



Spring
Second Half
Term 2019

COLMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sponsored walk for the Mudeka Foundation

The weather was most definitely on our side on Friday 29th March when the entire school spent an hour clocking up laps of the school field for our sponsored walk. We were raising money to support the Feeding Programme of The Mudeka Foundation's work in Zimbabwe. As the sun shone down, each child and their walking partner tried to walk as many times as they could around our huge field. The atmosphere was full of determination and fun. In total the school walked 1940 laps which equals just under 500 miles: an amazing achievement. We will be able to tell you the amount raised as soon as all the money is handed back into school, hopefully Colman Junior School will be able to help feed a lot of other school children. Thank you all for your support. TG (More information about the Mudeka Foundation can be found on Page 5!)

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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 first half of the Spring Term are 3DG! Their average attendance for the half term was a wonderful **97.3%**!

Well done, 3DG! This is an outstanding achievement. You clearly love coming to school!



The following children came to school **every day** last half term (Spring Term 1st half 2019). Well done!

3HC- Alexander, Ellie-Mai, Amy, Holly, Lily, Aviv, Ruby, Lacey, Agatha, Jacob, Daniel, Anya, Becky, Gracey-Mai, Emilia, Oliver

3DG- Hareem, Izabelle-Rose, Jack, Lydia, Kane, Freya, Sam, Leo, Jessie, Jasmin, Jillian, Emily, Ashton, Lucy, Edward, Belle, Suela

4BB- Cayden, Cohen, Keisha, Sophie, Alexandra, Alfie-Lee, Sophie M, Alastair, Oscar, Ethan, Toby, Riley, Alisha, Eliana

4SH- Jack, James, Lexi, Lucas, Ruby, Henry, Kallen, Karolina, Jess, Yasamin, Sophie, Leonisa

5JH- Esmee, James, Harley, Ruth, Callum, Ella F, Ella G, Ciaran, Frankie, Ollie, Lubov, Mehdi, Charlotte

5LW- Kayler, Ty, Humphrey, Reuben, Kim, Asher, Anna, Sarah, Ruby, Kento, Daniel

6HG- Mahnoor, Darby, Ruby, Felix, Chelsea, Sushma, Delilah, Jasper, Lotte, Daniella, Annie, Zach, Ben

6SF- Lara, Jessica, Noah, Amelia, Scarlett, Charlotte, Ella, Tabitha, Charlie, Ryan, Jayden, Hollie, Martha, Archie, Jamie, Alexandra.

SCIENCE WEEK 2019

All year groups carried out several experiments looking at different areas of Science; The paper clip that remembered its own shape, the lava lamp, the colour symphony and the egg and vinegar. It was wonderful to see children across year groups discussing the tasks that they had all done and the range and progression of scientific thinking from Year 3 all the way through to Year 6. KJ



NORFOLK CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Having successfully finished in the top 10 in the Norwich schools cross country race, several of our girls headed to Holkham Hall to take on the rest of Norfolk. In a beautiful setting the girls did really well, all taking part to the best of their ability and representing the school wonderfully. KJ

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

We are aiming to offer gardening to our Year 3 and Year 5 pupils again this year, as part of their science curriculum. In order to do this however, we need parent / grandparent volunteers to help take small groups of 3 or 4 children out to the school garden, one afternoon a week. Volunteers just need basic gardening knowledge as they will be accompanied by a more experienced parent helper. If you think you, or another family member, could help, even if not every week, please contact Miss Bridgham on nbridgham@colmanjunior.norfolk.sch.uk or send a note into the school office. In addition, we welcome any donations of both flower and vegetable seeds - please send in with your child for the attention of Miss Bridgham. Many thanks. NB

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS



The Year 6 girls' football team (Elisha, Annie, Alice, Lotte, Florence, Amelia & Sienna) put in an amazing performance at the Norfolk Schools Girls' Football Finals on Thursday 14th February. The team played 6 matches and got through to the cup competition, winning their final match after a nail-biting penalty shoot-out. Despite players battling illness and injury, they placed 5th overall out of a total of 85 teams in the whole of Norfolk. A fantastic result and testament to their talent, hard work and great team spirit. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the girls too. NB

YEAR 3 BSL TEA PARTY

After two terms of learning BSL every week, Year 3 are now able to have a good old chat! On Wednesday March 27th, the whole of Year 3 had a 'voices off' tea party where they signed to each other about their families, their birthdays, their pets and their favourite foods. All the Deaf children in the school came as special guests.

Year 3 also welcomed Mr. Sinclair and Miss Craik who are Deaf adults working in the school and Miss Everett, an ex-Colman pupil who had Deaf friends here so she started to learn to sign. She is now a BSL interpreter. It was clear by the end of the party that Year 3 love two things: chatting and eating cakes. There wasn't a crumb left and Mr. Sinclair only just managed to find the last fairy cake!

Well done Year 3. You signed beautifully and were very polite tea party hosts. FW



BOOK WEEK

We have celebrated World Book Day 2019 throughout this half term. Children in year 3 have enjoyed a visit from author Alex Milway (Hotel Flamingo series) whilst the rest of the classes had the fantastic opportunity to meet Rob Lloyd Jones (author of the Jake Atlas series). It has been brilliant to see these books being enjoyed so much around the school.



