COLPAI NEWSLETTER

CITY OF LONDON PRIMARY ACADEMY ISLINGTON

A message from the Deputy Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every Black History Month, celebrated in October, the COLPAI community reflects on the incredible qualities and achievements of Black heroes and heroines from different fields: activists, advocates, athletes, artists and others. Throughout the month, each class from Year One up explores the biographies of twelve different individuals and considers how they might inspire us. By the time COLPAI's youngest pupils eventually leave us in Year Six, they will have learned about seventy-two different Black role models during Black History Month, many of them British.

As well as contemplating battles fought and obstacles overcome, we celebrate these people's successes and express our appreciation for their example and contributions. At the project's conclusion for this year, we thought you'd like to hear from our children about all they've learned; scan the QR codes to access audio recordings of pupils from across the school describing some of the individuals from whom they've taken particular inspiration this month.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ms Robey
Deputy Head Teacher

ALTHEA GIBSON

MARY SEACOLE

ANGELA DAVIS

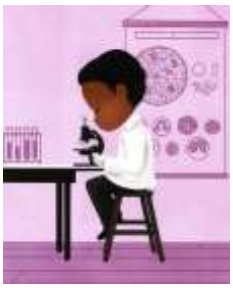
SHIRLEY BASSEY

NICHELLE NICHOLS

GARRETT MORGAN

MARY BOWSER

BESSIE COLEMAN



CHARLES R DREW

OUSMANE SEMBENE

OPRAH WINFREY

TESSA SANDERSON

ANDRE LEON TALLEY

RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we fully embraced a spooky theme! The children excitedly selected spooky images from our special spooky box to draw and label. They utilized their phonics knowledge to segment and write down each word, with many of them successfully completing this independently. It was wonderful to see their creativity and confidence shine through as they got into the spirit of our activities!

YEAR ONE

The Year One children have mastered their addition and subtraction skills, using a range of different representations, including whole part models, tens frames and number lines! Ms Maric and Ms Jensen were 'wowed' by the children's abilities to write fact families, showcasing their confidence in numbers to 10. Keep it up. Rose and Regent!

YEAR TWO

This week in the Year Two music lessons, the children had an exciting lesson focused on rhythm reading! The students explored the basics of rhythm through clapping, drumming, and using simple percussion instruments, including:

Understanding Rhythm

The children were introduced to the concept of rhythm as the pattern of sounds and silences in music. They learned to distinguish between strong and weak beats.

Rhythm Notation

They explored basic rhythmic symbols, including quarter notes, half notes, and rests. They also practiced identifying and clapping these rhythms in various exercises.

