

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 6 – OCTOBER 2024

Attendance Champions Week 6

1st Place – Years 4 & 6: 98.52%

3rd Place – Year R: 98%

4th Place – Year 2: 97.67%

5th Place – Year 3: 97.14%

6th Place – Year 5: 96.55%

7th Place – Year 1: 95.67%

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

Thank you once again for the Harvest donations, there have been more donations throughout this week which is amazing - I know that the Purley Food Hub will be overwhelmed by your generosity and many people in need will benefit.

Next week I have the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on their residential trip to PGL. I know that great activities and lots of fun awaits, and as well as bringing back extremely muddy clothes, the children will also be bringing back many great memories.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Butterfly Project

I am pleased to say that, thanks to the hard work of all those involved, we have now had planning permission granted for our new learning space. This is great news. We are currently in the tendering process to choose the builders to move forward with the project. Once this has been done, we will arrange suitable dates for work to commence which we want to be as soon as practicably possible. It is amazing that we are a step closer to having an extra space that will be used to meet the needs of our children and have a positive impact on the education of all. A huge thank you to all of you who have made this project possible.

Reflection

Esther's collective worship was based on friendship. Friendship is one of the biggest gifts that can be given, but it can also be hard sometimes. To be a good friend requires commitment, kindness and understanding. But when mistakes are made, friendship can also require forgiveness and compassion, which are not always easy to give.

“If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

Ecclesiastes 4:10

Curriculum Corner - Year 5

The children in Year 5 are studying a new topic this year - Crime and Punishment. They have already enjoyed working on Alfred Noyes' poem *“The Highwayman”*, and have also learned lots of surprising, and sometimes shocking, facts. This week they told me about how Guy Fawkes was captured and tortured when he tried to blow up parliament to kill King James I. They also spoke about how people used to be locked in stocks as a punishment and then have rotten vegetables thrown at them. The children had mixed opinions on whether we should still use stocks today!