

Headlines

The Autumn Term is well under way now and it has been another great week of learning at Collingwood. As the stormy winds hit us, it feels like autumn is certainly arriving; the enormous chestnut tree in our playground is dropping spiky balls all over us to usher in the season.

We had a very valuable visit from the NSPCC this week. We talked about who children can go to if they have worries or concerns and how it is every child's right to feel happy and safe. This is always central to our approach at Collingwood as we strive to produce a happy and nurturing learning environment and an environment in which the children in our care are listened to.

As you know, an important part of our happy and supportive community is our PTA, who work together to support the school and organise great events over the year. As I mentioned in today's separate email, we really do need parents to put themselves forward for key roles - the last thing we would want is for the PTA to have to stop functioning. I hope we will have some good news on that in the coming weeks.

For now, I would like to wish all our Collingwood families the very best for the weekend ahead.



Mr Leigh Hardie, Head

Celebration Assembly

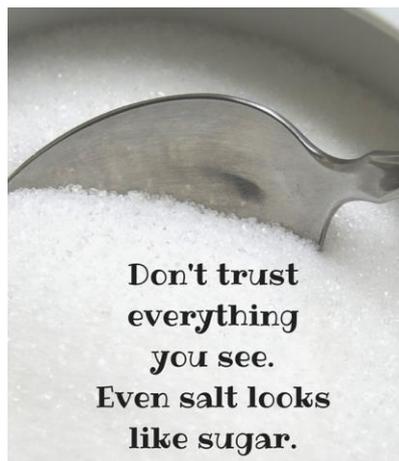
Stars of the Week



Kindergarten	Oscar	Drama	Jayden
Reception	Jack	DT	Kayden
Year 1	Freddie	Music	Leo
Year 2	Kayden	Football	Kelley
Year 3	Rafael	MFL	Matthew
Year 4	Stewart	Swimming	Safia
Year 5	Amara	House	Wellington
Year 6	Polly		



Thought of the WEEK...



Don't trust everything you see. Even salt looks like sugar.

What is trust?
 Who do we trust?
 Why salt and sugar as metaphors?
 When can we not always believe our eyes?
 How can we misread situations?
 Is this rather cynical or honest advice?

E-Safety

This week, the children had a workshop with a team from the NSPCC. This fantastic charity provide excellent resources for schools and parents. As you will know, online safety is a significant part of our safeguarding procedures and we are always keen to help and support parents. Many of you will be aware of the popular online game 'Fortnite', which is played by many children. Please see some useful advice on the link attached, as I know that many parents have concerns about this gaming site:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

In our KS2 assembly this week, we discussed the potential dangers of sharing images online. To accompany the 'Share Aware' campaign, the NSPCC produce this guide for parents too:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1489/share-aware-parents-guide.pdf>



Running Success



Well done to Peter and Adam who took part in the Canon Kids Race 2018 at Priory Park in Reigate last weekend. The boys ran a one mile race with Peter coming 3rd in his heat, overtaking one boy right on the home straight whilst Adam produced the most impressive sprint finish at the end of his run. Well done boys!

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Our PTA needs you! A Chairperson is needed urgently. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in the post.



Don't forget our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon next Friday, **28th September**, from 3.20pm in the school gym. Please do join us for a drink and a slice of cake, all to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. All (nut free) cake donations gratefully received on the day of the event.

Our wonderful PTA will also be selling **second hand uniform** at the event.

Three, two, one – BAKE!



This week at Collingwood



6A reading in the garden



Our first fencing club



2A on the hunt for mini-beasts!



3A are introduced to strings



DT Club fun



NSPCC Assembly



Garden observational drawing for 6A



4A seeking inspiration for leaf adjectives



Drama freeze frames!



Autumnal fun for Reception and Kindergarten





From the Chair of Governors

Last week I visited Collingwood for the first time this academic year. Mr Hardie took me around to all the classes, introducing me to new members of staff and pupils. I was welcomed into the classrooms which are all looking fun and exciting. Your children were engaged in their numerous and varied activities and it was clear to see that they were enjoying what they were doing. An atmosphere of calm, effective learning, happy pupils and purposeful enquiry pervaded the school. Pupils in all classes were able to articulate to me what they were doing.

As soon as I walked through the front door I was hit by the smart appearance, the inspirational quotes and the feeling of purpose in the school. Mr Hardie explained to me about the Collingwood Tree of Virtues, and although still in its developmental stage I could see that this would truly encourage pupils to develop their values alongside their academic work. He also talked about the Collingwood Way Award which will support your children in developing life skills which will help them well into the future.

At our Governors meeting that evening, Mr Hardie gave a presentation on the changes he has already made to the timetable to include additional time for those all-important subjects of English, Mathematics and Computing together with more opportunities for creative activities including Music, Art and Design and Technology. He went on to outline his plans for the future which are documented in the School Development Plan – a forward-looking and evolving plan for the next three years.

The Governors are delighted with the work that Mr Hardie has already done and has in mind. The newly restructured Senior Management Team with Mrs Herriet and Mr Sitch is already bearing fruit. We firmly believe that Collingwood has a strong future and is definitely the best place for your children to be educated.

Barbara Greatorex

Key dates

Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Event – 3.20pm Second Hand Uniform Sale at Coffee Event
Friday 5 th October	Year 6 TFL Safety Talk
Tuesday 9 th October	Year 2 Scooter Training Flu Immunisation – Reception to Y5
Wednesday 10 th October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm
Thursday 11 th October	Bentley Photographic Individual Portraits
Saturday 13 th October	Open Morning
Friday 2 nd November	4A Trip to Battle Abbey
Tuesday 6 th November	Netball Tournament Parent Consultations – Year 1, 2, 3 and 5
Thursday 8th November	Open Morning 10.30-11.30am
Friday 9 th November	6A Assembly - Remembrance
Monday 12 th November	Parent Consultations – Kindergarten, Reception, Year 4 & 6
Friday 16 th November	4A Assembly
Friday 23 rd November	3A Assembly Sutton Music Service Choir Competition (time tbc)
Friday 30 th November	5A Assembly
Saturday 1st December	Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 6 th December	Christmas Production – Reception and KS1 2pm KS2 Drama Presentation 4pm
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Production – Reception and KS1 2pm
Monday 10 th December	Last swim for Years 1 to 6
Thursday 13 th December	Carol Service 5,30pm

Red - denotes new date

Future term dates:**Autumn Term 2018**

Half Term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October inclusive

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 29th March 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February inclusive

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Tuesday 9th July 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

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Information: Autumn Half-term October 2018

In this spooky 5 day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

• **Dates:** Monday 22 to Friday 26 October (5 Days)

• **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs).

Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm,
by email or telephone request.

• **Open to Children:** aged 5-12 years

• **Venues:** across Greater London (look right)

Early
Booking
Discount
Available!

Halloween Science! - Revamped for 2018

Day 1: Atomic Monsters!

Blood Making!

Pumpkin Life Cycle!

Haunted House!

Day 2: Gory Genius!

Eerie Eruptions!

Spooky Slime!

Witch's Cauldron!

Day 3: Trick or Treat!

Witchcraft Illusions!

Viral Petri Dish Sweets!

Skelly, the 3D Skeleton!

Day 4: Witchcraft Science!

Flying Bats!

Spooky Spider Webs!

Witch's Broom!

Day 5: Freaky Fun!

Brain Building!

Manic Bone Hand!

Dancing Franken-Worms!

Mysterious Dry Ice!

and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes!...

Haunted School Venues this Halloween:

Google "Mother Nature Science Camp" ★★★★★

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Holiday Camp 2018



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