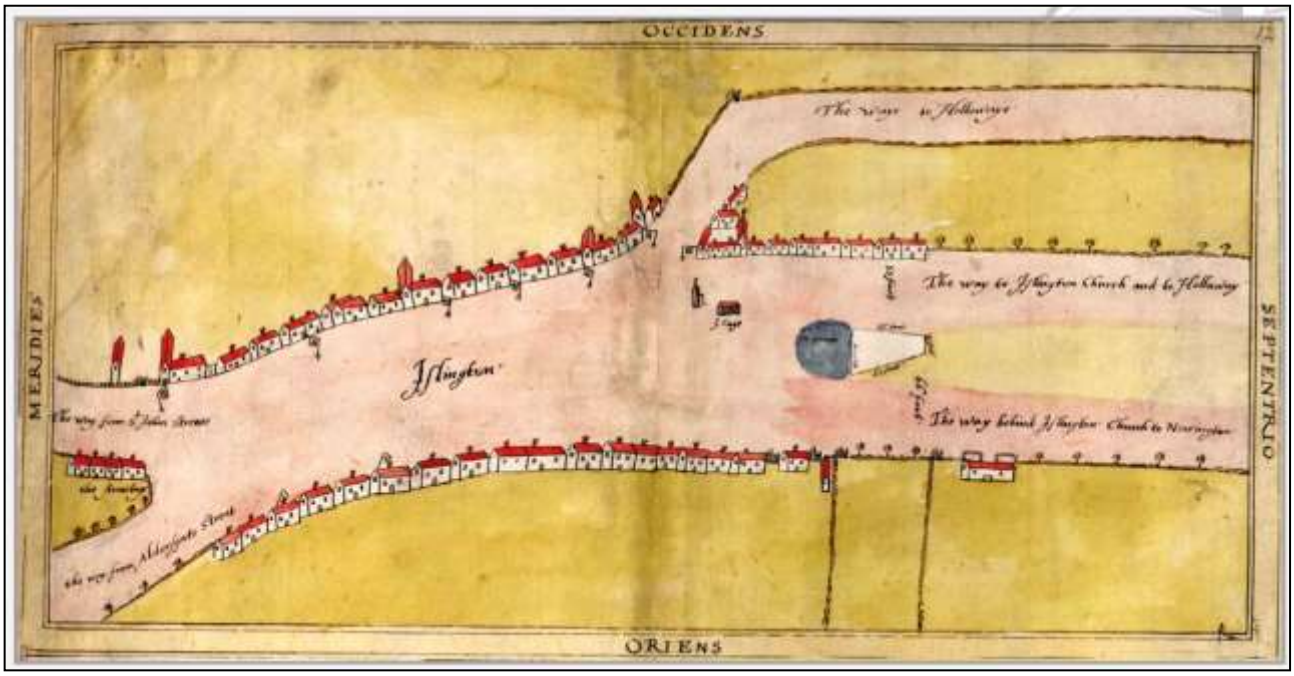
Clapping Patterns

Students engaged in fun clapping games to reinforce their understanding of rhythm. They worked in pairs to create and perform their own clapping patterns, encouraging collaboration and creativity.

YEAR THREE

After their awesome assembly on Monday, Year Three completed their Geography learning when they compared maps of our local area, each dating from a different moment in history. They made close observations of Elizabethan maps, copperplates from the sixteenth century and. Of course, screenshots from Google Maps. The children worked hard to notice, discuss and explain the changes and similarities between the maps. Do you recognise the locations of the historical maps overleaf? What do you notice about how these parts of Islington and the City of London have evolved since?

