



Colston's Primary School

A Co-operative Academy

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Celebrating Diversity,
Learning Together

*This term's co-operative value is **SELF-HELP***



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Dear parents and carers,

It's been a week of The Arts and Science at Colston's.

We celebrated National Science Week with all the children taking part in a variety of exciting experiments. I was at Elmgrove yesterday where the whole of Reception were making a balloon powered rockets and seeing if they could get it to travel from the playground to the first floor. It was great to hear all the 'Oohs and Aaahs' as they made various adaptations. We clearly have some very keen engineers and physicists amongst our 4 and 5 year olds!

Last night I went along to the RWA to see some amazing pictures and writing (created by our very talented Year 5 children) hanging alongside other world famous work. It was the product of a collaboration between Colston's and the RWA where the children visited the exhibition earlier in the year and were inspired to create their own pictures and writing based on what they observed. The results are truly outstanding and I would urge you to have a look. The artwork is now back in school but we think some of the written work may still be in the gallery. A big thanks goes out to Jill Potterton who put us onto to the opportunity in the first place. Also, thank you to the Year 5 teachers, Mr Millington and Ms Whittaker who organised the project so well. Let's hope the collaboration continues!

Alex Bell

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS



week's class attendance winners are **4J** with **99.29%**. Well done!

This week's class punctuality winners are **4W** with **100%**. Well done!

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week:

Ernie Stone, Samir Armane, Rufus Hood, Jerome Percy, Laveyah Gayle, Ndoumbe Mbaye Sall, Alban Vogel-Gourgand, Charlie Knowles, Aakifah Ahmed, Cecily Brooks, Grace Jamieson-Rolfe, Sunaya Kaur, Leo Underwood, Coco Peacey-Williams, Nikola Smiechowska, Afiyah Ahmed, Joy Lin, Ned Allbless Roberts, Laura Moraes, Niamh Chatterjee, Giulia Festinante, Tabitha Cooper, Connie Davies, Muhanad Hussein, Nathan Insall, Jia Hong Kwok, Dylan Morris, Alfie Blackmore, Joseph Calcott-Hughes, Hannah Robbins, Tom Cheeseman, Alex Johnston, Nevina Shawe and Arthur Caig.

CHICKENPOX & SCARLET FEVER

Please be aware we have confirmed cases of Chickenpox and Scarlet Fever in the Elmgrove site.

YEAR 6 MARKET BAZAAR

Year 6 had a very successful market bazaar last Friday. The bazaar was a culmination of all their efforts on their Mini Enterprise topic. The children had a budget of £10 to design, make, market and sell a product of



their choice in small groups. The bazaar was fantastic and the children made a very tidy profit- a record breaking amount in fact! The Year 6s will be choosing what to do with the money in the next few weeks. Thank you very much to everyone who came to support them- it was a brilliant turnout and the children got a lot out of the whole experience!



CO-OPERATIVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

As part of the renewing of the School Council, we are going to link the student body more closely with the Co-operative organisation of the school, renaming it the 'Co-operative Learners' Forum'. The Co-operative Articles which the School adheres to specify that there are four 'constituencies': staff, parents, learners and community. We feel this change makes the status of the School Council as the voice of the 'learners' constituency' more clear. We are also hoping to have the Learners' Forum represented at Co-Operative Forum meetings as often as possible.

From term 5 onwards, we will also be bringing the voice of Elmgrove children into the Forum by choosing representatives for each Reception and Y1 class from our Year 6 children who will liaise with their constituents before and after each Forum meeting. In the longer term, we will be looking to next Year's chosen Year 6 children to mentor a representative from the children of the Reception and Y1 classes, who will attend meetings as appropriate.

If you have any questions about matters co-operative, please do ask me or speak to Jenni Davis at Elmgrove.

Thanks, Alex Jarman

SHAKESPEARE IN 4J

Parents and carers were treated to a Shakespearian festival of delights on Thursday. The children of 4J had turned 3 of Shakespeare's narratives into abridged versions of the classic plays Macbeth, Julius Caesar and Twelfth Night. Encompassing tragedy, history and comedy, there was something for everyone. The many highlights included a terrifying Anoush Sprague as Lady Macbeth, hilarious turns from Samir Birdi and Muhanad Hussein in Twelfth Night and an anguished performance from Theodore Browne as Cassius. Every single child, however performed fantastically and the children interpreted the stories in their own way. In fact the whole performance was not bad at all!

OPEN SINGING ASSEMBLY AT ELMGROVE

We would like to invite all parents and carers of children in reception and year 1 to an open singing assembly on Wednesday 5th April at 2.30pm. Come along to hear us tell you a story through song.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND CONCERT

Just a reminder that the concert will be taking place on **Tuesday 4th April at 4.45pm**. Letters have been sent to all members of the choir today regarding rehearsals. Please note there will be **NO CHOIR on Tuesday 28th March** due to parent consultations taking place.

COMIC RELIEF - FRIDAY 24TH MARCH



Friday 24 March

The Co-operative Learners' Forum (School Council) conducted a survey of the children in their classes to come up with ideas to raise money for Comic Relief.

