

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

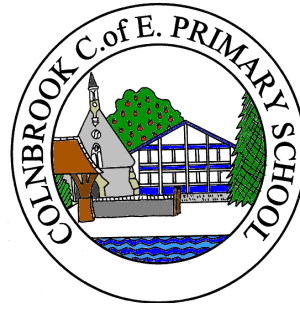
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Newsletter

13th February 2025

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

A message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our focus this week has been around Safer Internet Day, which took place on Tuesday 11th February. All the children have been looking into ways in which technology helps us as well as ways to stay safe while online. This included signs to look out for a scam, what to do if an advert pops up, being aware that not everyone online are who they say they, are as well as reporting/blocking features. We also discussed about talking to trusted adults whenever we come across something that makes us feel uncomfortable. See below for further details on what classes have been up to related to Safer Internet Day.

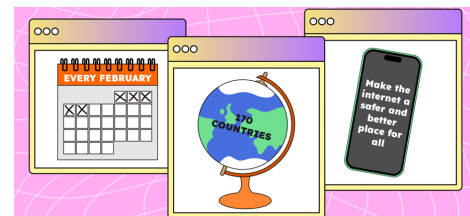
Can I also draw your attention to Slough attendance guidance on the final page of our newsletter. We have always prioritised attendance and punctuality here at Colnbrook, as every day, hour and minute counts towards progress for your child. Please get in contact with a member of SLT if you would like to discuss this further.

Have a lovely and safe half term.

Mrs A Bharj
Acting Headteacher

Worship Section

We have focused on Safer Internet Day in this week's collective worship sessions. It is usually held in February every year and is recognised all around the world in over 170 countries. It is not only schools that get involved, lots of charities, sports clubs, the police and even the government who participate by sharing information and thinking about essential changes. This year's focus has been around online scams. A scam is where someone tries to trick somebody else to get something from them, like money, items in a game, or personal information. We discussed signs of how to recognise a scam and ways to stay safe when noticing a scam.



Church Section

This week at St Thomas the service is at 9:30am. This informal service with refreshments before and afterwards, activities for children and a chance to chat with one another before and after service.



House Points

As explained last term, we have launched a new housing system based on inspirational leaders. Children have been working hard to earn house points which are collated on a leader board in the hall.

Mrs Bharj has decided that the end of each half term the House with the highest points will be awarded the school cup. This half term winner is Rowling House! Well done to everyone in Rowling House for pulling together - it was a very close call, so every point counted in the end!



Star Treat for Star of the Week



Look what we have been up to



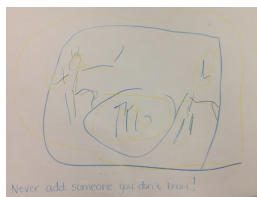
Explorer class used technology in the way of the new iPads in Maths this week to improve their knowledge of money. Counting and taking away to make change.

"I liked playing the piggy bank game, I could draw around the coins to help me count." - Charlie



We have been focusing on friendships this week in Early Years. The children sent cards to each other, made friendship bracelets and even got to visit the 'Friendship Spa'.

"I liked doing my friends make up in the spa" - Ava Rae

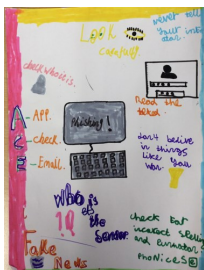


Year 1 made informative posters packed with tips on how to keep safe online.

"If someone did say hi online and you didn't know them you should tell your parents" - Duaa

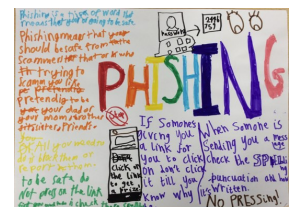


Year 2 enjoyed a quiz and colouring to help cement their learnings from of Safer Internet Day. How to avoid scams, being aware of dangers online and how to use the internet safely.



Year 3 learnt all about phishing and the danger of online scammers. Then spent time creating awareness posters.

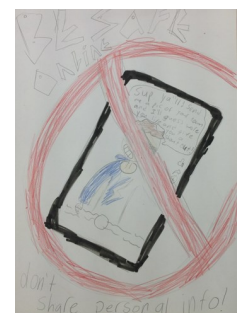
"You must always check the sender because it might not be who you think. Beware of scammers they are out there" - Faith



Year 4 and Year 6 discussed the dangers of social media and how to create strong passwords for personal accounts. They created posters to spread awareness.

