



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
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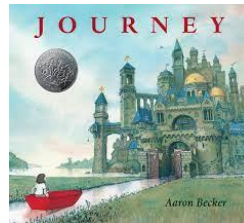


Friday 26th May 2023

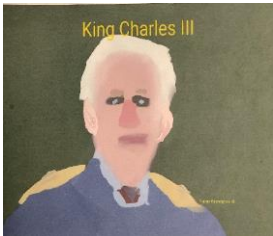
Dear all,

I hope you have had a good week.

This week has been our writing week at Colmers Farm for Reception to Year 5. We have based this year's writing week around a book called Journey by Aaron Becker. This is a story about the self-determination and unexpected friendships that a little girl makes after she draws a magic door on her bedroom wall, through which she visits a new world. The wonderful thing about this book is that it is a picture book which means that every child could access this. The children enjoyed exploring this story produced some wonderful pieces of writing for this including wanted posters, descriptions and poems along with some fabulous artwork. Well done everybody, and thank you to Miss Tonks for doing such a wonderful job with organising this week.



School uniform is something that we always appreciate parental/carer support with and nearly all of our children come to school each day smartly wearing the correct school/PE uniforms which is wonderful. If your child cannot wear the correct school uniform for any reason, please speak to a member of staff on the doors who will inform your child's class teacher about this. Please note that trainers should not be worn on non-PE days and that we expect ties to be worn by all children in Years 5 and 6, unless they are wearing a summer dress. New ties can be purchased via the school office if required. For more information about our school uniform policy please visit www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/key-information/uniform/. Thank you for your commitment and support with this.



Thank you to all of our pupils who entered our Coronation Art Competition, we had quite a few entries from across the school. After much deliberation, we are delighted to announce our two winners were Lucas (picture on the left) and Moonshine (picture on the right) who are both in 4L. Congratulations to these children.



This week our Year 3s have been on a visit to Birmingham City Centre. During this visit they visited many of Birmingham's city centre landmarks including St Martins, Nelson's monument, St Philips Cathedral, Symphony Hall, the Mailbox and many others. This was part of their history and geography topic about Birmingham. The children all enjoyed their visit and they represented our school well on the trip. Well done everybody.

Well done to pupils who took part in Craft School: Yinka's challenge in art club in the Spring term. Please see some of our entries on the next page. The winners of this national craft competition are going to be announced on 7th June. Thank you to all pupils who took part for their hard work, amazing ideas and excellent making skills. Fingers crossed.



DIARY DATES

Monday 5th June
Return to school
Y4 Kenilworth Castle Trip

Wednesday 7th June
Y5 National Space Centre Trip

Monday 12th June
Shakespeare Today
Workshop
Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 13th June
Gurdwara Trip

Week Commencing 19th June
School Sports Week

Friday 23rd June
Y6 Big Bang Fair

Monday 26th June
Y5 Bikeability

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

[safeguarding@colmersfarm.
excelsiormat.org](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

Alternatively contact
Birmingham City Council
Children's Trust on 0121 303
1888

Emergency out-of-hours
number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website?

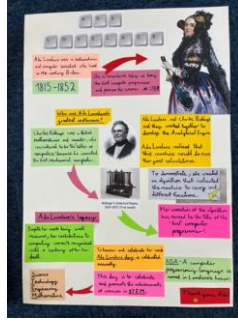


School Councillors Visit to London
(News Section)

The half term is a great opportunity for our KS2 children to work on aspects of their SAGE award. If they do something which could be used as evidence, please email us a photo of it to your child's class email address e.g. 3F@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. In the subject line please write SAGE Award - followed by your child's name. Thank you for your continued support with this award.

After our school councillors visit to London last week with Turves Green Primary School, Turves Green sent a gift to thank our school councillors for inviting them to join us on this visit. The gift was an individual framed photo for each of our school councillors stood outside of Downing Street. This was a very thoughtful gift and we all would like to thank the children and staff at Turves Green Primary School for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated women in maths day at our school. During the maths lessons on this day, each year group learnt about a inspiration woman who had left their mark on mathematics. As part of this, we also ran a competition where children could research at home in more depth about some of these women. The standard of the research handed in was very high – See some examples below.



