



Coleridge Primary School

Learners for Life

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Happy New Year! Welcome back to what promises to be a busy but exciting term.

Contact

Should you need to contact me I have a new email address: head@coleridgeprimary.net. However if you need to make an appointment to see me at any point, please contact Jo Burston in the school office.

Staffing

At the end of last term, Michelle Wallace, who worked in Year 5, left Coleridge to move to Brighton. Gemma Money, who provided cover for Laura Goodey during her maternity leave, also left to move to Brighton - the lure of the fresh, sea air obviously has a greater appeal than Crouch End! We would like to thank both Michelle and Gemma for all their hard work and dedication, and we wish them well for the future.

We are pleased to welcome back Laura Goodey who will continue to teach and lead the Year 4 team. We would also like to welcome Rose Jones, who will replace Michelle Wallace, teaching sets in Year 5, and Amy Isaacs, who has recently joined our Admin Team. I hope you will join me in welcoming both Amy and Rose to Coleridge.

Jane O'Rourke, who works alongside Sharon Rubens as a part of our Counselling Service, is now working an extra day and will be in school on Mondays and Thursdays. We are therefore delighted to announce that we now have a full time counselling service running the equivalent of 5 days a week.

Governor Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies on the Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like to find out more about what the role entails, we will be holding a meeting on January 19th at 7.30pm on Coleridge West in the staff room.

Dates for your diaries

**INSET Days - Staff training days -
School closed for all children**

**Monday 26th January 2015 –
Writing and Behaviour**

**Monday 20th July 2015 – School
Development planning (SDP)**

Feb 16th-Feb 20th—Half Term



Behaviour

This term we will be launching our revised Behaviour Policy. A lot of thought has gone into evaluating our existing policy and developing a new one that is fair and effective and is centred on positive reinforcement and clear sanctions. Once it is ready and finished, we will be publishing the policy on the website.

One of the principal changes is the introduction of five core values that will run through the curriculum. Children will therefore learn about the importance of these values and will be expected to be:

- Reflective
- Respectful
- Resilient
- Caring and Considerate
- Aspiring

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The Play

‘James and the Giant Peach’ was a real triumph last term. It was a true testament to what can be achieved by a community of people working together. I’m sure you will all agree that the children were fantastic. Thanks again to everybody that helped make the play the success that it was.

‘The Coleridge’

Last term Mr Skrein, Mr Malcolm and Charlene Baker ran a newspaper club for some children. They supervised a dedicated group of young journalists who worked round the clock to produce our first edition of the school newspaper - ‘The Coleridge.’ The paper is both informative and fun and has been enjoyed by a wide readership – (you can read ‘The Coleridge’ on the school website). Well done to all the team responsible for producing it.

Sports

The children have been involved in many different sporting events over the last term, travelling and competing around the borough and we are extremely proud of their achievements.

Some children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Haringey Primary Schools Boys and Girls Table Tennis at Alexandra Park School, winning a bronze and silver medal. Sports Hall Athletics took place at Highgate Wood School, where children participated in a range of indoor track and field athletic disciplines. There has also been tennis coaching for Year 3 and basketball for Year 4 in addition to the many sports lessons and clubs that take place at Coleridge. A number of Year 6 went to Highgate Wood School regularly on a Wednesday afternoon to train in leading games and activities amongst younger children. They will start working at lunchtimes in the Juniors later this term.

There will be a Sports Report added to the website about the successes of our very talented children.



Forest School

Computing

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Highgate Wood School to participate in a programme called The Digital Schoolhouse Project. Each class will spend the day learning about algorithms in a workshop run by David Talbert, Head of Computer Science at Highgate Wood.

Forest School

We are trialling the Forest School programme with children in Year 1 and 5. Classes from both year groups will participate in six weekly sessions in Queen's Woods. Mr Smith will be leading the sessions in conjunction with the class teachers. At the end of each six week block, we will be evaluating the impact of the sessions on the children's learning and on the development of their social and emotional skills. Our findings will then be used to help devise a means to embed effective Forest School practice across our curriculum.

Mindfulness

This term, some staff at Coleridge will be participating in a Mindfulness course which will run over eight weeks. Mindfulness has been proven to have beneficial effects on children's wellbeing and their ability to engage in the learning process. Once the staff have been trained, we will be looking at ways to include Mindfulness in the curriculum at Coleridge.

Swab, Save a Life

We are proud to be hosting the 'Swab, Save a Life' event on **Saturday 17th January** in Coleridge West. The event, which has been planned by Coleridge Families, 'Crouch End 4 Margot' and Delete Blood Cancer UK, is aimed at identifying potential matches for bone marrow transplants through a quick oral swab of adult volunteers. It will be a family event full of activities for people of all ages. Please do come along and show your support.

(More information about the cause can be found on the school website).

Thank you for your continued support.

Leon Choueke