Finsbury Field
The Spittal
Moor Field
Moor Gate

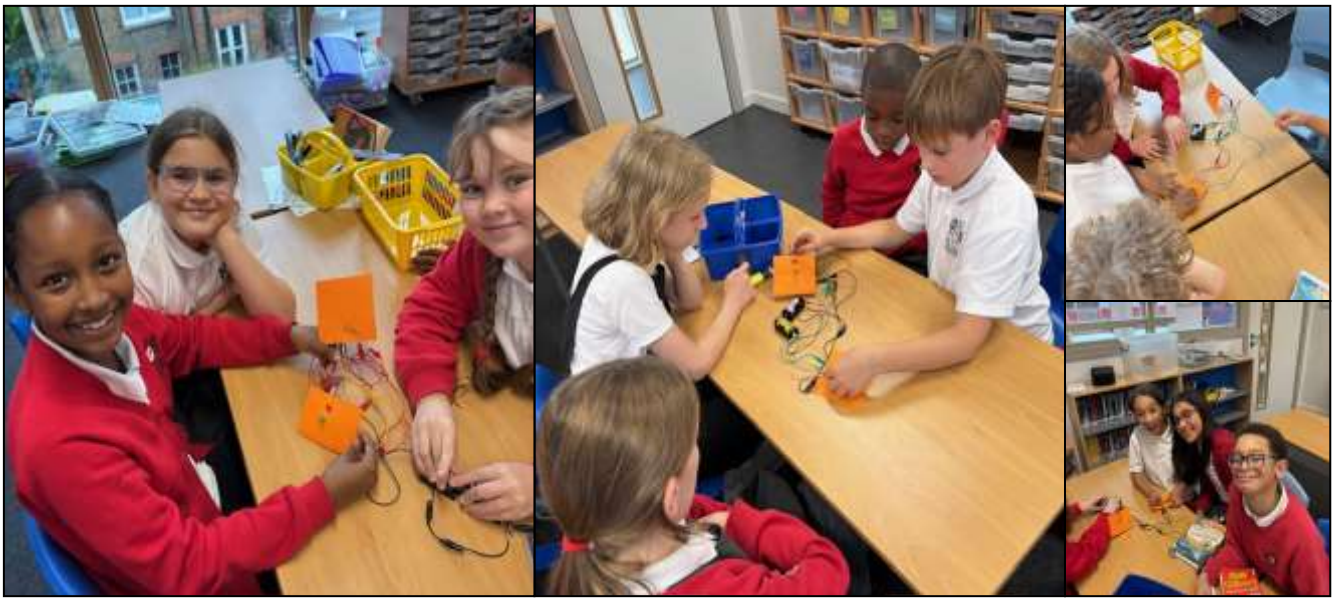

OCCIDENS
MERIDIES
SEPTENTRIO
ORIENS
Islington
The way to Islington Church and to Hollaway
The way from St John Street
The way from Aldersgate Street

YEAR FOUR

This week, we had our final History lesson of this half term. To solidify our knowledge, we brought back the (primary school appropriate!) pub-style quiz format that Year Four enjoyed back when they were in Year Two! We all got our choice of orange or apple juice then divided into teams. We were asked 10 questions that covered all of this term's history content. We answered questions on the pyramids and their purpose, Ancient Egyptian inventions, jobs and roles within Ancient Egyptian society and the gods and goddesses. We absolutely smashed it, proving that we had retained all of the knowledge we had absorbed over the past eight weeks and impressing our teachers! Yay, Fleet and Farringdon!

YEAR SIX

This week, Whittington worked together in groups of three to create functional traffic lights. They used wires, LEDs, cells, and a cleverly repurposed paperclip as a switch! All the LEDs were connected to a battery and a piece of card with a paper clip on. The children realised that a paperclip could be used as a switch due to its ability to conduct electricity. When the paperclip touched different wires, a different LED lit up. Whittington did a fantastic job explaining how their traffic lights worked!



Look out for news from Year Five in our next newsletter!

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS!

Silk Reception	Margherita	For demonstrating her creativity and independence by making beautiful drawings during free flow time.
	Zion	For more regularly remembering to put his hand up during carpet sessions.
Sun Reception	Rayan	For consistently bringing a positive attitude to his learning and fully engaging during our free-flow activities.
	Aria	For being a responsible member of our class by helping others and always contributing during whole class learning.
Rose Year One	Amari	Amari's beautiful behaviour and effort have really paid off! She has really pushed herself, especially by challenging her independent writing skills in Literacy. She has shown great focus and determination, completing her work with care and confidence. What a wonderful week to end the term!
	Taylor	Taylor has had such an excellent Week 8! He has made a real effort to improve his behaviour this week, showing great progress in staying focused and ready to learn. He has particularly excelled in Literacy, especially in writing independent sentences with confidence. I'm super impressed!
Regent Year One	Isaac	Isaac has had a truly exceptional week. His behaviour has been wonderful, as has his attitude to learning. He jumps straight into every activity and always tries his absolute best. I have been particularly impressed with his Phonics. Well done, Isaac!
	Idris	I have been so proud of Idris this year but even more so this week! Idris has followed the school rules beautifully, has been focused in lessons and has been completing all of his activities with 100% effort, especially in Handwriting and Maths. Keep it up, Idris!
Drapers Year Two	Malachi	Malachi is one of my exceptional learners of the week for his amazing teamwork skills! This week, Malachi has showcased his teamwork skills in PE and in Science lessons by listening to his partner, sharing his ideas and taking turns. Well done, Malachi!
	Celeste	Celeste is my Literacy Legend this week! She has been working really hard in Literacy lessons, pushing herself to check over her work independently, add detail and 'Power Up' her sentences by choosing ambitious vocabulary in her writing. Bravo, Celeste!
Dukes Year Two	Alfred	I am so impressed with Alfred's can do attitude and growth mindset this week. Alfred has also shown a really mature and sensible attitude in regards to his behaviour. He is working very hard to follow all instructions. Keep it up, Alfred; I'm super proud of you!
	Noah	Noah has blown me away this week with his excellent listening skills and super-sensible attitude and behaviour for learning. He has set such an amazing example to his peers by lining up beautifully, following instructions and helping around the class. Amazing job, Noah... I'm proud of you!

