

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

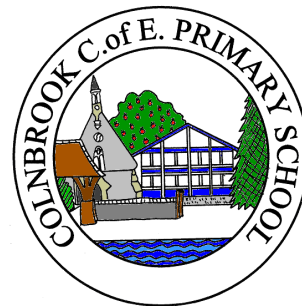
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Newsletter

9th February 2024

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week there has been a buzz of excitement in school as a few different events have taken place. Firstly, a huge thanks to members of the PTA for organising and running the discos for all year groups this week. I know it was enjoyed by all!

Some children from the Resource Base travelled to London this week as part of their English text of Paddington. In addition, Heathrow volunteers visited Year 5, helping them to become entrepreneurs! You can read more about both events in this newsletter.

We also marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Ensuring children know how to stay safe in becoming increasingly important in our digital world. More information about this is below in the worship section, with a link to resources for parents.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and a well deserved rest; the children have worked very hard this half term.

We look forward to seeing you back at school at 8:45am on **Monday 19th February**.

Mr T. Brunson
Headteacher

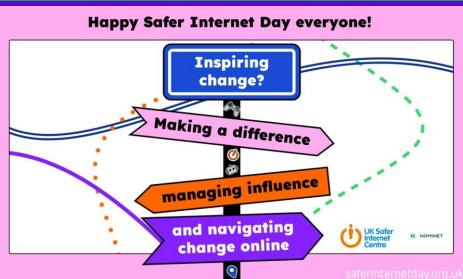
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Worship Section

During collective worship this week we have discussed how to stay safe online, and what to do if children feel worried or upset online.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of resources to help children stay safe online as well as support for parents and carers.

Visit www.saferinternet.org.uk and click 'Guides and Resources' for more information.



Attendance

Year 4	98.77%
Year 1	97.70%
Year 3	96.67%
Year 6	96.67%
Year 5	92.22%
Year 2	91.11%
Nursery PM	90.00%
Reception	84.44%
Nursery AM	75.28%

Church Section

Your parish church of St Thomas is a beautiful building with a friendly congregation. This week at 11am there is a holy communion service and we are always pleased to see newcomers. Next week there is also an Ash Wednesday Service on 14th February at 7.30pm.

Year 5: Heathrow Visitors

The children had a brilliant time learning all about how to be entrepreneurs alongside a group of volunteers from Heathrow. They were set the task of creating their very own business plans, which were just brilliant! At the end of the session the children presented their business plans to a panel of judges. Sweet successes all round!



Star of the Week

Reception	- Lukna
Year 1	- Ayla
Year 2	- Laura
Year 3	- Iustin
Year 4	- Adam
Year 5	- Ryan
Year 6	- Franek

Resource Base learning snapshot—what have we been up to this week?

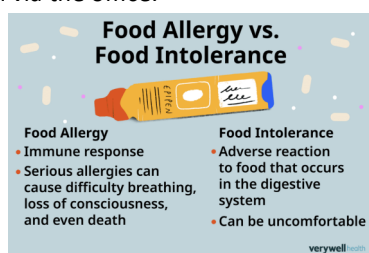
This half-term, the children in the Explorers Class in the Resource Base have been reading the book 'Paddington' by Michael Bond. We have enjoyed finding out facts about Peru and how the famous bear was named after Paddington Station in London. On Monday, our class took the Elizabeth Line to Paddington Station. Whilst there, we excitedly spotted the bronze statue of Paddington Bear beneath the clock where he was first found by the Brown Family. We sat on the Paddington Bear bench close by, to observe the trains and passengers, before a short walk to Norfolk Square Gardens to play and eat our snacks.

We were delighted when the staff at the nearby Hilton Hotel invited us to see their version of Paddington Bear. The final stop was to the Paddington Bear shop to take pictures with Paddington Bear and choose a souvenir. We had a wonderful day out!



Medical Information

Our friendly first aider team, led by Miss Rodgers and Mrs Fountain are on hand to administer and manage medicines in school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding medicines, you can arrange to speak to them via the office.



Monthly Book Review from Mrs Bharj



Varjak Paw by SF Said

Varjak is an unusual cat, Mesopotamian Blue, an exotic and ancient breed descended from the legendary adventurer and hunter, Jalal. As Varjak listens to his grandfather recount the mesmerizing tales of Jalal. But when a malevolent Gentleman and his two vicious black cats arrive on the scene, Varjak's comfortable life is abruptly overturned. To save himself, his family, and his newfound friends, Varjak must master the long-forgotten Seven Skills in the Way of Jalal a sort of martial arts for cats.

This is a story of loyalty, courage and self-belief that will keep readers hooked from beginning to end and of course, it is a must-read for all cat lovers.

DIARY DATES

9th February	INSET Day: School Closed
12-16th February	HALF TERM: School Closed
19th February	New half term: school reopens for all pupils
21st February	Year 1 trip to London Zoo
27th February	Year 3 workshop in school with Eton College
28 and 29th February	Parents Evening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Years 3 to 6
1st March	Year 2 Class Assembly—parents invited
4-8th March	Science Week
4th March	PTA Bake sale
5th March	Easter Cracked with Wayne Dixon
6th March	Year 1 visit St Thomas' quiet garden
7th March	World Book Day: Dressing up day Coffee drop in for EYS parents and carers
11-15th March	Wellbeing Week— more details to follow
13th March	Year 2 trip—Wooley Firs Year 3 Recorder concert—parents invited
14th March	Coffee drop in for EYS parents and carers