Our winners were:

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| Nevaeh (2B) EY/KS1 winner | William (1K) EY/KS1 runner-up |
| Valentina (3J) LKS2 winner | Tiegan (4G) LKS2 runner-up |
| Kloe (5T) UKS2 winner | Emilie (5M) UKS2 runner-up |

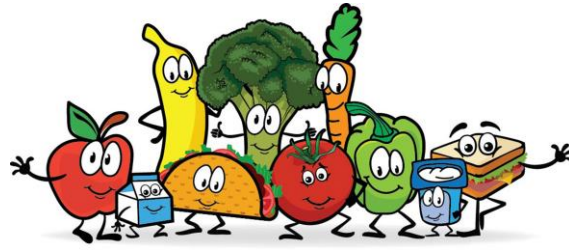
Thank you to everybody who was inspired to take part in this.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break with your families. We look forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Monday 5th June.

Best wishes
Mr Williams (Headteacher)

Reminder

Could all parents familiarise themselves with the menu changes that will be in place when we return after half term. Please see the school meals section on the school website.



Sun Safety

The weather is certainly getting warmer. Could you please ensure you send your child to school with a water bottle (not made of glass) each day and a sun hat. Please also apply sun cream each morning. If your child can apply this themselves, please send this with them so they can reapply during breaktimes when outside. Please note – staff are not able to apply suncream to your children.



<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF69B4;">S</h1> <h2>Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2>Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h2>Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF4500;">R</h1> <h2>Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h2>Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p>
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Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Pupil e-safety challenge

Which of the passwords below is the safest?

- Password
- Daniel123
- 123456
- DanielW21%
- Football
- 111111

This week's answer = D. It's not a good idea to use your name as a password though. Using a friend's name or your pet's name is safer. The best passwords have capital letters, numbers and a special character (%,@,\$,%,) in them. Remember to never share your password with others.

Happy Birthday Messages

For this week and next week, we would like to wish happy birthday to:

Noah	RT	5	Charlie	RT	5
Is-Haq	1K	6	Logan	1K	6
Reggie-Jay	1K	6	Shea	1W	6
Cash	2P	7	Haleen	3F	8
Scarlett	3J	8	Kye	5M	10
Ethan	6D	11	Tilly	6G	11
Afroz	6G	11			

Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



To send or not to send?

From time to time your child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather', for example with a runny nose, headache, tummy ache. The school will always contact you if your child becomes too unwell. Lots of people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm, but even taking a short amount of time off school can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up, leaving gaps in their knowledge. There could be other problems too; children who miss school are missing out on the social side of things which affects their ability to make and keep friends and it can also dent their self-confidence.

Our whole school attendance target remains at 96% and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date has slipped to 92.7% - Let's get this up to 96%!

The Colmers Farm attendance league table, WEEK 11.

CLASS AWARDS:

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS / KS1 and the winner of the Colmers Cat this week is



2B – 95.3%

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 and the winner of the Colmers Camel this week is:



3F – 96%

Position	Class	Games Played	Points
1	1W	11	27
=	2B	11	27
3	3F	11	24
4	RL	11	21
=	2P	11	21
=	3J	11	21
=	5M	11	21
8	RT	11	18
=	5T	11	18
10	1K	11	15
=	6G	11	15
12	4G	11	12
=	6D	11	12
14	RG	11	6
=	4L	11	6

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:
[Safeguarding - Colmers Farm \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://Safeguarding - Colmers Farm (excelsiormat.org))

At Colmers Farm Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. **If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email school using the following email address: safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org.** Our 4 DSLs are:



Miss Kelly
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
Deputy DSL



Miss Cross
SENCO
Deputy DSL



Mr Williams
Headteacher
Deputy DSL



BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST

Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact us. We will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

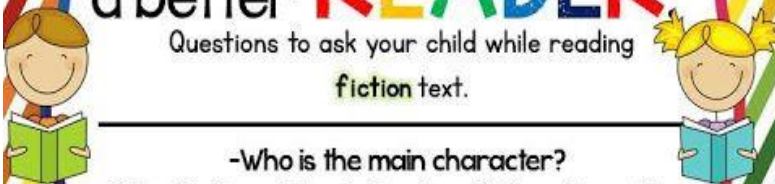
It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000), email help@NSPCC.org.uk, or [submit our online form](#) — we can help. We also have advice about [spotting the signs of abuse](#).

