



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,

We've enjoyed a fun week at Colston's with lots of learning happening all over the school. I have been lucky enough to take part in some amazing lessons including; finding letters from aliens and replying to them, working out the shortest and most efficient journey from St Austell to Glasgow and imagining the scene inside Elsinore, Hamlet's castle home. What a diverse week!

Talking of diversity, we're all looking forward to celebrating it even more during our annual International Week starting on Monday. There are lots of exciting and enriching events planned for the children with contributors coming from within and beyond the community. It promises to be an amazing week so keep your eyes on the website for updates.

Alex Bell

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY WINNERS



week's class attendance winners are **3RW** with **99.6%**. Well done!

This week's class punctuality winners are **6JA** with **100%**. Well done!

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Well done to all our certificate winners this week:

Holly Burrridge, Julian Agugosei-Garcia, Finnian Hanly-Bristow, Sukaynah Hussein, Sam Murphy, India Norton, Madison Palmer-Smith, Marianna Burrows, Alice Rowan, Atlas Cogulu, Amiin Dauud, Kaddy Salou, Aliyah Clarke, Aaron Del Rosario, Ayuub Abdullahi, Alexander Ritchie, Isaac O'Brien, Hana Jady, Ranem Osman, Amorise Kissoon, Freya Boers, John Haughton, Anoush Sprague, Mahamed Abdi, Seth Adams, Cairo Pursey, Inez White, Rachel Romero Pinington

Jia Hao Kwok, Emily Purdie, Ruby Devine, Rafa Allport, Rosa Gainsborough and the whole of 4W, staff and pupils for welcoming Mr Wilson back.

SING! SING! SING!

It was national Sing Up day this Wednesday. All classes made an extra special effort to include songs in their learning through the day and we were also lucky to have Bristol Plays Music's



singing expert Laurie Stewart come in to lead special Sing Up day assemblies on both sites. Laurie is also a parent at our school so we hope she'll come in again!

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.

Please sign up at the EG office if you plan to come so that we can put out the right number of chairs.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

KS2 choir will be giving a 'concert performance' of Alice in Wonderland in the CG hall on Tuesday 4th April 4.45-5.30pm. Tickets are not needed but please make a donation on the door of £1 per performing child to help us cover the costs of music etc.

PARKING REMINDER

Please do not park in the disabled bay unless you have a Blue Badge. It has been particularly challenging at our Elmgrove site for those parents requiring this space.

CO-OPERATIVE SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Monday 20th March, 3 children from the Colston's Learners Forum attended the inaugural meeting of the NW24 Super School Council, intended to establish links between pupils from different schools. The NW24 network is a large group of primary and secondary schools from across North Bristol and, as the children were reminded, they were speaking for over 10,000 students who are part of this cluster.



In preparation for this conference, each Forum member spoke to the children in their class, and then those ideas were gathered at a meeting of the Colston's Learners' Forum. Three children were then chosen to represent our school at this exciting event: Molly (6JO), Molly (2Y) and Samir (4J). The ideas gathered at this conference will now be taken to the NW24 Head teachers' conference next month, where selected children will present them for deliberation.

For further details please see the website.

SOMALIA APPEAL UPDATE

This week, Deqa, Suad and Sudi, some Colston's mums from Somalia, have been visiting classes to talk about their country and the current crisis. Children have really taken this to heart and have come up with some excellent fundraising ideas. Year 6 even voted to donate some of the proceeds from their sale to the cause.

VEGETARIAN CANS & DRY FOOD WANTED ASAP

We need non-perishable vegetarian food to send to Somalia on a ship that leaves next Friday. Please could you send your child in with any cans or dried foods that you can spare.

NEWS FROM COLSTON'S CO-OP PARENT REPS

As you know, Colston's is a Co-operative Academy. This means we subscribe to the values of the Co-op movement; democracy, equality, equity, self-help, self-reliance and solidarity. It also means that members of the Co-op share the 'ownership' of the school and get their voices represented in school issues through representatives at regular Co-op Forums. Pupils are automatically members, but parents have to join - you can do this online here. Your current parent reps are Susy Giullari (Chair), Louise Ritchie, Mel Jady, Sarah Bareau, Tabitha Ross and Vicky White. Get in touch with anything you want to talk to us about, or if you're interested in becoming a rep yourself.

cooperative.parent.reps@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

International Week takes place next week. Thank you to anyone who has volunteered to come in, we have some very exciting activities lined up for the children. The week will conclude with a celebration of food and music from around the world in the hall at Cotham Grove on Friday 31st March from 3.00 onwards. The proceeds will go towards the aid effort in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria.



PTAF NEWS

Colston's Family Bingo Night - Tonight!

Spring Fair - Saturday 20th May

The PTAF are looking for musicians/performers within the school parenting/teaching community to volunteer to do a slot on the day. You could be anything from a musician to a juggler. They are also wondering if anyone has any small marquees they could borrow in case of wet weather? If you are able to help, please email parryjane@blueyonder.co.uk

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 majja.alan@gmail.com. Your school needs you!

DIARY DATES

27th Mar - 31st Mar International Week

28th Mar Parent's Consultations

28th Mar **NO CHOIR**

29th Mar 4W Class Assembly

30th Mar Parent's Consultations

30th Mar **NO FENCING CLUB**

30th Mar 3A Class Assembly

31st Mar - International Food & Music Celebration
3pm in the Cotham Grove hall

4th Apr Year 6 Lifeskills trip

4th Apr Alice in Wonderland Concert

6th Apr 3R Class Assembly

7th Apr Year 1 Tea and Cakes

10th - 21st April Easter Break

26TH Apr PTAF Meeting

1st May Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

3rd May Class photos

4th May 2B Class Assembly

5th May Reception Tea & Cakes

20th May Spring Fair

22nd - 26th May Year 6 Camp

8th - 12th May Year 6 SATs Week

11th May 5M Class Assembly

29th May - 2nd June May Half Term