

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

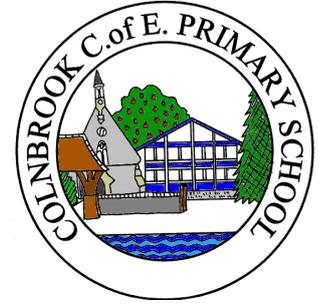
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Newsletter

11th October 2024

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Aspiration**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school! Year 5 had a great time visiting Winchester Science Museum, as part of their science topic of 'Space'. Year 1 went to visit Eton College's museum this week, and travelled back in time to discover children's toys from the past and Reception class visited Little Street. You can read more about all these visits over the page.

We were lucky enough to welcome children's author Phillip Kavadias to school today. He had ran a session with children from Years 3 to 6, talked about his job as an author and asked the children for suggestions for his new book. I know the children enjoyed this visit and gave them inspiration for their own writing.

Have a good weekend.

Mr T. Brunson
Headteacher

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Worship Section

Every October in the UK, we mark Black History Month.

In collective worship we have looked at why Black History Month is important, and began looking at some stories of people who have made important contributions to British history, but may have been overlooked.

We will continue this series next week looking at influential inventors and scientists.



Church Section

Sunday 13th October - This Sunday at St Thomas', the service is at 11:00am. Everyone receives a warm and friendly welcome. Many children attend and they enjoy friendship and fun. Children can sit with parents or take part in table activities at the back of the church. Refreshments are served afterwards.

Attendance

Year 5	99.54%
Year 6	98.13%
Reception	97.92%
Nursery PM	97.73%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 4	94.17%
Nursery AM	92.77%
Year 3	91.38%
Year 1	87.07%

Nursery Spaces Available

If you have a child who turned 3 years old before the summer break, we may be able to offer you a space in our Nursery. Please contact Mrs McLaughlin in main Reception for more information.

Please be aware that we have a **waiting list** for places from January, for children who turn 3 years old between September and December.



Star of the Week



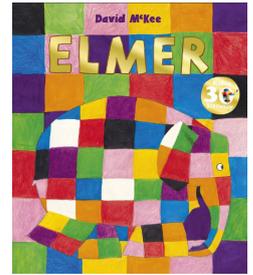
Year 1 - Yusha
Year 2 - Aarav
Year 3 - Gabriela
Year 4 - Sehaj
Year 5 - Nimrit
Year 6 - Zara

Well done to all the children that were awarded certificates this week. Keep up the good work!

Look at what we have been up to



This week in Resource Base we have been practicing listening for our initial sounds in Phonics this week. We have enjoyed looking around our classroom for things to match to their initial sound.



Reception had a great time at Little Street on Monday. They enjoyed exploring the role play areas and developing their communication and language skills



In Year 2 we have been learning about the importance of exercise in Science and how it is important for us to keep healthy.



Year 3 the children have been learning about the skeletal system. They have really enjoyed learning all about the bones & muscles in their bodies.



Year 4 have been discussing why we should care about other people's feelings. We looked at various scenarios and wrote about solutions to the problems. We freeze framed how we could help someone in need.



In Year 6, at the beginning of the week we explored square and cubed numbers and the difference between them. We drew out arrays in order to compare them. We also worked out some puzzles and problems.



Year 1 Eton College trip

On Tuesday Year 1 went to Eton College to their museum full of toys from the past. The children then enjoyed making posters about what they had learnt, practising their Oracy skills by presenting them to the class.



Year 5 Winchester Science Museum

Year 5 went on an intergalactic trip to Winchester Science Museum yesterday where they got the experience what life is like in space. Exploring & learning about planets, dwarf planets and space travel. It was an out of this world experience for them all!



Visit from Author

Children in KS2 had a visit from a local author today, Philip Kavvadias. He spoke about his current book Mission Microraptor and asked the children for their opinions on suggestions for his up coming books in the series. If you wish to purchase the book for your child, it is now available to buy on the Teacher2Parent app at £4, which usually sells for £7.99 in bookstores. Look out for competitions coming up later in the year about the next books in the series!



DIARY DATES

17th October	Year 5 Quiet Garden
18th October	Year 6 - Class Assembly - parents invited
21-23rd October	PTA Harvest Discos—as per poster
22nd October	Year 2 trip - Eton College
23rd October	Year 6 trip—Imperial War Museum
25th October	Last day of half term - finish at 3:15pm
28th October-1st November	HALF TERM
4th November	First day back—whole school
6th November	Class photos—full uniform
11-15th November	Book Fair - more details to follow from Mrs Bharj
11th November	Remembrance Day - minute silence at 11:00am
13th and 14th November	Parents' Evenings - details to follow
15th November	Children In Need - details to follow
18th - 22nd November	Wellbeing Week
22nd November	Year 5 Class Assembly - parents invited
26th November	Year 6—Wayne Dixon workshop
27th November	KS2 Windsor Theatre trip / Early Year & KS1 - Image Theatre in school

Overdue dinner money

This is a reminder to all parents that lunches need to be pre booked and paid via the Teachers2Parent app. If you are having issues or unable to pay via the app please come to the school office and pay in cash. If your account is in arrears you will be receiving a message from the school office to make payment in full. Any issues please speak to a member of the school office.

Poppy Sale

Remembrance Day is Monday 11th November, and we will be marking this day with a minute silence at 11:00am.

Poppies are now on sale from main Reception. There is a mixture of items available to purchase which include wristbands, pin badges and paper poppies.

Prices vary from 50p to £1.50 per item.

All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.



Diwali Fun Day

at Windsor Castle Learning Centre

Tuesday 29 October 2024
10:00am – 2:00pm



Join us from 10:00am – 2:00pm on **Tuesday 29 October** for a fun-packed day celebrating **Diwali** at Windsor Castle Learning Centre!

Solve the clues in our Diwali-themed **treasure hunt** around Pug Yard...



Get crafty and make a Diwali card, rangoli pattern or even a colourful diya in our craft area...

... and finish off your visit with **delicious celebratory meal**, kindly provided by Mango Lounge Windsor!

Book your free tickets now at <https://tickets.rct.uk/product/11/5474>