

# Colindale Primary School Newsletter

## January 2020



On Monday 20th January 2020, the year 3 children had the unique opportunity to visit the **Bhaktivedanta Manor in Watford**. This was the perfect way for them to experience 'lived religion', that is to understand the beliefs, practices and



everyday experiences of Hindus, with a full cultural experience at the Hindu Temple. *"We learnt how to say hello in Hinduism, Namaste."* **Avi, 3G.**

The day was full of wonderful experiences that included an interactive presentation on Hinduism by a professional speaker and group role play; the children were dressed up as Hindu gods and goddesses. They also had a cart ride pulled by oxen and a tour of the grounds where they fed the cows and visited the greenhouse as well as the lush garden of the manor. Before seeing the shrine and arati ceremony, the children were dressed up with traditional dress and had traditional face painting. *"We all had face painting. The girls had flowers and the boys had flames."*

**Canan, 3G.**

Finally, they had a freshly prepared hot vegetarian feast that they particularly enjoyed. *"I liked the food. It was yummy!"*

**Sudais, 3G.** All in all, it was a memorable and enjoyable trip for all children and adults alike.

*Mrs. Grigoriadou (Class teacher)*



Over the year, pupils will have a chance to reflect on their **love and learning of science**. Make sure to read this newsletter each month to see who is talking about their science education. This month 2 pupils from 4R have shared their thoughts.

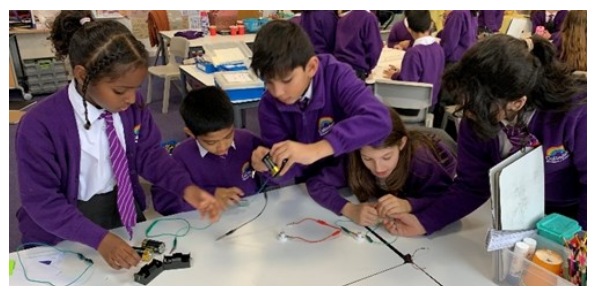
*"The reason why I like science is that there are a lot of experiments in it. Experiments are fun for me because there are different things to do and lots of*



*ways to investigate. Making circuits is something that I also like doing because when you make a circuit, you always use batteries, wires/cables and sometimes motors. I also enjoy predicting because once we have finished doing it, we record our answers, then we all test to see if our predictions were correct. Finally, we record the results, then we write it on a post-it note what we got wrong and why. Science helps me understand the world around me, I really like learning about my body, how it works and why. I have a book at home that's called 'The human body' which I love reading. I taught my younger brother about the water cycle and where rain comes from."* **Dhiren 4R**

*"In 4R Miss Robinson has taught us about electricity and light. I have learnt how bulbs (light up) and buzzers (make sounds) when they are put in a circuit. We have also learnt about sound and how sometimes you can't hear sounds clearly from a distance. I have enjoyed making bulbs light up because it was fun and challenging. Alongside that I also enjoyed using buzzers and hearing the vibrating sound the buzzers produced. In science I like learning about new things which I haven't learnt about before. I also like learning how the world runs on science. I adore learning about objects/ things which relate to electricity."*

**Humza 4R**



## Rights Respecting – January 2020

During their first meeting this term, the new **Rights Champions team** discussed what we need to do next to help us achieve the Rights respecting gold award.

The report provided by the assessor identified the next steps to work on and Mrs. McDonough has used this information to create an action plan.

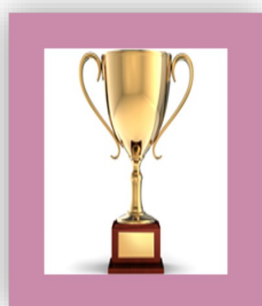
The main points we need to address during this year, in order to achieve gold, are as follows:



Continue to embed knowledge of the convention of the rights of the child (CRC) and how this can be taught in a cross-curricular way. This also includes making specific links to relevant articles in planning and on displays.
Ensure that all aspects of school life are underpinned by the values of the CRC, helping children to use the language of rights and respect when solving disagreements. We also need to think about how we can engage the wider community, outside of school as part of this.
Build on the excellent pupil voice provision here at Colindale by developing further opportunities for pupils to influence school-based decision-making processes.
As part of the curriculum we need to provide opportunities for children to develop a better awareness of rights and global issues, enabling children to become advocates and carry out campaign work.

Achieving the points outlined above will involve a lot of teamwork and the Rights Champions will need to work alongside the other pupil groups in school – mainly School Council and the Eco committee. We have contacted Barnet Council to see if we can become involved in a local project concerned with developing the play areas in a local park. We are also aiming to take part in UNICEF project entitled 'Outright', later in the year. *Mrs. Jenni McDonough – Rights Respecting lead*

On Wednesday the 15th January, Dhishan, Eva, Antonia and Rohan represented Colindale Primary at a **New Age Curling tournament**. This sport involves rolling a weighted stone along a course towards a target. The aim is to get the stone as close to the centre of the target as possible. There were 16 schools who attended and our Colindale team performed brilliantly! They worked well together and cheered each other on throughout. I am pleased to announce that our team finished in 3rd place! Well done! *Ms. Nuttall (PE Leader)*



## Attendance awards

In December the following classes were awarded the

**Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance: 1M, 6D, 4B, 4R and 2J twice!

5LT achieved the **Super Gold**

**WELL DONE!!!!**



On Friday 24th January, our **Little Rainbows Nursery** for two year olds was officially opened. The children who will be attending Little Rainbows came with their parents to witness the cutting of the purple ribbon and then had time to explore their

new environment. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the event. If you are interested in a place for your 2 year old – please see a member of the school office team.

