

# College Road Primary School Newsletter



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017



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## College Road Reading Challenge

We are having a big focus on reading for pleasure and increasing the amount of time that children spend reading both at home and in school. One of the strategies (suggested by the children) is to have an inter-class reading competition each week for the rest of the year until July, when one class becomes College Road Reading Champions and will receive a whole-class reward. You can really help the challenge by listening to your child read as often as possible. Don't forget to sign their reading diary. For older children who read independently, please sign their diary to say you have witnessed them reading.

The children have been really enthusiastic about the challenge, with Y4 and Y6 already on the leader board.

## E-Safety Day

It was lovely to see so many of our parents come along to our E-Safety afternoon. The children in each class shared their work, which included booklets informing you all about E-Safety, poems and screen savers that the children designed.

## The Keep: start!

Hopefully, work will start on our new learning space in the playground, The KEEP, next week. This will mean that part of the playground will be temporarily fenced off to keep everyone safe. Please bear with us for the 8/9 weeks the project will take to complete. Information about the project is still on our website or in the school library, and many thanks to all of you who supported the planning application.

If you have any concerns about the building works, please let the school office know.

## Class Assemblies to Parents

Our very popular programme of class assemblies, where the children share their learning with you, is back! Assemblies run for 20 minutes or so, and all parents and families of the class are very welcome to come along and hear about the class's learning.

They start at 9.10am, on the following Fridays:

Y6: 27<sup>th</sup> January

Y2: 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Y4: 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Y3: 10<sup>th</sup> March

Y1: 17<sup>th</sup> March

YR: 24<sup>th</sup> March

Y5: to be confirmed



## Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

### Week Ending 6.01.17

KS1

Miss Corbett - Lucy King  
Miss Curtis - Ava Massey  
Mrs Copp - Joshua Cross

KS2

Mrs Dinham - Scarlett Palfrey  
Mrs Visick - Joshua Kerswill  
Mrs Rolfe - Jayke Cross  
Mrs Francis - Keiran Morris

### Week Ending 13.01.17

KS1

Miss Corbett - Blake Weeks  
Miss Curtis - Kayla Skye Pearce  
Mrs Copp - Naomi Tekumafor

KS2

Mrs Dinham - Emily Lyndon  
Mrs Visick - Dylan Cook  
Mrs Rolfe - Ruby Rose  
Mrs Francis - Mia Stocks

### Week Ending 20.01.17

KS1

Miss Corbett - Livvy Bond  
Miss Curtis - Lily Telfer  
Mrs Copp - Allai Hassan

KS2

Mrs Dinham - Marley Francis-Mcleod  
Mrs Visick - Lillie Buckley  
Mrs Rolfe - Madeleina Head  
Mrs Francis - Grace Attwater-Smyth

Please remember to return the Learner of The Week medals by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

## Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Rowing Competition Plymstock School

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - last day of term 3

w/b 20<sup>th</sup> February - Y5/6 residential - Dartmoor

10<sup>th</sup> March - school reports sent out

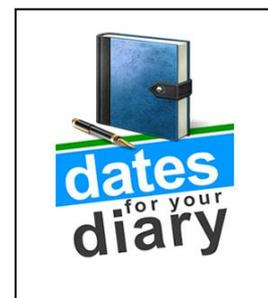
w/b 13<sup>th</sup> March - parent/ teacher meetings

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Y3&4 performance

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - last day of term 4

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - first day of term 5



## Speech, Language and Communication

Welcome to the Speech, Language and Communication section of our newsletter. In this newsletter we are going to look at 'reading with your child every day'.

**Read with your child every day.**

'Whether parents read to their children is a significant predictor of later achievement. It also links to social mobility. Being read to at age five predicts whether a child brought up in poverty as an adult' (source: Gross, 2013). Reading to your child, even when they are able to read themselves is one of the easiest ways to support their development. Don't be afraid to read using funny voices for different characters, but don't worry if you don't feel confident to do this, your child will love hearing your voice.



