



**AUTUMN
FIRST HALF
TERM 2019**

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COLMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse Trip

Year 6 have been enjoying learning about Victorian Britain and what life was like for ordinary people. We had a fantastic day at Gressenhall workhouse learning about life on a Victorian farm as well as Victorian schools, workhouses and domestic labour. Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes and really enjoyed the chance for some 'hands-on' history learning. KH

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Here are some of the fantastic entries for the 'Harvest Creature' competition.

ATTENDANCE CUP AND 100% ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance cup is awarded to the class with the highest average attendance each half term. Our winners of the attendance cup for the first half term will be announced after half term. We also celebrate the pupils who come to school every day during each half term. Stay tuned for the names of those pupils who attended school every day this half term in the next newsletter!



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL GARDEN

Every year we aim to offer gardening to our Year 3 and Year 5 pupils, as part of their science curriculum. In order to do this however, we need parent / grandparent volunteers to help take small groups of 3 or 4 children out to the school garden, one afternoon a week. Volunteers just need basic gardening knowledge as they will be accompanied by a more experienced parent helper. If you think you, or another family member, could help, even if not every week, please contact Miss Bridgham on nbridgham@colmanfederation.org.uk or send a note into the school office. Without parent helpers we will not be able to offer this great experience to the children, so please do get in touch if you can help, even if only for a term. In addition, we welcome any donations of both flower and vegetable seeds - please send in with your child for the attention of Miss Bridgham. NB



Some lunchtime fun with pupils tasting the new Norse kitchen menu! The menu will be launching after half term.

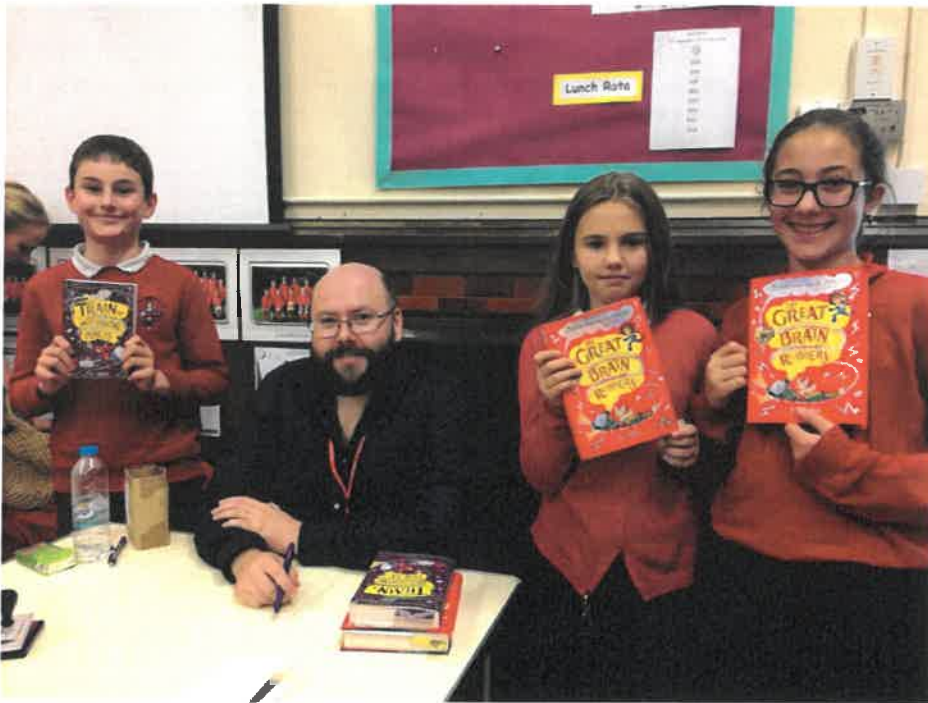
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Colman Junior School has successfully met the criteria for the Foundation level of the British Council International School Award. According to the British Council, 'The school shows a passion and commitment to celebrating diversity, enriching your pupils' education and encouraging them to become citizens through your international work in the curriculum and visits by overseas visitors.' The framework that the British Council reviewed was seen as 'engaging and stimulating'. TG

YEAR 4 VISIT CHILDREN'S LAUREATE

In Year 4, we read Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell's book, *How to Train your Dragon* and on Thursday 19th September, we got to meet her! We had a wonderful afternoon at Avenue Junior School listening to Cressida share her tips and inspiration on becoming an author. We also enjoyed watching a preview of her latest book, *The Wizards of Once - Knock Three Times*. LH





We also welcomed author P.G. Bell to school this half term and enjoyed hearing him read from his series of adventure books 'The Train To Impossible Places.' It was fantastic to hear about his inspiration for the series and lots of children are currently loving this magical series.

