

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 18 – JANUARY 2025



Attendance Champions Week 18

1st Place – Year 4: 99.26%

2nd Place – Year 5: 97.14%

3rd Place – Year 2: 95.52%

4th Place – Year R: 95%

5th Place – Year 6: 92.96%

6th Place – Year 1: 90.67%

7th Place – Year 3: 86.92%

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

Even through the mixed weather this week, the vast majority of children have been arriving at school on time ready to learn. Thank you, as this really makes a difference to their learning and gives a great start to the day.

It has been a wonderful week which has had special visitors and amazing experiences beyond the classroom that you can read about below. We continue to strive to give opportunities for the children to shine in a variety of fields and look forward to more events this year.

I wish you all a lovely weekend

Palace for Life

Year 5 had their first visit from “Palace for Life” on Tuesday afternoon to explore the themes of diversity and inclusion. This session focused on recognising and celebrating differences with a message that a strong team will consist of people with different strengths and weaknesses. This is the first of six sessions which will explore a number of themes including equality; stereotypes; fake news/social media; discrimination; racial prejudice and religion. The sessions are run by representatives of Crystal Palace FC and we are pleased to have been able to organise and provide this opportunity for the children.

Sport

The netball teams continue to do wonderfully well this academic year. On Monday they faced teams from Smitham School and I am pleased to say that due to teamwork, practice and raw talent, they managed to remain undefeated. There was also a cross country event last weekend in which the children taking part showed great determination to perform to the best of their ability. Well done to you all.

Young Voices

On Thursday evening, a group of children put on a wonderful show at the Young Voices concert which was held at The O2 Arena. It was a late night, but I have heard nothing but praise about their energetic performance. The children showed passion throughout their practices which really shone through in their performance on the night. All the staff were very proud of every child and their impeccable behaviour throughout the experience. They showed support, friendship and great teamwork and are a credit to their families and the school. A huge thank you to the staff who made participation in Young Voices possible and so spectacular, and especially Mrs Jackson who works so hard to inspire the children and nurture their talent.

Reflection

In John 4:14, Jesus offers us "the water of life," a special gift that satisfies our deepest needs forever. He tells the woman at the well that anyone who drinks the water He gives will never be thirsty again. This "water" is not just regular water, but a way of living with Jesus and nourishing our spirit. Just like we need water to live and grow, we need Jesus to fill us up and help us live the life He planned for us!

“Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst.”

John 4.14