic. We have no doubt that the way you have all worked so hard to bring momentum to your Eco-Schools programme in the wake of Covid and all its challenges must be an immense source of pride for you at Colindale. Congratulations on earning your Green Flag accreditation!"