



'Everyone Successful Everyday'

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Dear Parents and Carers

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I am sure you will agree this has been an excellent half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning and have had lots of fun. Tapestry and Showbie are full of lovely photographs and video clips of exciting lessons and activities. In addition, we have enjoyed Science and Art week, a musical performance from 'Maia' and Comic Relief Day. A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported these events which enable the children to make wonderful memories.

World Book Day Highlights

What a super day! The children have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up, making wooden spoon characters and sharing their favourite books. Thank you so much for your support – we hope you have shared in some of the excitement.

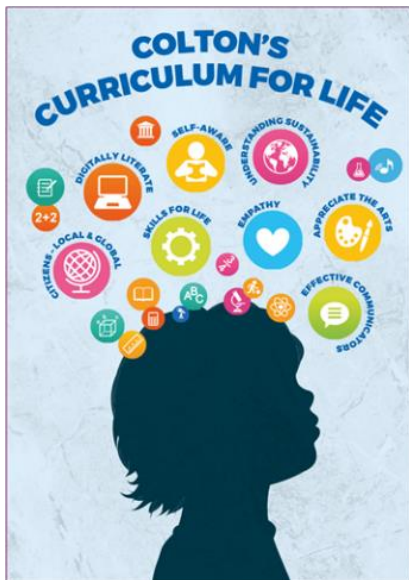


Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported our Red Nose Day. The children were able to wear their red noses, red clothing or simply dress down for a small donation. We managed to raise £127.20 which will make a huge difference to families and children. If you find yourself in a difficult situation, financially or in any other way, please do come and speak to us, in confidence, and we will do whatever we can to help.

Science / Art week This was a great week. The children took part in exciting experiments and also linked pieces of artwork to scientific concepts such as plants and lifecycles. Science week is a great opportunity to build everyone's ability to work scientifically, for example, observing over time, pattern seeking, identifying, classifying and grouping and fair testing.





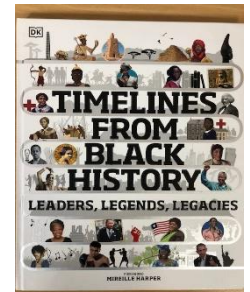
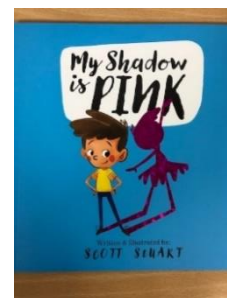
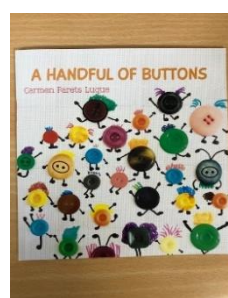
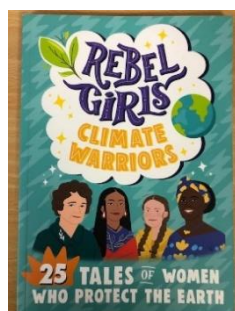
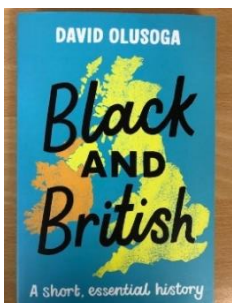
Colton's Curriculum For Life – Diversity and Maia performance

At Colton, we want our children to be the best young person they can. We use our Curriculum for Life to teach aspects of personal development alongside our Personal, Health & Social Education and Relationships & Sex Education curriculum. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school with a warm, family feel.

We teach the children that **discrimination**, in all its forms, is **unacceptable**. Racism, homophobia and bullying has no place in our school. Everyone must be treated with kindness and respect. As part of this, we are working towards the Red Kite Alliance Respect, Equality and Diversity (RED) Award.

Please speak to your children about the importance of celebrating difference and the value of diversity in our society. All forms of discrimination are unacceptable, and children must always speak up against it.

