



Celebrating Diversity,
Learning Together

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Dear parents and carers,

We're at the end of another busy week at Colston's.

On Wednesday we all enjoyed an inspiring assembly lead by Tom (Osian's dad) from the BBC all about his work on Planet Earth 2. Not only were the children captivated but many of the staff were truly excited by his amazing presentation. Indeed, Mr Millington ran up to me afterwards saying he knew exactly what we were going to use as our theme for this year's Arts Week! Watch this space for updates! Should you have the urge to come in and share your knowledge and or expertise in any area, just have a quick chat with your child's class teacher.

As usual, I have spent a significant amount of time this week in and around the playgrounds at lunchtimes. I was attempting to see it from a child's eye and I have to report that I ended up wishing that I was a pupil here. There are so many exciting activities provided by the lunchtime and support staff. The Playpod materials are being well used and there is a huge range of lunchtime clubs available to many of the pupils to enjoy. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provides such a positive lunchtime experience for the children.

Have a great weekend!

Alex Bell

CERTIFICATES

Well done to all our certificate winners this week: Yaquub Abdiasis, Joseph Sheridan, Ahmed Mohammed, Innessa Guerrini, Logan Speed-Grenfell, Haybado Khaireh, Atlas Cogulu, Iris Caig, Ibrahim Mohamed, Alice Noble, Lauren Al-Achkar, Samir Pursey, Heidi Kilb, Ned Price, Sanzio Afonso, Krish Desai, Shayma Adirahman Jibril, Victor Kay, Rihanna Pearcy, Oscar Murphy, Thomas Simons, Orsolya Nemeth, Conan Anders, Samir Birdi, Naomi Robbie, Milo Jady, Nhi Thao Vu, Nathan Sweeting, Salma Abdulle, Emily Purdie, William Saville, Josh Matthews, Matilda Hall,

Jessica Lucas, Liban Muhammed and all of 5M and Ladybirds.

YEAR 1 WOW DAY

Year 1 had a surprise visit from Mrs Armitage today as part of a WOW day for our topic Mrs Armitage.



We had also great fun transforming the teachers' boring bikes into MUCH better vehicles. Many thanks to LSA Mrs Mackintosh for helping out :-)



PLAYGROUND NEWS

We are still collecting ideas about our new playground from parents, pupils and staff. You can now simply pop into school and write your ideas directly on the display board in front of the office. Alternatively, simply email Gianna at gianna.colligiani@colstonsprimary.co.uk. Your input is really important to us, so please come and tell us what you would like to see in Colston's playground (sorry, we can't have a swimming pool!).

PRIMARY LANGUAGES UPDATE

Parents, help us to celebrate the Chinese New Year!

Since the Chinese New Year is nearly upon us, we are putting together plans to mark this occasion at Colstons. While we will do our best with fun activities and videos, it would be so much better if we could have people from the Chinese community or with some real life knowledge of China to come in to class and help us out. If you have an

idea for an activity that you would like run or help to run, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a time to come in in the week beginning 30th January.

CARDBOARD BOXES REQUEST

To anyone who would be kind enough,

We are collecting lots of different sized cardboard boxes (the ones that you can buy gravy and hot chocolate in or tea work the best) with good lids that are removable. We are doing mini enterprise as our topic in year 6 and we would really appreciate if people bought them in for our product. You can bring them to the office.

Thank you,
Arthur, Muntazar and Louisa

PLAYING OUT



Colston's Primary hopes to introduce playing out sessions later this year, outside the school gates, and invites you to a friendly meeting to discuss this idea with neighbours and other parents on Tuesday 31st January 8-9pm in the library.

Playing out is a great way to get children more physically active and sociable outdoors and is a brilliant opportunity for neighbours of all ages to get to know each other better. We need your help to make this work, so please come along and get involved: You can also learn how to make it happen where you live!

Lots of information at www.playingout.net. Please drop a note to Gianna Colligiani (Eco-schools co-ordinator) or email Gianna.Colligiani@colstonsprimary.co.uk if you cannot attend but would like to know more, or have any questions, or concerns.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Last Saturday 14th January, Colston's Year 3 players had their first ever friendly match against Rockleaze. It was a great experience for everyone and we even won one of the matches. We have more friendlies booked and need more players. If you are interested please contact colstonsfootball@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to all children and staff who participated in our Crazy Christmas Jumper day last December. We raised an amazing £73.31 for Slimbridge Wetland Centre.

The fundraising executive of the centre wrote a thank you letter to our school in which he says: "By supporting Slimbridge, the children have made a direct contribu-

tion towards preserving an internationally important wetland habitat that is teeming with life". And he adds: "If you visit SWC, I very much hope that the trip is made all the more enjoyable by the knowledge that you have directly contributed towards [its] preservation". We are awesome!

PTAF NEWS

Year 3 Tea & Cakes on NOW in the school hall CG.

Film Night - Friday 3rd February

Colston's PTAF present...The Secret Life of Pets - 6pm at Cotham Grove hall. Tickets are available from 30th January and are priced at £3 per adult or child. Children need to be accompanied by an adult so why not club together with your friends and make a party!

DIARY DATES

20th Jan	Year 3 Tea & Cakes - Today at CG.
24th Jan	Yr. 6 SATs and camp meeting
26th Jan	4W Class assembly
26th Jan	6JO Netball and football festival trip
1st Feb	Violin Assembly
3rd Feb	PTAF Film Night 6pm CG
6th Feb	Year 1 Trip
6th Feb	Year 5 Trip
7th Feb	Teatime Concert
7th Feb	Year 2 Trip
9th Feb	Co-op WOW day
10th Feb	Last day of term
13th Feb - 17th Feb Half Term	
24th Feb	PTAF Quiz Night
2nd Mar	World Book Day
10th Mar	Year 6 Market Bazaar
16th Mar	4J Class Assembly
23rd Mar	3T Class Assembly
27th Mar	International Week
28th Mar	Parent's Consultations
30th Mar	Parent's Consultations
30th Mar	3A Class Assembly
6th Apr	3R Class Assembly
7th April	Last day of term
10th - 21st April Easter Break	

TWITTER

Colstons currently has twitter account which we have been steadily using over the last few months. However, we want to increase the amount we tweet which means we also want more followers! We will tweet various things such as achievements, announcements, exciting learning etc. Our username is @ColstonsPrimary

For safeguarding reasons, you will have to request to follow us so please wait patiently and we will accept you as soon as possible!