In addition, we all donned our pyjamas for our annual 'Bedtime story' day with children enjoying story sessions with different members of staff. A definite highlight of the day was the decorated book bag competition; well done to all who took part! The hall looked fantastic and we enjoyed exploring each other's favourite books.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent book fair by Norfolk Children's Book Centre. All children were able to redeem their World Book Day tokens and receive a free book. KH

MUDEKA FOUNDATION



On Monday 14th March, as part of our School Council work to promote helping others internationally, we invited both Anna Mudeka, the founder of the Mudeka Foundation and Elizabeth Louis, the Education Officer into school, to talk to us about the Feeding Programme.

During the course of the day, both Anna and Elizabeth spent a lesson with each year group; explaining how and why the Feeding Programme was set up and how as a school we can help.

We learnt that the Foundation set up a Feeding Programme early in 2016, providing a daily "porridge" (sadza) meal for key stage 1 children. They shared with us that children in Zimbabwe are often hungry and tired when they arrived at school. Many children have to walk a long way to attend school every day and are often so tired they fall asleep and don't learn due to lack of breakfast. So knowing that the children were often

sharing meals with their hungry siblings, they rapidly extended the programme to all primary school pupils. This costs 16p a day per child and currently 350 children are fed. This meal is prepared and distributed by community members.

Anna and Elizabeth also shared their latest project, which is to provide a water well for the children, so they can access clean water. RS



YEAR 6 HOUSE WATER POLO COMPETITION

During usual swimming lessons Year 6 have been learning all about the game of water polo; practising skills, team work and some tactical elements. Although senior water polo is always played in deep water and can be quite a physical game, in the warm shallow water of Colman pool the game is safe, fun and very energetic.

For the House competition, year 6 were separated into their house teams and wore corresponding coloured hats. The afternoon was very loud and the teams played extremely well, watching, learning and thinking about team work.

The competition was very close with no clear winner. The results were:

Joint first Caister and Cromer with 9 points each

Joint second, Hunstanton and wells with 7 points each

A fantastic afternoon! SC



COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

The school office is currently receiving a high level of daily phone calls from parents wishing to change collection arrangements for the end of the school day. The office does not have sufficient staffing to manage this volume of calls and the delivering of the messages to classes.

Please can we ask that you only call to change end of day arrangements if it is an emergency. If you could let the office know of any emergency changes before 2:30pm, that would be helpful. Thank you for your support in this matter. JS



SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE CHANGE

The price of school dinners will be increasing after the Easter Holiday. On April 23rd, each meal will cost £2.30. A letter about the changes has been sent home with all pupils and can also be found on the school website. ML

LUNCHTIME FUN

After Easter, Premier Education will be providing a range of activities during the lunchtime period. The aim is to continue to promote and improve the health and well-being of our children through physical activity. During the lunchtime, two sessions will run: 12.15 - 12.40



pm and 12.40 - 1.05 pm. These sessions will be open to all children every day. 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. Optician appointments should **NOT** be made during the school day and will not be authorised.
- 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.
- We are collecting tokens from participating local newspapers for a chance to have £10,000 worth of Lego for our school. Please bring any tokens into the School Office.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL

5TH BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY
23RD START OF SUMMER TERM
30TH KARATE TASTER SESSIONS

MAY

10TH Y5 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP
13TH – 16TH SATS WEEK
22ND 3HC DANCE SHOW AT OPEN
24TH SUMMER DEAF FESTIVAL
 BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM



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

Colman Schools PTA

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



Susan Chedghey: Chair
I have a son in yr6 and have been a member of the PTA since he started in 2012. I find it very rewarding helping to organise and run events alongside the school.



Emily Chittenden: Vice Chair
I have two boys, Jake in yr4 and Luke who has recently moved up to CNS. I value the importance of outdoor learning and children understanding and caring for the natural world.



Penny Craft: Secretary
I've been a member of the PTA since 2017. I'm a full-time mum to three gorgeous girls and infant school parent governor. I strongly believe supporting your children's school is one of the best things you can do.



May Taylor: Treasurer
I have been an active member of the PTA for 7 years. I have three children Zach in yr6 and Twins Tigerlilly and Leo in yr2. I have a passion for eco-friendliness.



Claire Everson: Infant Parent rep
Mum to James in yr1. I am looking forward to getting involved and supporting the school for many years to come.



Antonia Sambrook: Infant Parent rep
This is my 2nd year with the PTA. I have Robin in yr1 and Benjamin who's starting in September. I helped organise the Christmas carols and mince pies event and hope to hold more music-related events.



Steph Makins: Junior Parent rep
I have two children at Colman, one in yr2 and one in yr6. I am a parent governor at Colman junior school and run a web design and marketing agency called Pollywiggle. I am the founder of EnjoyNorwich.com



Doris Pearce: Infant Parent rep
I have two boys in Colman infants, Albert in yr2 and Oscar in reception. I have strong baking compulsions so you will often find me manning a cake stall. Let me know if you want to help out.



Tina Jeczalik: Junior Parent rep
I have 4 boys, Nic 16 and Charlie 11 who both attend CNS. Leo in yr3 and Buddy in yr1. I have been helping the PTA over the last 10 years.



Linda Duong: Junior Parent rep
I joined the PTA in 2018 and have loved helping organise and support many events including the summer Fayre and school disco. I have one daughter currently in yr3.

If you see us around the school
come up and say "hello"