We also want our children to have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument (ukulele) and to listen to a range of live music. Maia have visited school before, and they are absolutely brilliant. Have a look at some of the videos on Tapestry to see how much the children, and staff, enjoyed it.



Food Standards Agency Visit



Congratulations to Sarah our cook and the fantastic kitchen team who have achieved another 5 star food hygiene rating. They conducted an unannounced visit last week. We have a brilliant team who feed the children and staff delicious meals everyday. If you haven't seen the delicious menus, please take a look on the school website:

[Colton Primary School - Red Kite Learning Trust - School Meals](#)



Red Kite Alliance Peer Review

As you will know, Colton Primary school was last inspected by OFSTED in September 2012, and we gained the 'Outstanding' grade at that inspection. We have been expecting them to visit us again for a while now and they may arrive any time. We are really proud of our pupils and the education we provide at Colton. We have dedicated, experienced staff who are truly committed to creating exciting learning opportunities for the children. At the beginning of March, we had the pleasure of a visit from an experienced Ofsted Inspector and another Headteacher from Leeds. They spent the day observing lessons, talking to children and staff and were thoroughly impressed with what they saw.

The lead reviewer said, 'the behaviour was impeccable' and the children were 'a real credit to the school and their families'. Learning was well planned, appropriately pitched and of a high quality. It was a super day, and everyone enjoyed telling our visitors what a wonderful place Colton Primary School is.

When OFSTED return, we hope you will be able to share your thoughts through the parent view questionnaire. In the meantime, if there are things you feel we could improve on or if you have any concerns, or compliments, please do speak to Miss Weddle or Mrs. Johnson.

Celebration for Mrs. Beard

Earlier this term, we said goodbye to Mrs. Beard (Vaughan) after 32 years of working with the children and families of Colton. She has worked in Early Years, Kids Club and taught over 1,000 children which is absolutely amazing. As the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs. Beard has kept pupils safe and supported families for many years, and we thank her for her commitment and dedication.



Egg Decorating Competition

The children had great fun decorating boiled eggs. Thank you so much to everyone who took part – whether they had help or worked on their design independently, all the entries were eggcellent! The children enjoyed sharing their designs and voting for their favourite.



School Council books / fidget sale

Well done to the School Council for planning and organising their recent sale which raised £177 which they want to put towards goal posts. An extra thank you to Mrs. Orchard for helping to make it a huge success.

Year 2 Leeds Central Schools League football

We are very proud of our Y2 boys team who have started the season in fine form. They are still unbeaten so far, having played 11 games. This week's results were:



Colton 2 - 1 Clapgate

Colton 4 – 3 Wetherby St Josephs

Colton 2 – 0 St Josephs Otley

Colton 6 – 0 Austhorpe

Attendance

Attendance overall in school is currently 96.6 %. Our target for the year is 97.5% so we have a little way to go. Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest attendance this term at 97.4 %. How does your classes attendance compare so far this year?

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.7%	95.6%	96.6%	98%	95.5%	96.2%	96.2%	95.3%

Date	Activity
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Holiday
Thursday 28 th March 2024	School closed - Training Day
Monday 15 th April 2024	School reopens
Wednesday 17 th to Friday 19 th April 2024	Year 6 Residential Visit to Robin Wood
Monday 29 th April 2024	Year 2 Schools Football League match
Monday 13 th May - Thursday 16 th May 2024	KS2 (Y6) SATS Test Week
Monday 20 th May 2024-Friday 24 th May 2024	Enterprise Week (Details to be confirmed)
Friday 24 th May 2024	School closes at the end of the day for half term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School reopens
Thursday 27 th June 2024	EYFS Sports Day (TBC)
Friday 28 th June 2024	School Sports Day (TBC)
Monday 1 st July 2024	Year 2 Schools Football League match
Friday 19 th July 2024	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 22 nd July 2024	School closed - Training Day
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	School closed - Training Day

Have a wonderful holiday, see you on 15th April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

