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# 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 this half term every day in the next newsletter!



## MEET COLMAN COOL CAT

Here he is! Hanging out in the office with Miss Sandford, having a tea break together. He LOVED her amazing drawing of him. Watch out for Colman Cool Cat on the website and around the school from now on...

- FW



# MUSIC UPDATE



## Singing

With current Covid restrictions, singing has been a challenge. Luckily, the weather has been kind to us, and each week so far, one bubble has enjoyed a singing session on the playground. It's so good for lifting spirits, moral and team work. Here is a photograph of Year 4 singing an Aboriginal song called Abeeyo.

## Curriculum

Music lessons have been taking place in classrooms this term.

Year Three have been learning to read music by playing iPad keyboards, Year Four have been extending their knowledge of music theory using the Glockenspiels, Year Five have been composing Polyrhythms with percussion and Year Six have been learning and playing Jazz pieces on the Keyboards.



### Home Learning in Music

Please do remember that each child has a 'Charanga Yumu' account which they can access from home. It's a great way for sharing what they've been doing in class music and it will also be used for home learning in the event of Covid absences/closure.

Please also do look up 'SingUp', which is currently offering a free home package. It is a great site to explore and gives the children a chance to sing at home, without Covid restrictions. There really is something for everyone, so be sure to tell me if you find a favourite and I will try to include it in our learning somewhere. KD

# PARKING

We are aware of the parking problems here and at many other schools in the Norwich area. We schedule at least one school patrol each day of term, resources permitting. Patrols are made both morning and evenings. This school is on our list for patrols and will receive a further visit in due course.

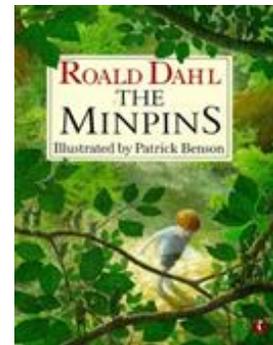
As a courtesy we do allow people a grace period of 10 minutes in the permit bays at school drop off and pick up times. This is for the health and safety of the children. This grace period does not extend to the double yellow lines or zigzags.

We ask all parents/carers to be considerate of your neighbours in the surrounding areas and to park appropriately especially at pick up times during term time.

However, if you experience any specific parking problems that you would like us to investigate, this can be reported online at the Norwich City Council website: [https://www.norwich.gov.uk/info/20008/parking/1689/illegal\\_parking](https://www.norwich.gov.uk/info/20008/parking/1689/illegal_parking) – please give as much detail as you can such as days and times parking is happening and vehicle registration numbers if

# MINPINS

Year Three have been making Minpins houses! The Minpins have to live high up in the trees otherwise the Gruncher will grunch them up! Can you see the orange smoke blowing from his gigantic nostrils?  
- FW



## EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME - IMPORTANT INFORMATION



If you are an EU citizen (or from EEA or Switzerland), you need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. This will allow you to continue to live, work and study in the UK. You should apply as soon as possible.

You can start your application at: [gov.uk/apply-eu-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/apply-eu-settled-status)

Please contact [tgarrod@colmanfederation.org.uk](mailto:tgarrod@colmanfederation.org.uk) if you need any support with this. - TG

# DIWALI

3LK have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We learnt the story of Rama and Sita and created diva lamps for the classroom.

On Friday, we had a mini Diwali celebration. We tried delicious food and some of us tried on an Indian Sari. We then went outside and created beautiful rangoli patterns on the playground. – LK



## YEAR FIVE - STONES AND BONES

Year Five have made a great start to the term and we are really impressed with how they have settled into their new classes. Our first topic is all about the Stone Age and has been a lot of fun so far. Children have enjoyed learning about the earliest paintings ever discovered and recreating the Lascaux Caves in our own school. We also looked at images of stone age jewellery and tried creating our own replicas. - KH



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Wednesday 30th September a democratic election process took place, to elect officers for the three key roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

The process involved 17 year 6 pupils putting themselves forward as candidates for nomination by creating a PowerPoint or short video which was viewed by the whole school via Zoom.

In the afternoon, everyone completed their voting card and posting it in their classes' ballot box.

Votes were counted during the afternoon and the winners were announced during Celebration assembly on Friday 2nd October.

**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 2020/21 roles.

**Chairperson – Emilia**  
**Secretary – Ruby**  
**Treasurer – Roshan**



**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 or phone using the school pupil absence voicemail. 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. 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

21<sup>ST</sup> BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

## NOVEMBER

2 <sup>ND</sup>	RETURN FROM HALF TERM
5 <sup>TH</sup>	FLU IMMUNISATION (WHOLE SCHOOL)
13 <sup>TH</sup>	CHILDREN IN NEED
16 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR FIVE TRIP TO GRESSENHALL
16 <sup>TH</sup> -20 <sup>TH</sup>	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
20 <sup>TH</sup>	ODD SOCKS/TIGHTS DAY
19 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR SIX TRIP TO GRESSENHALL

## DECEMBER

14 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR THREE CHRISTMAS DINNER
15 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR FOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER
16 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR FIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER
17 <sup>TH</sup>	YEAR SIX CHRISTMAS DINNER



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