

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 34 – JUNE 2023



## Attendance Champions – Week 34

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 1: 98.33%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 2: 97.33%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 6: 96.67%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 5: 95.67%
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 3: 94.67%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year R: 94%
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 4: 93.70%

## Collective Worship

On Monday we looked at how we can look after each other with our words. We discussed how words are powerful and how we need to think before we speak as words can sometimes hurt people on the inside. The children came up with ways we can use words for good, like paying compliments, saying please and thank you, or offering help. We looked at a poster that is going to be displayed around the school, which reminds us to think before we speak. Is it **True**? Is it **Helpful**? Is it **Inspiring**? Is it **Necessary**? Is it **Kind**? I believe the last two, 'is it necessary?' and 'is it kind?' are two essential ones.

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience”*  
Colossians 3:12

## Curriculum Corner

On Tuesday we had a science day. All the classes worked on their investigative science skills and enjoyed the science activities provided. A visitor taught reduce, reuse and recycle to years 3 to 6 and camouflage to year R to year 2. The children really benefited from the creative opportunities to explore and develop their scientific questioning skills.

## Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a nice half term - it was lovely to welcome you all back on Monday and to finish the week with crazy hair on Friday.

This week a letter was sent to all families informing them of staffing changes, in case you missed it I have repeated the information here.

Just before half term the interview panel appointed Mrs Rebecca Lambe, currently assistant headteacher at St Francis Catholic School in Caterham, as Deputy Headteacher. She will be joining us on 1st September, but arrangements will be made for her to visit the school and meet children and staff before the summer break. Sadly Miss Turley (Y3) and Mrs Soltau (Y6) have decided that they will not be returning at the start of the new academic year. It goes without saying that this is very sad and disappointing for us, but obviously we wish them well and thank them enormously for their valuable contribution to our school. Both teachers are well respected and dedicated members of staff at Coulsdon and have shown ongoing commitment to the education of the children and the ethos of the school. Adverts were placed during half term for the vacancies and I will let you know the outcome of these in due course

## Prime drink

We have noticed that some children are bringing Prime into school. Please be reminded that children should only be bringing water. There is a lot of research regarding Prime drinks (and some other drinks/sweets that have a high sugar content) and the detrimental effect upon behaviour and possible health. Please make sure that Prime drinks are not being brought into school and try to ensure that the children are not eating sweets before school which will affect their concentration. Thank you.