

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 21 – FEBRUARY 2024

Attendance Champions Week 21

1st Place – Years 1 & 4: 97.50%

3rd Place – Year 2: 96.98%

4th Place – Year R: 96.55%

5th Place – Year 6: 93.33%

6th Place – Year 5: 92.31%

7th Place – Year 3: 91.96%

Collective worship

In Thursday's collective worship, Sue from St. Johns spoke about removing barriers between us and God's love. Sue demonstrated, to the children's amazement, that a glass of water could be held upside down and a barrier of card would prevent the water from falling. She encouraged children to remove the barriers that can sometimes exist between us and God by thinking before we speak; by doing good by others; by appreciating the world around us; and possibly by prayer. By removing these barriers we allow God's love to pour upon us - just like the water poured once the piece of card was removed.

'And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a good half term!

As well as children being busy in school, there were also swimming gala finals (see below), a Year 6 trip to The Globe Theatre and a Year 2 trip to Fairfield Halls to rehearse for the Croydon Schools Music Association show. The feedback from the staff and adults involved in all of the trips was that the children behaved amazingly well and enjoyed their outings - well done to you all.

I would like to welcome Mrs Pullin who has now joined us Monday to Thursday as the Year 4 class teacher (previously teaching on Fridays) and has really enjoyed spending more time with the class this week.

A reminder about the clothes recycling bin in the playground which is a fantastic scheme that allows people to donate unwanted clothes which will then be distributed to charities and organisations. The school will also receive some money based on how many clothes are donated, so it is a positive scheme all round. Please feel free to drop items in at drop off or pick up times.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Bradmore Green Library

This library, which is well loved by many people in Old Coulsdon, is once again under threat of closure. On Tuesday I attended a meeting to hear some of the proposals - it was great to see so many of our families there. I know that many of you also joined the meeting after school time to voice some of your concerns and some of our amazing children also made their voices heard.

We will be taking further steps in regards to this matter and will keep you informed, but in the meantime please find information and fill in a survey at the following site to make your voice heard.

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

Swimming Gala

An amazing well done to all the children who took part in the swimming gala this year. The initial round was in January and all of the children taking part swam brilliantly as they competed against the best swimmers from Croydon schools. The finals were on Wednesday evening this week and we had four children, Adam, Sidney, Joshua and Emma, who qualified for this stage. In a great achievement, Sidney managed to win his heat and pick up the trophy! A huge well done to all the children who took part at every stage of the Gala and a big thank you to Mr Johnson for organising and attending the event - he was very excited to talk about the children's achievements.