The idea that the Forum decided on was to come dressed in as much red as possible. Children will be asked to bring in a small donation to Comic Relief for the privilege of looking ridiculous.

SOMALIA FAMINE APPEAL

You may have heard in the news about the terrible situation currently unfolding in Somalia. Off the back of a drought, the country finds itself in the grips of famine. Sadly, it appears that aid is slow in coming to region. More than 1 in 10 of the children at Colton's is of Somali heritage and it would be fantastic if we could pull together and help in some way. Two Colston's Mum from Somalia Deqa and Suaad are going to be visiting classes to talk about the situation, while money will also be raised during International Week. We are also planning some other charity activities in school - if you have any ideas or would like to help in some way, please get in touch with me at Duncan.brett@colstonsprimary.co.uk

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Today, some year 5s and 6s from Colston's Primary School netball club played a netball tournament at St Bedes College. We played against 4 other teams: Westbury Park, St Johns,



Stoke Bishop and Little Mead. We won 3 matches but lost the last one. We nearly got to the final but St Johns had a bigger goal difference. We had lots of fun and learnt new tactics like the wavy tree, which is when you stand on your tiptoes and wave your arms in front of your marker to make sure they can't pass or get the ball. When we played we concentrated and fought for the ball. We focus really well and we made sure we kept close to our markers.

By Hamda Omar and Honor Afonso

RECEPTION PARENTS

Please remember to hand your Super Sprouts questionnaire on healthy eating back in to the office.

COTHAM PARK TENNIS CLUB - FREE COACHING

During Term 5 Cotham Park Tennis Club are offering **FREE TENNIS GROUP COACHING** to Reception and Year 1 children during the school weekdays. For further information please contact the coaching secretary Alison at alisonhawkins4@gmail.com or call 0117

FOOD GROUP ROUND UP

Thanks to all who made our Meat Free Monday event such a success!

#Meat
Free
Monday



The smiles and thumbs up say it all, but here's a sample reaction to Monday's meat free lunch cooked by professional chefs and Colston's parents Claire Thomson, Matt Williamson and Sam Sohn-Rethel, in collaboration with Eden school catering staff.

The children said:

"Really like it!" ... "Has lots of good flavour!" ... "Please can we have this soup every day all the time!" ... "We are happy because it tastes good" ... "Really good food!" ... "one of the BEST school lunches I've ever had"



The Food Group Reps said:

"Many children were genuinely animated and delighted, really positive vibe!"

"I had the biryani as well as trying some soup and it was delicious, you would never have known there were restrictions on what [the chefs] could use in terms of ingredients and budget, great flavours coming through using simple ingredients! Elevating everyday ingredients using herbs and spices."

Chef Claire Thomson of @5clockapron fame among food projects, Grace (yr 5) and Ivy's (Yr 2) mum said:

"I loved cooking for the kids of Colston's Primary, thought the children all had a very positive attitude to the day and displayed wonderful manners when choosing their meals. Rather brilliantly not one child queried the lack of meat & several said "ohhh lentils, I love lentil soup". We should all eat more veg and pulses in our diet. My thanks goes to Tracy, Kayleigh, Dawn and Sita for welcoming us to the kitchens. Matt and I enjoyed ourselves up at Cotham Grove, as did Sam down at Elmgrove."



Eden staff said:

This was a great fun event and we were so pleased to be involved. The team enjoyed working with Claire, Matt and Sam. It was extremely interesting to see a different take on the food offer with no meat being offered for the day. We generally use a large variety of herbs and spices to flavour the meals so again this also emphasised that the way we prepare meals is exactly how the children want to see them. We now look forward to introducing this initiative on a regular basis



Mr Millington said:

"A very happy tummy indeed. The biryani was yummy! I wanted to get back for seconds but I thought I ought to leave some for Mr Bell. It turns out he had a much bigger portion than me... that's my only complaint!"

Mr Bell said:

What a great way to start the week! Huge thanks to Claire and team, Eden staff, management and kitchen staff and Kate Patience, school Business Manager for the hard work involved in making this happen - we look forward to more successful collaborations like this in the future.

The Food group say:

Hooray! For collaborative co-operative working, for all round support of the new Food for Life Policy and for a successful #meatfreemonday event - the campaign for 'delicious and healthy' at Colston's Primary continues apace ...

PTAF NEWS

Ice creams are on sale NOW on both sites.

Colston's Family Bingo Night - Friday 24th March 6:30pm - 9:00pm.

Ticket for bingo only - £4 per person. Ticket for bingo plus a Piminstor pie supper - £8 per person.

To purchase tickets and for further info please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eyes-down-for-a-full-house-tickets-32293247974>

Year 2 tea and cakes raised a total of £209.72!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

PTAF needs a Treasurer!

He/she should have a basic knowledge of book keeping. The duties are keeping financial records, managing bank accounts and making payments, organising floats and banking money after events and presenting reports at meetings and the AGM. If you feel you can help with this important role, please send a message to maiya.alan@gmail.com. Your school needs you!