## Family Support Worker



Do you ever worry about what your child is doing online? If so, and you'd like to learn a bit more about how to protect and support them, you might be interested in attending a free workshop run by the NSPCC. The workshop is designed to help you with setting up privacy settings, parental controls and helping your child stay safe while online. It's being held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 10am - 12pm in the Lower Guildhall, Royal Parade. PTA - the next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 3:20pm in the Foundation huts. The PTA organise events such as the school discos, Summer Fair, Christmas Fair and various other events and activities throughout the year in order to raise money for the school. New members are always welcome so, if you have any time to spare, and would like get involved, please come along!

Alex



## Chinese Day

College Road will be enjoying a day of Chinese culture on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Children will be taking part in a range of workshops including: Calligraphy, Tai Chi, Chinese sports and Chinese paper cutting, which will be run by our visiting Hanban teachers.

All parents and carers are welcome to come along to the school at 2.30pm, to see the children's work and join in with the workshops.

## Hindhead Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas competition.



A big thank you to Hindhead, for organising the competition and providing the prizes.

## **Just a few reminders ....**

- Please inform the school office of any changes to your telephone numbers (emergency contact information), your child's medical conditions or people who are able to collect your child from school.
- If your situation has changed over the holiday period and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please collect a form from the school office. It's very quick and easy to check.
- Could you please remind your child to wear their coat to school, so that they are able to go outside at break and lunchtimes.



The school council and the children have chosen Jeremiah's Journey as this year's charity.

Over the last year Jeremiah's Journey have supported nearly 350 children and young people through their grief of losing someone special.

Further information about the charity can be found at

[www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk](http://www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk) .

# Children's Learning

Isaac in Year 5, used his 'planning' and 'distilling' learning muscle to write a paragraph about the rainforest.

Well done Isaac.

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| <p><u>Ordering ideas</u></p> <p>LA use planning and cohesive devices to write a paragraph about the rainforest - Comets/Stars</p> <p>RF = drier - humid - near equator forest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• could 'rain' because high rainfall (100 inches)</li> <li>• two types: tropical-temperate</li> <li>• tropical: tall trees</li> <li>• found in tropical areas</li> <li>• Amazon covers loads of countries</li> <li>• 2% light hits RF</li> </ul> <p>✓</p> | <p><u>Make sure in your writing you include your ideas from the planning boxes and the word</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- abundant - lots</li> <li>- species - type</li> <li>- thrive - better/below</li> <li>- statistical data</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Remember these words</p>  |
| <p><u>Hook for the reader:</u></p> <p>You might like to know that tropical rainforests are drier and humid forests that is near the equator</p> <p>Surprisingly,</p> <p>✓</p>  | <p>Write like many other rainforests, a tropical one is drier, humid and is near the equator. Surprisingly it is humid rain forest because of high rainfall. There are two types of rainforests. One is called tropical. The other one is called temperate. Tropical rainforests cover 6% of the earth's landmass and are found in tropical areas like the Amazon. Most rainforests are found in tropical areas like the Amazon. There are many types of trees that can grow in rainforests and 25-45 cm long!</p> <p>Well done, Isaac. Good planning to write a paragraph about the rainforest.</p>                             |
| <p><u>Sentence openers/conjunctions</u></p> <p>Surprisingly,</p> <p>Tropical rainforests</p> <p>un like many other</p> <p>usually generally there are typically</p> <p>Even though</p> <p>abundant</p> <p>thrive</p> <p>✓</p>  | <p>W here is a Rainforest</p> <p>Not like many other rainforests, a tropical one is drier, humid and is near the equator. Surprisingly it is humid rain forest because of high rainfall. There are two types of rainforests. One is called tropical. The other one is called temperate. Tropical rainforests cover 6% of the earth's landmass and are found in tropical areas like the Amazon. Most rainforests are found in tropical areas like the Amazon. There are many types of trees that can grow in rainforests and 25-45 cm long!</p> <p>Well done, Isaac. Good planning to write a paragraph about the rainforest.</p> |