

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 22 – MARCH 2024

## Attendance Champions Week 22

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 4: 99.33%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year R: 97.59%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 5: 96.15%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 3: 95.71%
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 1: 94.33%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 2: 93.79%
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 92.67%

## Bradmore Green Library

This morning I met with a group of parents to discuss some initial ideas for action we can take about the library. We know that many families do use the library, but the threatened closure also has an impact on those families who do not currently use it as there is no clarity on what will happen to the land in the event of closure. We discussed our next steps which include producing an information sheet for parents, a petition and some opportunities to involve the children in the library discussion. I know that some of our children, all of whom enjoy visiting the library with their class, have already been vocal at meetings in the library and we will certainly be making their voices heard about the importance of reading and providing a space for the community. In the meantime please find information at the following website and fill in the survey at the to make your voice heard.

<https://www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-services-consultation>

## Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

What a wet week it has been - I am sure we are all looking forward to spring!

I would like to say well done to all the children who have had lots of wet break times this week and still managed to stay focused in the afternoon to complete their learning. Also well done to all the children in Year 5 who have all gone swimming for the past two weeks and been caught in the rain on both occasions - thank you for remaining so positive!

Can I please take this opportunity to remind families that school starts at 8.55 and children should be entering their classrooms and getting ready to start their learning at this time. Please can I ask families to try to be in the playground ready for the bell ringing at this time.

Thank you for your support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

## Collective worship

Our theme for collective worship is now “Forgiveness”. On Monday we looked at how our minds can become muddled and we find it hard to concentrate if we are preoccupied about other things. We discussed that by saying sorry and by giving forgiveness we can help clear our minds and wipe the slate clean. We did also acknowledge that forgiveness isn’t always easy but it is always important.

*“Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.”*

Colossians 3.13

# Curriculum Corner

I had the pleasure of speaking to some Year 4 children today about their learning this week. They were able to talk about the Amazon river for which they are researching to make a fact file and about improper fractions which they have been learning in maths. They also spoke enthusiastically about their RE lessons where they have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam, the shahada, salat, zakat, sawm and hajj. They especially talked about fasting and how Muslims get up at 5.30am so they can eat before sunrise. I have included some pictures of the children's work.

How and why do Muslims uphold their faith by giving commitment to Allah?



Colour in the statements that are true about Hajj.

- All Muslims must complete Hajj at some point in their lives.
- Muslims wear lots of colours during Hajj.
- Muslims wear usually white clothes during Hajj.
- Muslims stay in a big hotel called Hajj during Hajj.
- Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was born in Mecca.
- Muslims ask Allah (God) for forgiveness.
- Muslims walk around the Ka'bah six times.
- Muslims throw stones at three pillars during Hajj.
- Only men can complete the Hajj pilgrimage.
- Muslims visit a special mountain called Mount Everest.

Explain some of the rituals that happen during Hajj. What is their significance?

You walk around Ka'bah 7 times to show their love to Allah. They were white clothes but women can wear any colour. They throw stones at the wall and it takes away the devil.

Hajj is a journey that all muslims all have to attend.

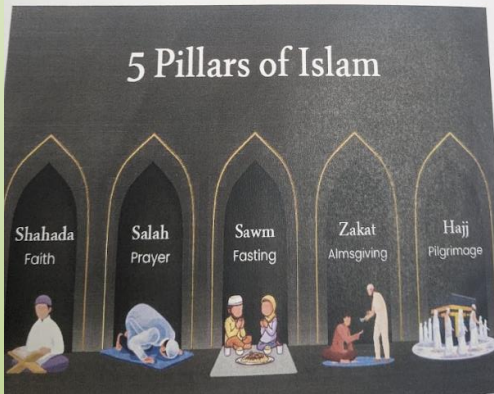
They are making respect by making a really hard job.

It is important to them because it makes them closer to Allah.

The key events of Hajj are making the journey, stoning the devil and going to mount Arafat.

They are committed because they have to make a huge journey and very hard work.

## 5 Pillars of Islam



LO: To understand how religious practice shapes the lives and worship of believers

Shahadah (Faith)	Salat (Prayer)	Zakat (Almsgiving)	Sawm (Fasting)	Hajj (Pilgrimage)
Prayer similarities		Prayer differences		
		5 X a day		
		FRIDAY		

Which things could Muslims give for Zakat?

What ways could you be charitable and compassionate towards others?

I could be charitable and compassionate by giving people clothes, water and good and give a smile to someone.

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