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# COLMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Water Aid Non-Uniform Day

On Monday 8th January, Geoff Moulton came into assembly, to share with us the amazing work Water Aid complete around the world. During the assembly, he informed us that many people across the world do not benefit from clean water and decent toilets. With the help from donations, Water Aid transform millions of lives every year in 28 countries with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

Then on Friday, we had a Non-uniform day to raise money for the charity by bringing in £1 and wearing blue and white. This day was a huge success and we managed to raise £230 for Water Aid. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for such an important cause.



# ATTENDANCE CUP AND 100% ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance cup is awarded to the class with the highest average attendance in the previous half term. Our winners of the attendance cup for the second half of the Autumn Term are 5HS! Their average attendance for the half term was a wonderful **97.9%**!

Well done, 5HS! This is an outstanding achievement. You clearly love coming to school!



The following children came to school **every day** last half term (Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2017). Well done!

**3HC-** James, Cohen, Henry, Gracie, Sophie H, Malachi, Besnik, Ethan, Jessica, Sophie W, Leonisa

**3KH-** Cayden, Henry, Keisha, Isaac, Ruby, Nehir, Rowda, Jimmy, Kallen, Sophie, Oscar, Noam, Amelie, Eliana

**4RD-** Ashlyn, Amy, Mahaan, Felix, Ebony, Janna, Ollie, Beatrice, Asher, Anna, Mehdi, Charlotte

**4SH-** Esmae, Harley, Jesse, Ella, Jeel, Frankie, Ahi, Humphrey, Emily, Sarah, Ruby, Ahab, Daniel

**5HS-** Omar, Lara, Darby, Ruby, Jessica, Arthur, Noah, Bella, Aidan, Ella, Charlie, Elisha, Ryan, Archie, Zach, Alexandra

**5LW-** Ben B, Amelia, Djimon, Michaela, Annie, Lottie, Jayden, Ben T, Jamie

**6DG-** Eugenia, Tallulah, Leo, Moya, Sam, Sarah, Madeline, Nathan, Teegan, Jordan

**6SF-** Lilly-Mae, Carla, Alfie, Amie, Nicola, Bethany, Vinny, Reuben, Charlie L, Lily, Emma, Sophia, Katie

# SPONSORED SWIM

Thank you to everyone who has brought sponsored swim money into school already. We would really like all money brought into school by Friday 9th February.

This sponsor money is to help our swimming pool maintain a constant warm temperature. SC

# YEAR 5 MEET THE LORD MAYOR

On Wednesday 17th January a number of Year 5 children joined the Lord Mayor and trustees of the Anguish Educational Foundation at the Norwich School for an evening of 'Ways and

Words' - a writing project the current Year 5 were involved with last year. It was a great evening and everyone enjoyed meeting Thomas Anguish and listening to extracts from the newly published anthology of children's writing. All the children whose work features in the anthology received their own copy and there are other copies in the school library. LH



# EQUALITIES AWARD

At the end of the summer term we were delighted to find out we had achieved the nationally recognised Equalities Award. The award has been designed to reward and celebrate the many ways in which schools engender equality of opportunity and raise outcomes for all learners regardless of gender, disability, faith and ethnicity, sexual identity and socio-economic disadvantage. We worked together as a school for over a year to evidence 52 different points, demonstrating our commitment to equalities and our promotion of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We feel very proud to



share the great things we do at Colman Junior School and thrilled that our work has been valued nationally in this way. Dr Chris Derrington, Director of the EQualities Award said' "We loved reading about all the work and initiatives you have implemented and your school sounds wonderfully inclusive. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you in gaining this award." TG

# CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS!

Do you have a background in science? Does your work involve science? Would you be willing to come and talk to the children about your work and experience? If so, we'd love to hear from you. It's British Science Week from 12 March and I'm looking to organise a visit from a 'real-life' scientist for each class. Please get in touch - we look forward to hearing from you! Thanks, Lesley Henery ([lhenery@colmanjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:lhenery@colmanjunior.norfolk.sch.uk))



# CARE HOME VISIT

Back in early December, Y5s visited 2 local care homes, Hawthorns and Chiswick, to entertain the residents. This is something we have done annually for a number of years now. The children sing, read poems, and play their instruments. It is always a really special time and you can see that both pupils and residents get a lot out of the visit. We are hoping to return near Easter and extend the relationship between the school and care homes. Well done to all children who behaved impeccably and performed wonderfully. KD

# ENTERTAIN MRS DENTON

This event happens twice a year and is a great way for pupils to show off their talents and interests. Please do encourage and support your child/ren in their preparation. If pupils are stuck for ideas they should speak with myself or their class teacher for ideas and support.

## Entertain Mrs Denton Week - The Rules!

**Play** – if you play an instrument, in or out of school, you must play this. It is often the only chance I get to hear some of you on your own!

