

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

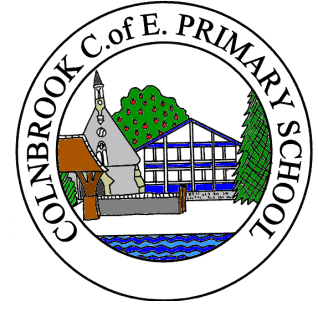
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Newsletter

18th October 2024

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Aspiration**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you were watching The One Show on BBC One on Wednesday evening, you may have spotted one of our teachers, Mrs Muir. Her daughter, Tanisha, has been selected as one of four young people taking part in this year's 'Challenge Squad', raising money for BBC Children in Need. Some of you may know that Mrs Muir's husband sadly passed away in 2022, and her family has received support from Thames Hospice. Over the coming weeks, you will be able to see Tanisha's challenge, raising money and awareness for the fantastic work Thames Hospice do, using money raised by Children in Need.

Our school works with Thames Hospice to provide support to children who have suffered bereavement. They are a fantastic organisation and I'd encourage you to support them if you are able to.

Have a good weekend.

Mr T. Brunson
Headteacher

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Worship Section

We have continued to mark **Black History Month** in collective worship this week.

On Monday, we heard the story of Gertrude Paul, the first black headteacher in Leeds in the 1970s, who moved to the UK from the Caribbean.

We talked about how life was hard for people moving to the UK and

how they faced discrimination because of the colour of their skin. Gertrude

Paul showed great strength and courage, overcoming the challenges that she

faced. We discussed how everyone is equal in God's, eyes and how everyone deserves respect.



Church Section

Sunday 20th October - Everyone is always welcome at St Thomas' Church in Vicarage Way. The service this week is at 9:30am and it is a café style service. There is plenty of time to relax and chat, as well as an opportunity to enjoy informal worship. Refreshments are served after the service and there are activities for children. We would love for you to come.

Attendance

Year 6	100%
Year 5	99.07%
Reception	98.33%
Year 2	97.92%
Nursery PM	95.45%
Year 4	95.00%
Year 3	93.97%
Year 1	91.38%
Nursery AM	91.03%

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 - Adalia
Year 2 - Ayla
Year 3 - Logan
Year 4 - Blanka
Year 5 - Ali
Year 6 - Rechah

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 Discovery class, we have been learning about elephants and how different they can be, just like our book character Elmer! We can now identify the different parts of an elephant and name them!



This week Reception met more people who can help them in their community. PCSOs came to school to tell them that about how they can keep them safe and how to make good choices in the children's communities. The Reception children asked interesting questions and learnt a lot from them.



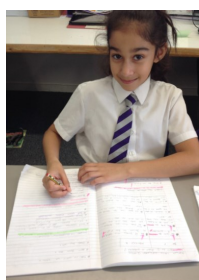
To begin our new D&T unit in Year 1, we looked at the different types of shelters we might see or use in our everyday life. We discussed the different types we have seen before, what they are made of and why they are useful. We then worked in groups to build a shelter keeping all of these important things in mind.



In Year 2 We have been colour mixing in art this week. We created a colour wheel by mixing the primary colours to make green, purple and orange.



Year 3 completed some additional home learning linked to their topic 'Through the Ages'. Faith designed her own Stone Age outfit and Aaron W made a 3D model of a Stone Age house.



In Year 4, the children have been looking at persuasive letters this week and have been discussing their features. We are planning to write a persuasive letter to Arthur from 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' persuading him to either go or not go on a quest. We came up with interesting 'hook' sentences to start the letter.



Look at what we have been up to



This week, in our design and technology lessons, Year 5 have been designing and creating their own pneumatic devices. This means creating a system where they use air pressure through a pipe and syringe to design a pop up creation.



Year 6 Class Assembly

This morning the hall was filled with Parents and Carers for the Year 6 Class Assembly. The children explained and showed their learning from this half term so far. This included learning all about First World War and they sang "White Cliffs of Dover" which they have been practising during Music lessons. The children showcased their written work around the Highway Man Poem and finished the assembly with showcasing their Insect artwork made out of mixed media.



Slots for parents with Mr Thomas, our SENDCo

Our SENDCo, Mr Thomas is offering drop in appointments for parents to discuss any questions or concerns they might have about their child's needs. Each consultation is for a maximum of 15 minutes. The next session will be on Friday 25th October from 2pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a slot.

DIARY DATES

21st October	PTA Harvest Discos—Early Years, Year 1 / Year 2
22nd October	Year 2 trip - Eton College PTA Harvest Disco—Year 3/Year 4
23rd October	Year 6 trip—Imperial War Museum PTA Harvest Disco - Year 5/Year 6

25th October Last day of half term - finish at 3:15pm

28th October-1st November HALF TERM HOLIDAY

4th November First day back—whole school

6th November Class photos—full uniform

11-15th November Book Fair - more details to follow

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

27th November Year 3 to 6 Windsor Theatre trip
Early Years, Year 1 and 2 - Image Theatre in school

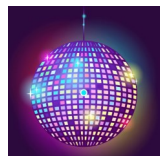
PTA Harvest Disco

Today is the last day to buy tickets for Harvest Disco's next week.

Monday 21st October - Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2

Tuesday 22nd October - Year 3 & Year 4

Wednesday 23rd October - Year 5 & Year 6



Tickets can be bought within Shop section of Teachers2Parents app for £4.50 per child which covers entry, sweet treats & unlimited squash.

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>