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently operating between the hours of 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday. However, you can email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on [999](tel:999) straight away.



Help your child become
a better **READER**
Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

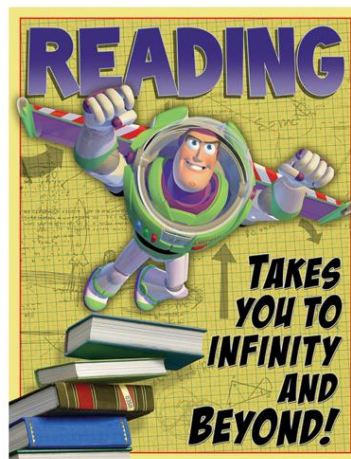


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?


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READ, READ, READ!
Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.



Help your child become
a better **READER**
Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.



- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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Questions to ask your child when listening to them reading.



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	779,962
2 nd	4G	305,597
3 rd	3F	149,154
4 th	6G	135,109
5 th	6D	121,088
6 th	3J	92,660
7 th	4L	25,285
8 th	5M	25,188

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 252,518
2 nd	Ruwan (5T) 95,987
3 rd	Paige (5T) 68,173
Highest score this year	
Best participating class this week	
Well done 6G - 97%	

Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	205,458,366
2 nd	5T	180,040,593
3 rd	6D	167,558,785
4 th	4L	144,369,331
5 th	5M	61,766,437
6 th	2B	43,355,518
7 th	4G	4,781,845
8 th	3F	4,347,422
9 th	3J	3,201,254
10 th	1K	1,249,355
11 th	1W	446,915
12 th	2P	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Moonshine (4L) 82,769,800
2 nd	Thomas (5T) 82,701,000
3 rd	Kayden (5T) 73,682,000
Highest score this year	
Chase (5M) 632,523,000	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	2B	18,422
2 nd	6G	11,280
3 rd	2P	6,836
4 th	5T	6,360
5 th	4L	5,220
6 th	5M	4,830
7 th	6D	4,184
8 th	4G	2,310
9 th	3F	2045
10 th	3J	320

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Ryan (5M) 3,300
2 nd	Jacob (2P) 3,046
3 rd	Gabriel (4L) 2,680
Highest score this year	
Aliza (5T) 33,161	



9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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WORRY TIME

- Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with your or problem solve to overcome them

THOUGHT CHALLENGING

- Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

ACTIVITY PLANNING

- Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

- Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

WELLBEING

- Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

3 GOOD THINGS

- Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

IMAGERY

- Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

BEING PRESENT

- Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

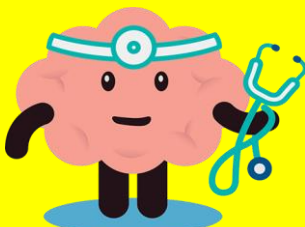
THOUGHT TESTING

- Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.



What should I do if I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

Charlie	RT
Elijah	1K
Mikey	2P
Khaleesi	3F
Isabelle B	4G
Saim	5M
Tilly	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Dylan	RG	Regon	RT	Blake	RL
Layton	1W	Sophia	1K	Esmee	2B
Lilly	2P	Eden	3F	Ella-Mae	3J
Ryker	4G	Traevon	4L	Oliver A	5M
Alyssa	5T	Stefania	6G	All of 6D	



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

This week's house point results

543

Farah

534

Thompson

489

Daley

604

Ennis-Hill



School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school unless this is short term with prior agreement.

For details about our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

Help with School Uniform



Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them **FOR FREE**. Please visit www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food & Energy



Youth Support



Domestic Abuse



Emergency Funding



Money & Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's Support



School Uniforms & Clothing



Parenting



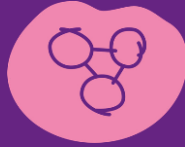
Special Needs & Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual Health



Mental Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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Children's Partnership



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EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington
ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

Hall Green
Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

Hodge Hill
EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk
07976 199894

Ladywood
childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
07764 977636

Northfield
NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
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0121 752 1900

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