



Autumn
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COLMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 Visit Brancaster

Pupils and staff had a brilliant time at Brancaster last week. This year saw the highest participation yet, with almost every pupil in the year in attendance. The weather was perfect for the activities that everyone took part in, such as sailing, cycling, orienteering and visiting the seals at Blakeney Point. Brancaster Millennium Activity Centre is a National Trust site that our school uses exclusively for five days each year. This gives pupils high quality experiences led by trained National Trust staff and an exciting taste of independence as they share bedrooms, bathrooms and common rooms with their peers. In the evenings pupils took part in night walks, drawing and hot chocolate. All pupils had a great time. GS

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AND MORE!



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ATTENDANCE CUP AND 100% ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance cup is awarded to the class with the highest average attendance each half term. Our winners of the attendance cup for the first half term will be announced after half term. We also celebrate the pupils who come to school **every day** during each half term. Stay tuned for the names of those pupils who attended school this half term every day in the next newsletter!



NORWICH IN BLOOM PRIZE EVENING

On Friday 5th October, two members of the Executive School Council had the opportunity to represent the school by attending the presentation evening at City Hall, Norwich for the Norwich in Bloom award ceremony. The competition, run by Friends of Norwich in Bloom and sponsored by Notcutts was attended by many schools from all over Norwich. The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Martin Schmierer was there to award the prizes. Our 3rd place prize was for the category, 'Best Fruit and Vegetables'. We received a certificate, a shield and a £10 gardening voucher from the sponsors. A great evening was had by all. A big 'Thank you' to Miss Bridgham for organising the garden entry and the many parent volunteers who come in to school regularly to help.
RS



Some of Year 5 at Eaton Park
learning about seed dispersal



NEW STAFF

We have welcomed several new members of staff to our school this term. Mrs. Tarbard has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Year 6, Mrs. Goldsmith as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 and Mr. Keeler as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3. During the summer holidays we said goodbye to Mrs. Roe, a Teaching Assistant in Year 3. We wish her every success in her new role. JS

FRIENDSHIP SQUAD

On Friday 21st September, twenty-one pupils from Year 4, 5 and 6 spent the day completing their Friendship Squad training day with Ms. Smith. All of the Friendship Squad will be helping during a lunchtime on the playground or field and will be visible by their Colman red caps. RS

SAMPLING NEW DISHES

On Wednesday 10th October, Amanda Cooper and her team from Norse came in to school to share in an assembly and during lunchtime, the delights of the new dishes on the Autumn 2018 menu. There were both savoury and sweet dishes to try. As you can see, we enjoyed tasting the dishes which have been changed in light of the feedback from our School Council. RS



SCHOOL COUNCIL



On Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September, thirty-six candidates from Year 6 shared their presentations in front of the whole school. A big WELL DONE to all the candidates who confidently and eloquently explained why they would like to be elected.

On Wednesday 26th September in the afternoon, a democratic election process to elect officers for the three key roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer took place. It was a tough choice for pupils to only be able to choose one person for each role.

A voting station was created in the dining room. Everyone completed their voting card and posting it in their classes' ballot box. Votes were counted during the afternoon and the winners were

announced during Celebration assembly on Friday.

Congratulations to the following who were elected for CJS School Council 2018/19 roles.

Chairperson – Jasper
Secretary – Alice S
Treasurer – Felix

Well done to all of the Class Council representatives who were elected to represent their class for the Autumn term School Council meetings. RS

ONLINE PAYMENTS

We apologise for all the problems using Pupil Asset Parent App to make online payments. Due to changes in the summer holidays this has resulted in many technical difficulties and we have now decided to stop using this system for payments. A new system for online payments will be rolled out after half term. Many thanks for your patience with this matter.
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PAUL WHITTAKER OBE VISIT

Paul Whittaker OBE came to visit the school again on Tuesday 2nd October. He spent time teaching the children a number of songs in BSL, including Help! by the Beatles, I Can't Dance

by Genesis and The Best Day of My Life by American Authors. The focus was really on how to communicate the meaning of songs, rather than translate word for word. Please do encourage your children to show you some of what they remember. During our assembly time, Paul spoke to the children about his life and experience of being 'different' and the children got a chance to ask some questions. As always, Paul's visit was fun and inspiring.

On the Monday evening, we were very lucky to have Paul share his time with the wider community. We were joined by local teachers of the deaf, music teachers, signing choirs, people from our local deaf community and some pupils and parents from CJS. It was a lovely evening where again Paul shared about his life and upbringing, his work and charity, as well as some fun singing and signing. KD



YEAR 3 BEWILDERWOOD TRIP

On 27th September, Year 3 got to spend a glorious day at the brilliant, boggle-tastic Bewilderwood. We have been learning about different beasts and creatures in books and couldn't think of a better place to find mysterious creatures and have an adventure! We found Boggle villages, Twiggle's houses and even the friendly, vegetarian Mildred popped up to say, "Hello!" in her own special way. All the children and staff had a fun-filled day and we enjoyed writing about our trip when we got back to school. Check our Year 3 section of the school's website if you'd like to read extracts from some of the children's recounts of our trip. HC

COLMAN MILE

Mrs Henery invites all year groups to join in and run the Colman Mile every Friday lunchtime - change in the changing rooms at break and then meet by the shelter on the field at 12.15pm. You can choose to run two or three laps of the field. Which year group will clock up the most miles? LH

INVADE, INVADE, INVADE!

Year 4 discovered what really happened between the Celts and the Romans during their visit to Norwich Castle Museum in September. The children had a great day making history come alive, from making Celtic torcs and exploring roundhouses to using Roman shields and discovering how our ancestors lived. Ask them about their favourite Iceni queen! BB



POETRY COMPETITION

This half term the theme for our poetry competition is 'feelings' and all children are invited to compose their own poem. The poem can follow any structure and can be about one particular feeling, something which makes them feel a certain way or about feelings in general. Please bring all entries to Miss Harrison by Thursday 1st November. KH

EDP BOOK TOKENS

Thank you very much for all of the books for schools tokens already brought into school. These will continue to be printed daily until December and we are very grateful for all tokens you are able to bring into school. KH

NUTRITIONIST CONSULTATIONS



Nicole Madden, an Independent Nutritionist for Norse will be holding free telephone consultations which are available to all parents. She will be holding the consultations every Tuesday from 4:30-6:30pm to talk about all things nutrition and dinners on **07718 200 884**.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

A new allergen friendly menu is available for Autumn 2018 which closely matches the new menu. This is a dairy, gluten, egg and soya free menu and is available to all children who have an allergy. The menu will be available on the Norse website during the half term holiday. A bespoke menu can also be created for other individual needs, please contact us for further information. RS



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 goes 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.
 - If you bring a dog with you when you are dropping off and collecting your children at the beginning and end of the school day, please be aware that many of our children are unsure of dogs and may be anxious around them. Keeping your dog well away from the main entrance and exit would be really helpful.
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

15TH- 16TH PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS
17TH PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS (6HG ONLY)
17TH BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
29TH PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
30TH YEAR 5 TRIP TO HOLT HALL

NOVEMBER

5TH - 6TH PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS (4SH)
26TH OPEN AFTERNOON FOR YEAR 2 PARENTS

DECEMBER

11TH YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TO PARENTS PM
12TH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
13TH WHOLE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE AT CHRISTCHURCH AM



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