

Colindale Primary School Newsletter

November 2019



Earlier this month the lower and upper school councillors visited The **Houses of Parliament**. Everybody including the adults were very excited as no one had been before. When we got to Westminster station we came out and saw The Houses of Parliament right in front of us. Once we were at the Education Centre, they showed us a film all about how Parliament was formed. It was very exciting as the film was shown on four walls instead of 1. We then had a tour of the building itself. First, we visited a special room where the Queen gets ready when she is visiting Parliament. The ceiling was decorated beautifully and there were portraits of many Kings and Queens everywhere. We also visited both houses. We went into the House of Lords where we weren't allowed to sit down! There were TV cameras and microphones everywhere. There was also a special chair covered in gold leaf which the Queen sits on. Then we went into the House of Commons where again we weren't allowed to sit down. We saw where the Prime Minister stands when he is speaking and where the Speaker of the House sits. When the tour finished, we ate our lunch in the gardens nearby. As we had lots of time, we crossed Waterloo Bridge to go and see The London Eye. It was a fantastic day and one that we shall all remember well.



Ms. Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)

Swimming Gala

On Thursday 14th November, Colindale Primary School once again took part in the annual Barnet Schools Swimming Championships at Barnet Cophall Leisure Centre. 12 excellent swimmers from our school competed. There were 18 schools competing and the standard was very high! Each of the swimmers took part in an individual race as well as some team relays and they swam fantastically. Overall we finished 11th out of 18 - an impressive result! Well done to our team: Elvis (3F), Aleeza (3K), Heidi (4b), Kay (4J), Caiden (4R), Jacob (4R), Boris (5JT), Andreea (5LT), Christian (6D), Denis (6D), Diya (6D), Chloe (6N). *Leanne Fernandez (Swimming Teacher)*



We still have places available in our **Little Rainbows nursery**. So

if you have a 2 year old who wants to go to nursery, please apply through the school office.

Articles of the month

Article 4

Governments must make sure that every child can enjoy their rights.

Article 27

Every child has the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and have their basic needs met. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



Science at Colindale

This year the school will be working towards achieving the PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark.) This is a year long professional development programme that will help Colindale to achieve a highly respected science award. We have already begun our journey to achieve the PSQM by speaking with the children about science. They were able to tell us what they enjoyed when learning science, what they would like to do more of and how much they like the annual science week. With the help of all the staff and governors we now have a vision for our science education as well as a set of core principles that will be followed by staff and pupils. The process of achieving the PSQM will have a positive impact on the children and on their science education. It will support the development of their knowledge and skills, as well as helping to develop positive attitudes about science and its value to their lives and their future lives. Our vision and child friendly principles can be seen below:



Vision:

At Colindale Primary there is a commitment to develop all children's science capital. Science enables children to understand the world in which they live. We aim to harness the natural curiosity of all children through purposeful enquiry and an engaging environment. Pupils are given opportunities to question, explore, investigate and be challenged in



order to develop their enquiring minds.

Child friendly principles:

Have engaging and fun science lessons

Use practical activities to explore and understand scientific things



Link our science learning to real-life experiences

Ask questions and have the opportunities to find answers for ourselves

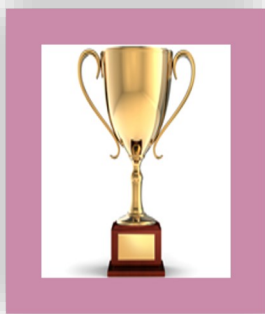
Work by using a range of scientific methods

Develop our scientific vocabulary

Are independent learners

Share our learning within our school and community

Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher & Science leader)



Attendance awards

In November the following classes were awarded the

Colindale Gold Attendance Award for the highest attendance: 2N, 4B, 1M, 3K, 2J, 3F and 2P.

The **Super Gold Attendance Award** for 100% attendance was awarded to : 4R, 5LT, 5N, 3K and 3G.

Children in Need is a charity that we raise money for every year. It is an important charity that raises money for thousands of children around the UK who are in need e.g. children living with a disability, children living in poverty, children struggling with their mental health. The theme of this year's Children in Need was – *Together We Can Change Lives*, and together at Colindale on Friday 15th November we changed lives by having a Pyjama Day. The children *and* staff came to school in their pyjamas! It was a fantastic day and we are proud to announce that we raised **£510.07!** Thank you to everyone who donated, to the children in 5LT who led a touching and fun assembly to raise awareness of Children in Need, and to Alex in 6D for collecting and encouraging donations – we could not have collected as much as we did without your help Alex, well done and thank you! *Miss Thompson (PSHE Leader)*

