# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 23 – MARCH 2024

# Attendance Champions Week 23

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 5: 98.85% 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year R: 96.21% 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 3: 96.07% 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 4: 95.67% 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 2: 94.83% 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 91.33% 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 1: 91%

#### **Collective worship**

This week we looked at one of my favourite stories in the Bible, that of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10). People were angry and bemused why Jesus chose to spend time with someone who was mean and made bad choices. Jesus explained to them that he had come to save all people, including the lost and the worst of sinners. That day, Zacchaeus was transformed! He promised to change his ways right away and repay all of the people he had cheated.

#### "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

## **Notes from the Head Geacher** Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many children joining in the celebration of reading on Thursday. The children looked great in their costumes and pyjamas and it was really encouraging to see so much enthusiasm around reading.

The children also enjoyed meeting Paul Coomey, the author of the "Stick Boy" books to hear about his inspiration and how he gets his ideas into a story. I am sure many of the children have been inspired to write their own stories and who knows, maybe one day one of them will be a published author! A big thank you to Ms Foster for organising the day. Please see overleaf for the feedback from each of the classes.

Next week is Science Week and there are more fun and educational experiences planned - I am sure it is going to be another memorable and inspirational week for our children.

In the meantime I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Mr Garratty

#### **Bradmore Green Library**

It was great to see so many people at the library on Thursday morning making their opinions known. It is another demonstration of our wonderful community coming together to try to make a positive change.

The protest was reported in "Inside Croydon" and we will keep you informed of any next steps. In the meantime, please take the time to read the information sheet emailed out this week which details some of the ways you can help make your voice heard in regards to the future of Bradmore Green Library.

### World Book Day

World book day was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many children dressed up and enjoying the various activities. Thank you to the parents for your support with this. Here is the feedback from the children in each class:

**Reception Class**: The children enjoyed dressing up. They also enjoyed sharing different books and making bookmarks.

Year 1: Really enjoyed dressing up and meeting the author who told them how to write stories.

Year 2: Enjoyed sharing books and talking about their favourite stories.

Year 3: Found it lots of fun. They found the author interesting and liked the book tokens.

Year 4: Enjoyed wearing pyjamas to school. They also enjoyed recreating the book cover for Zoe and the Forest of Secrets.

Year 5: Enjoyed making bookmarks and the book token competitions. They also enjoyed making Top Trump cards based on book characters.

Year 6: Felt it was important to protest outside the library and enjoyed making posters to save the library.