If you would like to talk about the book come along to Book Club on Friday 1st November at lunchtime in 6HG. Happy reading! KH

BEWILDERWOOD

Year 3 went on a trip to Bewilderwood on Friday 13th September. They had a brilliant time playing on the giant slides, the obstacle courses and the zip wires! One of the highlights was a boat ride in which you got to see Mildred the Crocklebog. GS



SPELLING BEE

Children have been hard at work learning the Autumn Spelling Bee words taken from the national curriculum for each year group. We will test children on these soon after the half term break and would encourage them to practise over half term. KH

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Wednesday 9th October, Anna and Elizabeth from the Mudeka Foundation visited school, to update us on the Feeding programme and 'Dig Deep' Project and share some traditional African songs. Our support last year allowed the project to feed school aged children whilst the borehole was made and the water storage tank was being assembled. During the assembly, we were able to see the pictures sent back from the Muda area, showing the village with its own water tap providing safe drinking water. For more information, see <http://www.mudekafoundation.co.uk/feeding-program/> During the assembly, Anna shared with us the African instruments she plays and some traditional songs sung in Zimbabwe. RS



ROSH HASHANAH

On Tuesday 1st October, Mrs Carpenter came into assembly, to share with us how Jewish people start to celebrate the New Year on the holiday called Rosh Hashanah. It is one of the most important religious holidays in Judaism. During the assembly, the shofar, an animal horn was sounded. This is traditionally sounded in the synagogue to signal the start of the New Year. As a custom, 100 notes are sounded in a special rhythm. During the celebrations, the Jewish family would celebrate with a special meal being eaten at home. Apples dipped in honey represent sweetness and good health throughout the New Year. Mrs Carpenter brought in apples and honey for us all to share.

To find out more, see <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/whats-the-story-rosh-hashanah> - RS



ART POETRY COMPETITION

This half term you are invited to write a poem inspired by this painting: 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. Your poem can be long, short, rhyming or not and you can illustrate it however you like. Please hand your entry to Miss Harrison or your class teacher after half term and we will display them in school before announcing the winner in celebration assembly. KH

FACING OUR FEARS

On Friday the 6th September I faced my greatest fear; the fear of heights.

I have run the Brighton marathon and six half marathons, something I never thought I would achieve but I did! So, with this positive mindset I decided to take small steps towards my future goal.

On a very wet Friday, in the pouring rain, I nervously stepped out and headed towards the edge of the Forum roof. Looking down to the pavement and the small spectators below I could feel that fear rising from my stomach. "I can do this," were the words I constantly repeated to myself. Knowing I was harnessed and safe I listened carefully to the instructor who encouraged me to lean back and step over the edge; the hardest bit by far. The cheers and support from friends and strangers helped me back down to solid ground. I had done it! I had abseiled from the Forum.

Not only had I faced a fear I had raised £2000 for the charity EACH (East Anglian Childrens Hospice) toward the Nook Appeal. JW



SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019-20

On Wednesday 25th September a democratic election process to elect officers for the three key roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer took place in school.

The process involved 18 year 6 pupils putting themselves forward as candidates for nomination by presenting in front of the whole school in the morning.

In the afternoon, a voting station was created in the dining room. Everyone completed their voting card and posted it in their classes' ballot box.

Votes were counted during the afternoon and in Celebration assembly on Friday, the winners were announced.

WELL DONE all the year 6 candidates who presented in front of the whole school.

Congratulations to the following who were elected for CJS School Council 2019/20 roles. RS

**Chairperson – Kayler
Secretary – Olivia
Treasurer – Ruth C**



Each class has two elected Class Council representatives who will be in post this term.

REGULAR REMINDERS

- Please contact the school **every day** your child is absent. We know that this may seem unnecessary, but it is a legal requirement. You can do this via e-mail, phone using the school pupil absence voicemail or by visiting the school office first thing in the morning. If you book any doctor/hospital or dentist appointments during school hours, the school is required to see a letter/appointment card or text as evidence. Optician appointments should **NOT** be made during the school day and will not be authorised.
 - We have a textile collection bank situated at the end of the car park which can accept clothes, shoes and bed linen but not duvets or pillows. All the money raised goes towards new outdoor play equipment.
 - There is always lots of lost property in the basket in the school hall or in the lower school cloakroom. Please have a look at the end of any school day for your child's lost items. Anything not claimed will be placed in our clothes recycling bin at the end of every half term.
 - If your child has school dinners please make sure that you pay any outstanding money on time and frequently.
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

18 TH	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
28 TH	RETURN TO SCHOOL
29 TH	SATS MEETING FOR Y6 6PM
30 TH	PTA CAKE SALE AT INFANT SCHOOL - 3:10PM

NOVEMBER

15 TH	CHILDREN IN NEED – NON-UNIFORM DAY
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DECEMBER

11 TH	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER
12 TH	CAROL SERVICE (WHOLE SCHOOL)
17 TH	FLU IMMUNISATIONS
18 TH	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



There will be more events announced nearer the date. Please check our website for latest updates.