

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 7 – OCTOBER 2023

## Attendance Champions Autumn 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 4: 98.13%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 1: 97.07%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year R: 96.98%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 5: 96.24%
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 3: 96.11%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 95.26%
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 2: 94.72%

## Curriculum Corner

All across the school this week the children have been learning about their author of the month, Baroness Floella Benjamin, and have completed a range of activities based on her and her books such as creating author profiles as well as using her books to develop both reading for pleasure and comprehension skills. Both children and staff have come to speak to me about how much they have enjoyed learning about the story and the Reading Ambassadors have worked incredibly hard on ensuring that our Book Corners and Reading Displays have examples of their beautiful work from their author study.



## Notes from the Deputy Head Teacher



Dear Families,

What a busy and exciting week we have all had to complete our half-term! Reception to Year 5 have been working incredibly hard across the school this week completing a wide range of activities, whilst our Year 6 children have been having a fantastic time on the Isle of Wight. I have received regular updates from Mr Garratty saying that the children have been having a wonderful time and that they are enjoying working together on new challenges. They have all embraced the opportunity and represented our school incredibly well. Please see the photos attached.

I also wanted to say thank you for making my first half-term at the school such a lovely and welcoming time. I have loved getting to know the children and their families over the past few weeks and I am looking forward to continuing this after the holiday.

This week I have been lucky enough to spend some time with Reception as their first half-term also comes to a close. It has been lovely to see how excited they are about their learning and how beautifully and confidently they have settled into their routines and learning. They couldn't wait to share with me everything that they had been doing!

I have also enjoyed spending some time with Year 3 this week, where I read them our story of the month 'Coming to England' by Baroness Floella Benjamin (our author of the month). They loved hearing the story of her life and looking at the beautiful illustrations.

Alongside our Coulsdon Chronicle for this week, you should also receive the first edition of our new half-termly Reading Newsletter. This will share with you information about our authors of the month and have book recommendations from some of our Reading Ambassadors. It also includes Book Bingo and a Treasure Hunt for the children to complete over the half-term if they would like to.

## Reflection

This week we have been thinking about sharing with others and the importance of helping those who are in need or less fortunate than us. We have thought not only about those in our own local community, but also about all of those who are in need from around the world. As part of our Collective Worship, we thought about the feeding of the 5000 and how one person who gave everything he had led to the feeding of so many who were hungry. His generosity benefitted all.

*You give them something to eat. And they said to him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish" He said, "Bring them here to Me". Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.*

Matthew 14:14-21



All the staff at Coulsdon C of E would like to wish you all a fun, exciting and restful half-term week, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Mrs Lambe

