

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 2 – SEPTEMBER 2024

Attendance Champions

Week 1

1st Place – Year 6: 97.78%

2nd Place – Year 5: 97%

3rd Place – Year 4: 96.67%

4th Place – Year 3: 96.21%

5th Place – Year 2: 95.33%

6th Place – Year 1: 94.48%

Playground Equipment

Although I know it is tempting, please can I remind you that children are not allowed on the playground equipment at morning drop off or at pick up. This is to keep all children safe and to comply with health and safety regulations in school.

Reflection

In Thursday's Collective Worship, Esther spoke about a very powerful weapon. With the help of St John's newly appointed vicar, Jono, who visited the school to meet the children, they demonstrated how our tongues are powerful weapons which can cause harm by the words that we speak. The children reflected on thinking before they speak and using words for the power of good, to bring joy and happiness to others.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Ephesians 4:29

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic week in school and the children appear to be really engaged in their learning. I know for sure that the children in Year 1 are enjoying learning about old toys, and they were able to speak clearly about some of the differences between modern day toys and older ones - including the materials from which they are made. I am also really proud of how well the new Reception children are settling into school. They have been really engaged in the classroom activities and we are looking forward to when they all join us full time.

It was lovely to see so many parents in the school to meet your child's new teacher and find out about the year ahead. I am sure you found the information useful and we thank you for your support.

Today is Roald Dahl Day, and the children were visited by a very familiar looking BFG who spoke about the author and read extracts from the book "The Big Friendly Giant". We looked at some of the words that were made up by the author and their meanings – see examples attached. I wonder if the children can create some new words at home to describe everyday objects or feelings?

We hope to see families in school tomorrow for the Family BBQ. This is always a great event and a chance for families to socialise and meet other parents. Thank you for the Friends for organising the day - hopefully the weather will remain dry!

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

There are still spaces available in the Monday Chess Club. If your child is interested in joining, please contact the club organisers. The information flyer can be found on the school website under the "Clubs" tab.

Hopscotch means cheerful. The BFG says that a few gulps of Frobscottle (a fizzy drink) always make him feel hopscotch.

Delumptious means delicious.

Frothbuggling means silly, a bit like Gobblefunk!

