

NEWSLETTER

A message from this week's editor: Mrs Gamston

What a busy, fun-filled week! Some of our year 3,4,5 and 6 children got to practice their cycling skills in Bikeability.

Our year 1, 4 and 5 children got to showcase what they have been learning in class this term, to their parents and carers at their express events.

Our PTA organised a festive Christmas Fair, which was a great success and enjoyed by many of our families, with lots of laughter and joy! We ended the week with Christmas stories at breakfast, an opportunity for our children to invite their families into school to enjoy a storybook or two together, and maybe a nice breakfast snack too! Don't forget, school finishes next Friday for Reception to Y6 at 1:15pm.



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Collective Worship

In collective worship this week, we have continued looking at Advent. In the second week of Advent, the focus is on 'hope'. We discussed with the children what brings us 'hope' at this time of year and asked them to think about what they are thankful for.

Star of the week

Nursery - Henry
Reception - Christopher
Year 1 - Frankie
Year 2 - Abigail
Year 3 - Israel
Year 4 - Tia
Year 5 - Nawfal
Year 6 - Liam

Top Attendance this week

1st - Year 1 - 95.4%
2nd - Year 6 - 93.9%
3rd - Year 4 - 93.3%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



Year 1 welcomed parents into the hall for a wonderful Art Express event focused on family portraits. The children have just begun their new art topic, exploring facial features and how to represent them in their drawings. It was a lovely opportunity for families to create and celebrate art together.



Year 2 completed their globes that they had made for our topic - 'Let's explore our world'. They stuck on the continents with the help of their parents.



Year 3 have been learning how muscles work. They made posters about muscles and presented these to parents during the Express Event. They explained the importance of healthy eating to ensure muscles work well. The children enjoyed making and eating a healthy sandwich using a balance of ingredients from different food groups.



Year 4 enjoyed making Viking shields and swords with their parents. They wrote their names on them using Viking writing and decorated their swords with 'gems' to demonstrate their wealth and importance!



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During Year 5's express event, children mixed colours together to create tints, shades and tones in order to paint their landscapes. The lighter tints were used for light and reflection, and darker shades and tints to create shadows.



In our Express Event, Year 6 created a series of freestyled, creative, abstract art pieces. We took inspiration from a series of abstract artists such as Mondrian, Kandinsky and Pollock to create our own abstract pieces. A huge 'thank you' to all the parents that came along to support us and lend their time and ideas too!



Bikeability

Children from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in Level 1 and Level 2 of Bikeability this week.

We have some tired legs, but the children have really enjoyed brushing up on their cycling skills and learning about road safety.



STEM day

Children across KS1 and KS2 got together in their Houses to become engineers this week. STEM is a way of learning which links Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths together. The focus this half term was Engineering and DT, and children had a great time designing, building and testing bridges to hold small objects. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to improve their team building and problem solving skills, as well as to display their creativity. We've definitely got some aspiring future engineers in our school!



EVENTS ACROSS THIS WEEK



The Great Christmas Bake off was in full swing on Wednesday afternoon, when our Resource Base children were busy baking biscuits for the school fair.



Yesterday, the hall was feeling very festive with all things Christmas at our PTA Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to all our parents who came. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the staff did! The total raised will be announced in next weeks newsletter.



This morning, parents enjoyed time before the morning bell to share a Christmas Stories over breakfast. Thank you all for coming.



PUPIL VOICE

"I won a prize it had a number 4 on it! it made me happy!"

Alex S - Early Years

"At our Express Event, we mixed colours to make shade, tone and tints. I then painted a landscape picture."

Amine - Year 5

"We had fun making our globes and my mum helped me stick on the world.!"

Tamara - Year 2

"We made sandwiches with tuna and cheese they were delicious. I loved my Mummy coming to share them with me."

Dovey-Ann - Year 3



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 7

No after school clubs all week

15th December - Choir to Windsor Castle

17th December - Christmas lunch, class parties and Christmas jumper day

18th December - Church Service - 2:15pm at St Thomas' Church - parents invited

18th December - NURSERY END OF TERM - Finish at 3:15pm

19th December - END OF TERM - Finish at 1:15pm

Christmas Holiday
22nd December - 2nd January

Week 1

No after school clubs all week

5th January - INSET day - school closed to pupils

6th - January - First day of term for all children

Week 2 & 3

After school clubs resume from 12th January

7th January - Year 5 Swimming starts

13th January - Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Maidenhead Synagogue

IMPORTANT REMINDER: There will be no after school clubs week beginning 15th December or 5th January. All children should be collected at 3:15pm, or 1:15pm only on Friday 19th December.

IN OTHER NEWS

Join Our PTA Fundraising Team!

We are looking for enthusiastic new members to join our PTA and help plan and organise our annual fundraising events. If you're interested in getting involved and supporting our school community, we'd love to hear from you!

Please email mail@colnbrookprimary.com with:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Your contact details

A member of the PTA will then get in touch with you.
Thank you for your support!



Christmas Jumper / lunch day is Wednesday 17th December.
On this day, children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform and bring a change of clothes to have for the afternoon class parties.



Christmas Post Box Announcement

Our Christmas post box is open for deliveries, with next week being our final week for deliveries. Children are reminded if they would like to send a card to a friend, to please make sure the envelope is clearly written with both the child's name and their year group.

All cards will be delivered to classrooms by our House Captains.



If you are in Slough, be sure to stop and admire the tree in Observatory Shopping Centre, which is decorated with unique and creative paper hands designed by our children. The tree is decorated with these hands to remind us of one of our schools values of 'community' - supporting, helping and encouraging one another wherever we are.