Monument Year Three	Inigo	Inigo has been a Marvellous Mathematician this week, adding and subtracting three digit numbers with exchanging from the tens and the hundreds. He has given it his best go, persevering when learning a new method and joining in all the lessons. Great work, Inigo!
	Honor	Honor has been a Great Geographer this week! She has been studying maps that date from the Elizabethan age right through to the modern day. She used her eagle eyes to spot things that had stayed the same and how our area has changed over time. Well done, Honor!
Mansion Year Three	Angelo	Angelo become a really active learner, sharing ideas and building upon those of his peers. This is particularly true in Maths, where he uses his brilliant number knowledge to demonstrate and explain complex number equations to his classmates. Well done, Angelo; I am very proud of you!
	Alex	Alex continually strives to achieve her best and displays brilliant resilience skills when faced with challenges. She has been working particularly hard during Maths lessons lately. She is also always a willing class helper, ensuring we learn in an organised and conducive classroom setting. Thank you, Alex!
Fleet Year Four	Luca O'K	Luca's eagerness to get involved in Maths this week has been unparalleled. He ensures he is listening so that he engaged in the class discussions but he is also prepared for his independent tasks. I was especially impressed when I saw Luca spot he'd made a mistake and grab a green pen to fix it up!
	Nina	Nina's natural creative flare and skill for Literacy has shone brightly this week. When writing in role as Bear, her confession was emotionally evocative and also hit all of her success criteria. She used ambitious language and accurately punctuated fronted adverbials as she recounted what Bear had done, why he had done it and how he had felt throughout. Keep it up, Nina!
Farringdon Year Four	Gabriela	Gabriela has been a model member of COLPAI this week, displaying confidence and dedication. I was very impressed with Gabriela as she read her writing aloud, showing she can put emphasis in the right places and carefully decide how something will sound based on the character's feelings.
	Margot	I was so proud of Margot this week! Having overcome her apprehension about the girls' football tournament, Margot returned to school with a huge smile on her face and full of pride. Not only was she an active and engaged participant and teammate but she had a brilliant time, too. Go on, Margot!
Gresham Year Five	George	I'm nominated you, George, for always having amazingly high aspirations in all of your learning, especially in Maths. Well done, you are a superstar.
	Agnes	Your focus in Reading and Literacy has been excellent and we are all seeing your amazing progress. Well done!
Whittington Year Six	Yahya	Yahya has been tackling fractions expertly this week! Yahya's enthusiasm for Maths has shone through in his classwork and I was particularly impressed when we were adding mixed numbers! Keep up the fantastic effort, Yahya.
	Margot	Margot's Literacy writing about the second-wave feminist movement has been truly exceptional. Her use of cohesive sentence starters made her writing flow seamlessly and she also explained various concepts using brackets! Well done, Margot!

ATTENDANCE

Silk: 98.89%

Sun: 94.81%

Rose: 95.83%

Regent: 92.96%

Dukes: 97.24%%

Drapers: 96.67%

Mansion: 98.64%

Monument: 98.46%

Fleet: 100%

Farringdon: 98.00%

Gresham: 99.31%

Whittington: 93.45%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.96%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 4th November: back to school!

Tuesday 5th November: PTA bake and uniform sale.

Wednesday 6th November: Year 2 trip to the Islington Multi-Skills Sports Festival.

Friday 8th November: individual school photographs being taken. Year 2 school trip to the National Maritime Museum.

Wednesday 13th November: Year 6 team competing in the Islington Tag Rugby tournament.

Thursday 14th November: Year 1 'Not Now, Cyril!' workshops in King's Square Gardens.

Friday 15th November: Year 5 school trip to the Emirates Stadium.

Monday 25th November: Year 5 'something special' assembly. Parents and carers welcome to attend.

Tuesday 26th November: Year 3 trip to the Islington Problem-Solving and Teamwork Festival.