

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 18 – JANUARY 2024

Attendance Champions Week 18

1st Place – Year 3: 96.43%

2nd Place – Year 2: 96.21%

3rd Place – Year 5: 96.15%

4th Place – Year 4: 96%

5th Place – Year 1: 92.33%

6th Place – Year R: 88.97%

7th Place – Year 6: 87.76%

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

I cannot believe that February is just around the corner, and that half term is just two weeks away! I would like to thank you for taking notice of our new parking signs and for helping the children and families to stay safe. The road near the main gates is sometimes very busy and I appreciate everyone who is driving carefully and parking safely to avoid any accidents.

Next Friday, 2nd February, is NSPCC number day and we would love the children to “dress up for digits” by wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. Home-made numbers will be fine. We will be having fun with maths during the day, and collecting money for the NSPCC. Please look out for the letter which was emailed home today. Thank you, in advance, for supporting us with this.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Garratty.

RSPB - Big Birdwatch

Today, the whole school joined in a national event to support the RSPB in identifying how many birds we see in our playground during the day. The children had to observe the different types of birds that they saw during their session and this data was then collated and will be sent to the RSPB. Our children and staff were very proud to be part of this national survey! It was a wonderful opportunity to develop our science knowledge, to care for the environment and to do some Outdoor Learning.

Curriculum Corner

On Tuesday this week, it was National Handwriting Day. All of the classes across the school were given the challenge of creating some beautiful handwriting to display in the school and publish in the Chronicle this week. We were so impressed with the work that the children completed and now have some beautifully written poems to display in our school. Well done to all of the children and keep up the hard work!

Tissues

We would be very grateful for any donations of tissues for the classrooms, particularly in Reception and KS1. Thank you.

Reflection

In collective worship this week, we continued to explore the theme of justice. Through role play we demonstrated how justice is sometimes hard to achieve and that it is important to seek justice by learning all we can about a situation. In our role play we demonstrated that it is important to not jump to conclusions and to listen and consider both sides of an argument.

‘Learn to do right. Seek justice.’

Isaiah 1.17



Winter

It's dark outside but it's time you were rising
in a house that is warm from crackling breakfasts
when you open the front door it is surprising how
the winter is silent because everything is hiding.

The bumblebees sleep in their honey comb hives -
no pollen to collect from flowers now past.
And if they tried to fly they wouldn't survive -
their wings would freeze in mid-air in these cold skies.

If you look up at the trees there is no sound
of the squirrels: They're asleep in their dens
underneath their tails, and spread all around are the
nuts that in the summer they found.

The hedgehogs curl up in a big spiky ball ready to
send off the wind, rain and snow. They close round
their eyes - so black and so small. To sleep through the
winter and wait for spring to come.

So, there is no noise in the fields or the trees.
The fish are stuck under the frozen river now.
The sheep are quiet and glad to have their fleece.
The horses have their coats on and all around is peace.

We humans try to hibernate - Desperate to keep warm -
inside by the fire place.

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We humans even try to do this: hibernate -
Desperate to keep warm. inside, by the fireplace.

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