



Coleridge Primary School

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Newsletter June 2018

Welcome back to the summer term. As always, it has been delightful to see the children settle back into school life. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families and children to Coleridge.

Celebration of the ‘Cultures of Coleridge’

This year, we are having a week to focus on and celebrate the diversity of our school community and we hope you will join us in our celebrations.

‘Cultures of Coleridge’ will take place during the week 25th to 29th June. The week will provide many opportunities for children and our school community to learn more about the heritage, language and culture of one another and enjoy the wonderful diversity together.

The children will take part in lots of activities at school. During the week, we have invited parents, grandparents, carers and other family friends and relatives to come and join their child’s class and share information about their heritage and culture with the children. If you able to join us, please talk to your class teacher.

We will also be holding an event for parents and carers on Thursday 28th June from 2.30pm-3pm in the West Playground (weather permitting). This event will be a celebration of the huge range of languages spoken by our children, as well as the chance for some classes or groups to perform for you. We invite you to come and take a ‘wander around the world’ in our playground, where children from different year groups who share a language, will come together to run a stall, ready to teach you some useful words and phrases in their language. At the same time, a selection of classes will be around the playground ready to perform some songs and dances for you as you pass by.

We hope to make this a very positive and creative week for our children, and for the whole school community.

Surveying the School Community

This term we have been surveying the opinions of the school community to help prioritise areas for school improvement at Coleridge.

Children’s Survey

In May we spoke to and listened to the views of the children; overall their feedback was extremely positive. A majority of children report that they enjoy school. The most popular subjects are computing, PE, art, maths and English. A large amount of children all agree

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that teachers help them to do their best and children feel the level of challenge in their lessons is just right. Children overwhelmingly feel that grownups in school help them to sort out their problems. The perception of behaviour of their peers in class is 'good and ok'. This is an area for development, as we would like children to perceive that the behaviour of their peers is better than this. However, most children report that they feel safe at school. A majority of children feel that that they learn and understand how to be healthy. 42% of children enjoy Home Learning 23% of children do not and 34% of children were not sure whether they did or did not enjoy it.

Parental Survey

Thank you to all those of you that took the time to complete our parental survey. Overall, the results were very positive. 90% of parents who responded to the questionnaire felt satisfied with the school, 91% felt satisfied that the school felt safe for their children and 93% felt their child was happy at school.

The areas of strength identified by the survey were the teachers; parents also felt that the governors do a good job and that parents would recommend the school to others.

Behaviour and well-being was deemed a strength by the parent body. Perceptions of pastoral care, how we teach the importance of treating others with respect and dignity, and the children's happiness, all came out strongly. Parents felt that we create a safe environment for our children and that we look after them. We are going to be re-evaluating our strategies to combat bullying. We have already made in-roads by looking at our policy and through conversations with our school counselling team. More information on this will follow.

Some parents also stated they would like school to further educate children about a healthy lifestyle. We're in the process of becoming an asthma friendly school and many of our staff have received training from a paediatrician about managing asthma. There will be many activities during Healthy Living Week to teach children about the benefits of exercise, dental hygiene and healthy eating/snacking. We're also planning on running more workshops for parents about healthy eating.

Behaviour

Staff have been spending time over the course of this year evaluating our behaviour policy. We have made a couple of subtle changes to our practice for children in Year 3-6.

Our overall approach to children's behaviour is to understand a child's needs and any triggers that can cause an emotive reaction. Staff work to support children and reassure them when they are feeling upset, frustrated, confused or angry. However, clear strategies and boundaries also help children to feel safe; having time to be calm and reflect with the guidance and supervision of a supportive adult can be incredibly effective. In Key Stage 2, we classify types of behaviour into stages; for each stage, there are different consequences. Children are very clear then about what happens if they display an inappropriate behaviour. For children that exhibit stage 3 or 4 behaviours, they will continue to miss their lunchtime play, but will now be required to do so in a classroom known as The Reflection Room. A member of the leadership team will work with the child to reflect on their behaviour. Children will be encouraged to think about how their behaviour affected those around them, about what they would do differently next time. The child will then record this on a reflection sheet. Parents of children who spend time in The Reflection Room will be informed.

The Royal Albert Hall

Our school choir went to sing alongside other primary and secondary school pupils at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 4th June. Hearing so many children performing and singing together was truly spine tingling and such a magnificent event to experience. Thank you to all the staff that made it possible for our children to perform in such a magical event.

Coleridge showcase their artistic talent at Hornsey Library

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, all local primary schools are exhibiting a selection of artwork upstairs at the Hornsey Library. Children from across the school have been producing artwork under the guidance of Louisa Munro and Isabel Richert for the exhibition this year. Seeing the children's creativity and enthusiasm has been inspirational. Please do make time to go and experience the exhibition - it won't disappoint!

School Grounds Development

This year we have been focusing on developing our school grounds on Coleridge West. Before any work can be undertaken, we have had to get a survey done by a structural engineer to look at the different issues we will have to deal with, when planning next steps for redevelopment. We are meeting with representatives from Haringey next week and are hopeful that we will receive both guidance and additional funding to support our current fundraising to redevelop the school playgrounds.

Trips

After the mayhem of SATs, our Year 6 children departed on mass on Monday 18th June to PGL Osmington Bay near Weymouth for our annual Year 6 residential trip. Over the course of the week, the children will be enjoying the sea air whilst experiencing a range of adventurous outdoor activities.

Data Protection

In accordance with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that came into effect on May 25th, we have updated our Privacy Agreements and our Data Protection Policy. These documents, which make clear our reasons for holding personal information and our processes for keeping it secure, can be found on the school website under *Data Protection*.

Learning Enhancement Fund

Thank you again to those of you that have donated to the fund. The programme of replacing our interactive whiteboards continues. We are spending the donated money developing our book corners in all classroom with new furniture and new books for each year group.

If you would like to contribute to the 'Learning Enhancement Fund', you can do so by:

- 1) Standing Order with your bank to make a one off, monthly, termly or annual payment direct from your bank to the Learning Enhancement Fund.
- 2) Making a one off payment at the school office, either in cash or as a cheque (please make any cheques payable to Coleridge Primary School).

The account details required for standing orders and on-line payments are:

Account Name: Coleridge Primary School London Borough of Haringey

Account Number: 10 45 45 63

Sort Code: 30-99-86

I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation in advance, to those of you that have or are prepared to donate to the Learning Enhancement Fund.

This half term, promises all sorts of exciting opportunities and I look forward to seeing you all at some point during the next few weeks. Please don't forget the Summer Fair on Saturday 23rd June.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with me, please see Jo Burston in the school office (West) to make an appointment or email: head@coleridgeprimary.net

Leon Choueke

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 23rd June – Summer Fair

Monday 25th June –Cultures of Coleridge week - more information will be sent home

Friday 6th July - INSET DAY

Monday 9th July - Sports Day – more information will follow – please note date change

Thursday 12th July – Parents’ Evening – individual reports will be available earlier in the week before parent meetings.

Friday 20th July – last day of term

Monday 3rd September 2018 – INSET day

Tuesday 4th September – Children start school