

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 37 – JULY 2024

Attendance Champions Week 37

1st Place – Year 2: 98%

2nd Place – Year R: 95.93%

3rd Place – Year 5: 95.56%

4th Place – Year 1: 94.67%

5th Place – Year 4: 93%

6th Place – Year 3: 91.48%

7th Place – Year 6: 90.67%

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

Election Fever took hold in Coulsdon this week! Over the past few weeks Year 6 children have created their own political parties and have been campaigning for votes. In Tuesday's Collective Worship they presented their manifesto and talked about their aims and principles to the rest of the school. They were super speeches and all of the children spoke so well and should be very proud of themselves. Thursday was vote day and the children from the entire school visited the hall to complete their ballot papers and vote for the party which resonated the most with them. The votes are still being counted as I write this, so I am unable to declare which party is the winner! But a big well done for taking part, in our eyes you are all winners!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mr Garratty

Reflection

In Thursday's collective worship, Rev. Malcolm explored being humble. He told the story of Jesus washing the feet of others because he was a 'servant King'. He demonstrated that regardless of how important you are, or how good you are at your job - you can still help others in their day to day lives. The example he demonstrated was of a chef who, instead of barking orders at the cooks working for him when they are running behind schedule, should actually roll up their sleeves and help out. This is the difference between being 'selfish' and 'selfless'.

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”

Philippians 2:3

Coulsdon Cluster Choir

Six children from our school sang at Oasis this week as part of the Coulsdon Cluster Choir event. The event is an amazing spectacle with children from different schools coming together to sing their hearts out. There were over one hundred children singing on the stage and the quality of the performance was amazing. Most of the work and rehearsals happen in individual schools and are brought together in just two rehearsals - yet when the performance happens it is as if all the children have been singing together all year! A huge well done to all the children who took part and huge thank you to the staff, especially Mrs Jackson and Ms Wyatt, who worked so hard to make it possible.

Coffee Morning

On Friday morning this week, we held our second Coffee Morning which had a focus on Emotional Wellbeing and Emotional Literacy. Mrs Lambe and Mrs Leckey spoke to parents about both of these and about different strategies that can support children in understanding and managing their emotions. The role of the ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) was shared and discussed and resources that are used to support children in these sessions were shared. Thank you to everyone who attended.