"You need to make sure that you do not use your real name in your password or you will be hacked" - Chioma

Do not ever share your address or you will put yourself in danger" - Emily - Year 6



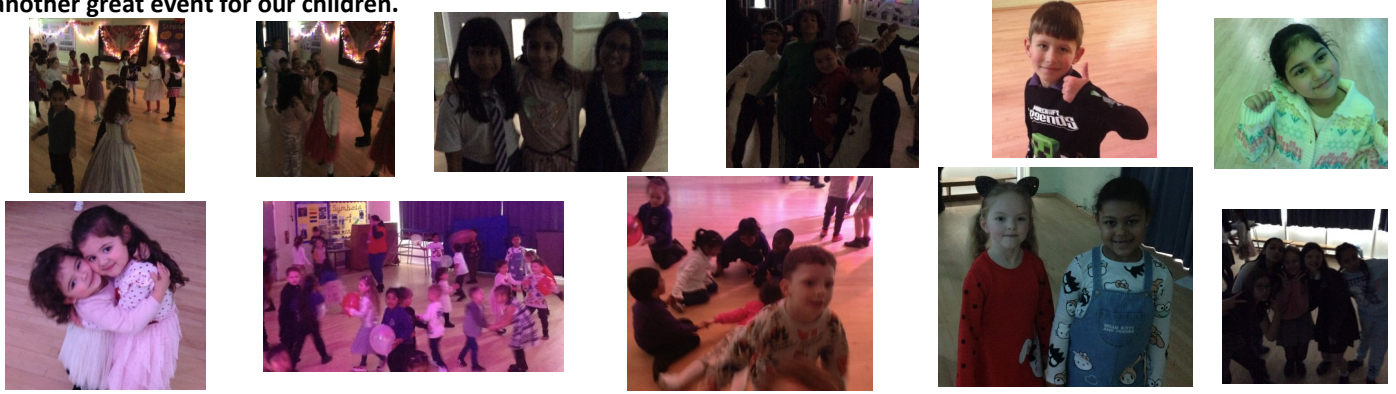
During DT lesson, Year 5 have been learning about creating a stable and accurate structure, representing ancient Greek temples.

"In our design and technology lessons, we planned and designed an ancient Greek temple for a god of our choosing. I chose to create a temple for Zeus. First, we used straws for the foundation then card and tape to complete and decorate out structure." - Logan



PTA Valentines Disco

The children had a lovely time at the Valentines Discos hosted by the PTA this week. Thank you to the PTA for organising another great event for our children.



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5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

- 👧 GIRLS AGED 8 TO 14
- 📅 SUNDAY 9TH OF MARCH 2025
- 📍 ARBOUR PARK STADIUM, SLOUGH, SL2 5AY
- 🕒 TOURNAMENT 9AM TO 1PM - LADIES MATCH 2PM KICK OFF
- 💷 £3 PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE | £1 ENTRY FEE FOR NON-PLAYERS

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READING FC WOMEN VS MAIDENHEAD UNITED

Sunday 16th February

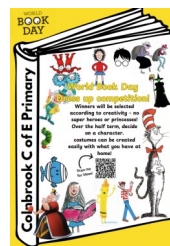



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World Book Day 2025



On 6th March the school will take part in World Book Day!

The competition this year for World Book Day is a 'Book in a Jar or a Box' where children will be invited to think about how a favourite book, could be represented in a simple jar or box! There are some examples below for you to have a look at. Find any clear jar or empty box, carefully put your chosen items (that represent your book)



into your jar or box, select quotes from your book and perhaps even some clues about its characters or setting! Please make sure that any entry is clearly labelled with the book that is being represented, your child's full name and class.

All entries must be in school by **6th March** for judging. The winners will be shortlisted by Mrs Bharj, and will receive a book voucher. These will be announced and awarded during Celebration worship on **7th March**.

Any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Good Luck!



Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and also across borders if you move school or house.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be
 £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days
 Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence
 The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
 £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days
 No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence onwards

Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child.
 Cases found to be guilty in Magistrates' Court can show as a criminal record and also on the parent's future DBS certificates due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

Don't Forget

Penalty Notices are issued **Per Parent, Per Child.**

For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines.

This could amount to £960

Please ensure you communicate with your child's school.

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10 sessions in 10 weeks - Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 Consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

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Upcoming calendar dates for Spring term

February diary dates	
14th February	INSET day - no school
17th to 21st February	February half term
24th February	School opens - all children in
28th February	9:00-9:30 am - Year 3 Class

March diary dates	
4 & 5th March	Parents evenings - more details to follow
6th March	World Book Day - more details to follow
14th March	9:00-9:30am - Year 2 Class Assembly - parents welcome
17th - 21st March	Wellbeing Week - more details to follow
20th March	Mobile Farm visiting Nursery
28th March	Year 2 visit to Quiet Garden