

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

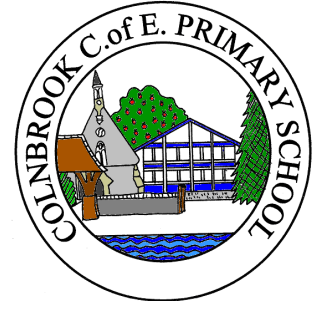
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Newsletter

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Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Resilience**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have begun to get into the festive spirit as children in Key Stage 2 visited the pantomime in Windsor, and Key Stage 1 and Reception enjoyed a theatre performance of 'The Selfish Giant' in school.

Our Year 6 class were very engaged through a interactive workshop with Wayne Dixon on the Christian meaning of Christmas. Furthermore, Whilst a group of children from Year 4 and Year 5 did a fantastic job at the community litter pick in partnership with SBC and Jayflex.

Early Years and Year 1 children have been busy perfecting their performances for the Nativity and Jingle Bells events next week. Please check the diary dates as there are lots of exciting events coming up.

Have a good weekend.

Mr T. Brunson
Headteacher

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Worship Section

This week in Collective Worship, we have explored and discussed the meaning of 'spirituality'. The children got involved with stilling practise during the session and came to have a better understanding that spirituality means different things to different people. For some its having a belief in a higher power, while other its about having a deeper connection with the world people around us.



Church Section

This week at St Thomas there is an 11am communion service. Reverend Patrick will lead this. We are pleased to welcome new people and children. You are guaranteed a friendly, warm welcome. Refreshments are served after the service.

Attendance

Year 1	100%
Year 5	98.61%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 4	97.84%
Nursery PM	97.73%
Year 3	97.44%
Year 6	95.42%
Reception	92.50%
Nusery AM	75.58%



Star of the Week



Reception - Teddy

Year 1 - Jonny

Year 2 - Alice

Year 3 - Angadveer

Year 4 - Prabhkirat

Year 5 - Oliwia

Year 6 - Naya

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



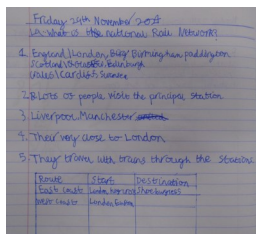
In Year 1 we have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. We looked at their flags and flowers then sang songs and even ate some food associated with each country!



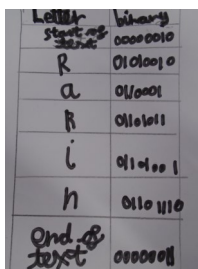
Yesterday Year 2 looked at how faces can show different emotions. The children then enjoyed a forest school session where they made faces with natural materials.



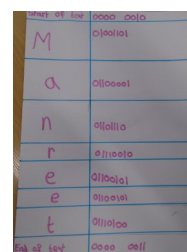
In Year 3 the children have been looking at Bell Beaker pots which has inspired them to make sketches in their art books. They are looking forward to making the pots with clay next week.



This week in Year 4, we have been spending time exploring what bullying is and types of bullying is in PSHRE. We have also enjoyed learning about Railways in Geography and Christingles in RE.



In Computing Year 5 have been learning about the binary code. They were translating texts in binary and even managed to write their own names.



This week, Year 6 had a great workshop with Wayne Dixon in the hall. He uncovered a few myths and clarified the 'true' nativity story in which Year 6 were involved with investigating bible extracts. Year 6 are keen to enter the competition '***The Best Question about Christmas***' which is open to select schools in Slough and in with the chance to winning a chocolate hamper!



Community litter picking

In partnership with Slough Borough Council and Jayflex, a group of children from Year 4 & Year 5 were on operation clean up! The children were given a route which saw them walk through the estate, past their houses within the local community.

The children were shocked with the amount of litter on the streets near their homes and were very proud of their efforts. Wearing their hi-vis jackets and armed with their litter picking grabbers, the enthusiastic group made sure no rubbish was left behind!



Book Fair

Mrs Bharj would like to send a huge thank you to all the parents who made purchases during parents evening at the Book Fair. We managed to raise £296.60 for our school in way of a reward voucher which can be spent to purchase books for our school library.

Due to popular demand we will be hosting another Book Fair next year. If you would like help on what books to buy for our children over Christmas please ask your class teacher for a recommended book list.

DIARY DATES

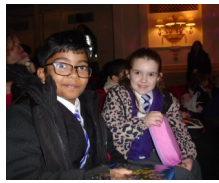
3rd December	Show 1—Reception & Year 1 Nativity—parents welcome Year 2 Express Event—parents welcome
4th December	Show 2—Reception & Year 1 Nativity—parents welcome Year 1 Express Event—parents welcome
5th December	Nursery Jingle Bells - 9:00-9:30 or 2:30-3pm show - parents welcome
6th December	Year 6 Express Event—parents welcome
9th December	2:45-3:15pm - Year 4 Express Event - parents welcome PTA Santa's Grotto—Early Years & Year 1
10th December	2:45-3:15pm—Year 5 Express Event - parents welcome PTA Santa's Grotto - Year 2 & Year 3
11th December	PTA Santa's Grotto—Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

DIARY DATES CONTINUED

12th December	2-3:30pm - PTA Christmas Fair - parents welcome
13th December	Choir trip to Windsor Castle - children to be collected from Windsor Castle - details to follow
18th December	Christmas lunch, class parties & Christmas jumper day - more details to follow
19th December	Nursery end of term 2:15-3pm - Christmas Service at St Thomas Church
20th December	End of term All children to be collected promptly at 1:15pm
7th January 2025	First day back for Reception to Year 6 children
8th January	Nursery opens
16th January	Year 5 Swimming lessons begin - 10 weeks course

Pantomime and Image Theatre

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed theatre experiences. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children had a performance in the hall from Image theatre of 'The Selfish Giant'. while Key Stage 2 children went to the Windsor theatre to see Dick Whittington. The children had a wonderful time, what a great way to jump start the festive period ahead.



Visit from Beth Tweddle

On Tuesday the whole school enjoyed an assembly hosted by Olympic medallist Beth Tweddle.

She shared stories of her journey into gymnastics, competing at a high level of competition and her love of the sport.

Thank you Beth for coming in to inspire our children.

