



Coleridge Primary School

LEARNERS FOR LIFE

RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT, REFLECTIVE, ASPIRING, CARING AND CONSIDERATE

Newsletter—Issue 4

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Welcome back to the new term. It has been lovely to see the sun starting to re-emerge and the mornings and evenings becoming lighter and brighter. The children have all thrown themselves with vigour and enthusiasm into the new term.

Teaching and Learning

I am currently undertaking a round of observations throughout the school. It has been extremely apparent from my visits to all the different classrooms, the high quality and innovative teaching and learning that goes on across the school. Children all have a very positive approach to their learning and are very thoughtful in their approach. All my findings from this round of observations will be used to help maintain and further develop outstanding teaching and learning at Coleridge.

Governors

This year the Governing Body has been reconstituted. Camilla Newman, Jo Hewitt and Alan Doggett Jones have resigned from the Governing Body and have moved on to pastures new, thank you to them for all their hard work and dedication over the last few years. We have co-opted four new governors onto the Governing Body and we welcome Paul Sowerbutts, Nina Job, Elena Wolf and Ollie Cheng. We would also like to welcome three newly elected parent governors; Amanda Jones, Maud Waret and Sibylle Erdmann.

Behaviour Policy

We have launched our new Behaviour Policy and it has been warmly received by the children. The central feature of the policy is the introduction of our new core values which will run throughout the school. They are; resilience, respect, responsibility, aspiring, caring and considerate, I will be running two sessions for parents to explain the changes to the Behaviour Policy, they will be on Tuesday 14th April at 9.15 in the West Hall and at 7pm in the West Hall .

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 11th March - Parents' Evening for all parents 4-6pm 6.30-8pm (West halls)

Friday 13th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 27th March – last day of Spring term

Monday 13th April – first day of Summer term

Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday – no school for children

Thursday 7th May – Polling Day – School closed for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2

Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May - Cultures of Coleridge Week

Friday 22nd May – last day of half term

Monday 1st June – children return to school

Friday 17th July – last day of school for all children

Monday 20th July – INSET day – school closed for all children



Forest School

5M have just completed a six week Forest School programme with Tom Smith and Stewart Malcom; they all braved some very extreme weather conditions but learnt a lot from the experience. We will be running a focus group style discussion with the children to see what they got from the experience and how we can improve the programme for other children. Nursery will be next to brave Queen's Woods with Mr Smith. We are also looking at how we can use our school grounds for some Forest School workshops as we are hoping to teach Forest School activities to the whole school.

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School Council

Mr Grimadell (RG) and Mr Skrein (4M) will be re-launching Coleridge's School Council this week. There will be a Council on Coleridge East for the infants and a Council on Coleridge West for the juniors. Both School Councils will be working very closely together.

Visitors to School

This term Year 6 had a visit from Professor Haim Bresheeth, author of the bestselling book, 'Introduction to the Holocaust'. Professor Bresheeth spoke to the children about what the Holocaust was and its impact. The children found the experience fascinating and they asked some extremely pertinent and thoughtful questions. Currently David Michaels, an actor, is coming in weekly running a story telling club for some of our boys. They have started by listening and reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' together.

Cultures of Coleridge Week 18th -22nd May

Starting on 18th May we will be running our Cultures of Coleridge Week. The week will be a celebration of all the different cultures that make up our school community. If you would like to be involved in the planning of the week or would like to be involved during the week, please let your child's class teacher or Ms Grimes know.

Polling Day

The school has been informed that Coleridge East will have to be used for a polling station on Thursday 7th May. Therefore Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will not be able to come to school that day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

I look forward to seeing you all around the school over the next term, and if there is anything you would like to discuss with me, please see Jo Burston in the school office to make an appointment or email me head@coleridgeprimary.net

Leon Choueke