COULSDON CHRONICLE - WEEK 22 - FEBRUARY 2025

Attendance Champions Week 22

1st Place - Year 5: 98.57%

2nd Place - Year 3: 97.60%

3rd Place – Year 6: 95.56%

4th Place – Year 2: 92.67%

5th Place – Year 1: 91.72%

6th Place – Year R: 91%

7th Place – Year 4: 90%

Deep Sea Workshop

The children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 had an exciting time on Wednesday morning, when they took part in a Deep Sea Adventure Workshop with "Perform for Schools". The children really enjoyed the movement, drama and storytelling and spoke enthusiastically about the story they all took part in.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday next week when we have a visiting author coming in to speak to the children and lots of other book-related activities planned. The children are encouraged to wear book character costumes or pyjamas for the day, which I am sure they will enjoy. Please see the letter attached for additional information about a Big Book Swap and the opportunity to buy Heather Maisner's books at a reduced price.

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome you all back to school on Monday, I hope you all had a lovely half term.

I am sure we are all ready for spring, but please make sure the children are dressed appropriately for the changeable weather and that all of their clothing is clearly named.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Times Table Rock Stars

It is with great pride that I report the outcome of a Nationwide Times Table Rockstar event that we took part in on NSPCC Number Day. The event was a competition between schools across the country which analysed performances on speed and accuracy of times table knowledge.

We are pleased to say that Coulsdon achieved **1st** place in Surrey and an impressive **18th** place in the whole country. Our Year 4 class did really well and came **7th** in the country. Well done to everyone for such an amazing achievement!

Reflection

On Monday we talked about being kind and how kindness can be contagious. We explored the idea that acts of kindness colour our world and make it a brighter, happier place to live.

"A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself."

Proverbs 11.17

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Year 2 Visit

Well done to Year 2 whose behaviour was exemplary on their trip to the Mandir in Coulsdon on Wednesday afternoon, enriching their Hinduism topic. Cecily enjoyed listening to and playing the different instruments; Ava spoke about the 'very loud' bell which is rung as you go in and out of the Mandir; Joe really liked Nabhi who spoke to the children in a fun and interesting way; and Jazmin recalled the beautiful shrines.

Trips like these are so valuable because as the Southwark Diocese says, 'By learning about the beliefs and practices of other faiths, pupils become open-minded and empathetic, promoting harmony and mutual respect.'

I am thrilled the children learned so much.



