

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 24 – MARCH 2024



Attendance Champions

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1st Place – Year 3: 99.29%

2nd Place – Year 5: 97.69%

3rd Place – Year R: 95.86%

4th Place – Year 2: 95.52%

5th Place – Year 1: 95.33%

6th Place – Year 6: 92.33%

7th Place – Year 4: 89.33%

Science week

This week, throughout the school we have been focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) activities within the theme of time. The children have explored how to create and read time in various ways from making paper clocks, to sand timers, the use of a pendulum as well as using the power of water. We have considered how time has been charted through light and shadows; creating puppets in KS1. In KS2 the children took part in a live science lesson online where they explored how things change over time looking at the life cycles of mini beasts. On Wednesday all of the children explored time through looking at the stars directly above our school in a mobile Planetarium. We also considered the impact of time on our environment, looking at alternative ways to farm and make materials including biodegradable plastic. Year 3 even did some planting considering the changes in season over time. On Friday we rounded the week off by dressing up as STEM members, including scientists from the past, and showcased our amazing inventive future ideas.

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

The school has been buzzing with excitement this week, thanks to all the wonderful science activities that have been taking place. The children all had the opportunity to enter the Immersive Dome on Wednesday to enjoy an out of this world experience and there have been lots of amazing experiments and investigations happening in class.

I hope the children have been sharing their enthusiasm at home and that you had the chance to come in to school this afternoon to see some of the work the children have produced. Please see below for some quotes from the children and photos which have been taken during the week.

Thank you to Miss Bennett for organising the activities and to the families who completed science projects at home and provided amazing costumes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Mr Garatty

Reflection

On Tuesday we shared the story of The Prodigal Son and reflected on why the father was so quick to forgive the son and welcome him back to the family. We recalled a time when we had lost something and how it felt if we found it again. We talked about how when people sometimes lose their way, God is always ready to forgive and welcome them back to him. We should follow his example with friends and family if anyone requires forgiveness.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Luke 6:37

Quotes from the children:

Trixie and Zeke from Reception said “We enjoyed making mixtures and going in the dome as well as dressing up.”

Ava and Finley in Year 1 both enjoyed making the sand timers, and visiting the dome because they could see the stars.

Harrison in Year 2 said “ I liked learning about how the world was created and doing experiments.” Tilly liked the sand timers “it was good that we had to keep trying.”

In Year 3 Scarlett A and Buddy both enjoyed making the water clock. “I liked planting the flowers too” said Scarlett.

Ephraima and Adam S from Year 4 loved making biodegradable plastic as well as visiting the dome. “I loved dressing up” said Adam.

Holly said “Making the plastic was fun, going into the dome was fun too as we learned so much about planets and time.”

Claudia from Year 6 said “I loved making the water clocks, and being in the dome was like actually being up amongst the stars.