**Sing** – to a CD, on your own, or ask me if I can accompany

**Dance** – so long as it is safe!

**Read** – choose a favourite poem, or write me one of your own!

**Talk** – bring a favourite piece and give me some fun and interesting facts about it.

Perform on your own or in twos, threes or fours.... but no more!

Each performance will be given a MAX time of 3 minutes. Don't perform anything you're not prepared to do for Mrs Sandford. To take place during your normal music lessons on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March or Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you are stuck, speak with your class teacher or TA for ideas.

## DRUMMING

Our school topic recently was "Experiences." Part of the music curriculum is for children to experience live music and so during music lessons that week, Mr. Caston, one of our Y6 teaching assistants, shared his experience of being a drummer. The children (and Mrs Denton) learnt about all the different parts of the drum kit and some techniques of playing. We heard Mr. Caston accompany several backing tracks of different genres and had to spot the subtle changes in rhythms. We also got a chance to use our body as a drum kit. The children all had a fabulous learning experience. KD



# PUPIL ASSET PARENT APP

## Online Payments for School Dinners, Trips and Music Lessons

We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to pay for school dinners, trips and music lessons online using debit/credit cards. Payments can still be made by cash / cheque but we would greatly encourage online payments. Instructions on how to set this up are as follows:-



Download the Pupil Asset App (free) from the App Store (for Smartphones/I-Pads/Tablets etc).

You can access see the App by visiting <https://pupilasset.com/parents-app>

1. Once you have downloaded the App, click on the Pupil Asset App and go to 'New User'. You will then need to enter the email address that you have registered with the school and choose a password. You will shortly receive an email from Pupil Asset, (please check this does not go into your spam folder), you should then be able to login. Please note: if we do not have your email address registered at school, please email us at [office@colmanjunior.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@colmanjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) and we will link this.
2. Payments can be made by clicking on 'Additional Funds' in £10, £20, £30, £50 amounts or you can enter the exact amount you wish to pay, (please note there is a minimum transaction amount of £5.00). You will be able to view balances and see what has been paid to date. If you are paying for a school trip or music instrument lessons please add funds in the normal way as above and then tick the returning slip with the associated letter/reminder sent out. Once we receive this in the School Office we will then allocate the funds to the trip or music lesson.
3. You will be able to view your child's general attendance on the app/website, but you will not be able to report absences. Therefore, please continue reporting these in the normal way by telephoning the School Office on 01603 508530.

Should you have any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact the School Office who will be happy to help you.

# CASMA

Y5 are amongst 300 children performing at The Open on Weds 7th Feb. They have been learning Indian fusion songs, which they will perform with Sohini and her band Khyio. Colman Junior hosted the first rehearsal back in December and it was very groovy! The children have worked really hard at learning the songs and I wish them good luck and much fun during their final performance. KD



## FIND US ON TWITTER

Colman Junior School has its own Twitter account that you can access for instant updates on school closures, general news and highlights. We like to show off our wonderful pupils and staff and would love for you to see too. Find us at [@ColmanJuniorSch](https://twitter.com/ColmanJuniorSch) .



# REGULAR REMINDERS

- Please contact the school every day your child is absent. We know that this may seem unnecessary, but it is a legal requirement. You can do this via e-mail, phone using the school pupil absence voicemail or by visiting the school office first thing in the morning. If you book any doctor/hospital or dentist appointments during school hours, the school is required to see a letter/appointment card or text as evidence.
- We have a textile collection bank situated at the end of the car park which can accept clothes, shoes and bed linen but not duvets or pillows. All the money raised will go towards new outdoor play equipment.
- There is always lots of lost property in the basket in the school hall or in the lower school cloakroom. Please have a look at the end of any school day for your child's lost items. Anything not claimed will be placed in our clothes recycling bin at the end of every half term.
- If your child has school dinners please make sure that you pay any outstanding money on time and frequently. You can view your dinner money balance on the Pupil Asset app.
- We now accept online payments for school dinners, trips and music tuition. To find out more please visit our school website.
- There are a high number of pupils bringing in their mobile phones to school. Mobile phones are not permitted in school. However, if your child must bring one, they must be handed into the office at the start of the school day and collected at the end of the day.

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### FEBRUARY

7<sup>TH</sup> Y5 CASMA PERFORMANCE AT THE OPEN  
9<sup>TH</sup> BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM  
19<sup>TH</sup> \*PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FROM HALF TERM\*  
28<sup>TH</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> Y4 HILLTOP RESIDENTIAL TRIP

### MARCH

2<sup>ND</sup> PTA QUIZ AT COLMAN INFANT SCHOOL  
16<sup>TH</sup> FOODBANK COLLECTION  
20<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> SPRING TERM REPORTS  
28<sup>TH</sup> PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS  
\*BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY\*



There will be more events to be announced nearer the date. Please check our website for latest updates.