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Dear Parents and Carers,

*A message
from Ms
Tozer, Year 6
teacher*

I am delighted to share that we since the very first day of the Autumn term, our former Year Six students who are now thriving in secondary school have been popping in to see us, looking smart in their new uniforms. Recently, some of those children have kindly taken the time to visit and engage with our current Year Six cohort, sharing their invaluable experiences and insights about the transition to Year Seven generally and their particular schools. These conversations have been both enlightening and encouraging, as our past pupils addressed various questions regarding homework, friendships, and extracurricular activities. They also provided practical tips on how to manage the changes and explore opportunities available at their various secondary schools. It was heartening to see how enthusiastically they discussed they shared their own journeys, helping to ease the apprehensions of our current students. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the COLPAI alumni for their generosity in giving back to our school community. It was so wonderful to see you looking so happy and hear your exciting stories. Please come back soon - you are always welcome!



Have a wonderful weekend,

Ms Paige Tozer

Year Six Teacher, Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead



Lots of COLPAI children contributed shoebox dolls' houses to 'The Giant Dolls House Project: Tales of the City', an installation made by local school children which is on display at Guildhall Art Gallery until 31st October. The wonderful installation showcases a community of dolls' houses in shoeboxes, linked with ropes, ramps, and ladders. Led by artist and architect Catja de Haas, the project invited schools and community groups to create miniature rooms in shoeboxes to show their perspective on the City of London's buildings, homes, streets, and environment. Ms Morgan and Madame Robey safely delivered lots of your lovely creations to the Guildhall recently, but some children went along to the exhibition in person at the weekend and got crafty on site! Our very own Fred D in Year One, for example, made a beautiful house for bugs, reflecting his love of the great outdoors. All the adults at school were really impressed by how carefully Fred had chosen and manipulated different materials to represent individual aspects of the natural environment he depicted. Fred is particularly proud of his flying butterflies, and we can see why! Well done to Fred and to all those who participated, and thank you to Ms Morgan for being endlessly encouraging of the children's creative pursuits!



THE BIG PINK JUMP!



Anyone's ever chatted to Ms Wright about her weekends and holidays knows that she's no stranger to intrepid outdoors adventuring.

On 13th October, though, she's taking on a truly incredible feat of daring... a sky dive as part of [the Big Pink Jump!](#)

In memory of her lovely mum and in an effort to raise money for [Breast Cancer Now](#), Jenny will be flying through the clouds from over 10,000 feet! We will all be wishing her lots of luck this coming Sunday. Donations can be made in support of Jenny and the charity via her [JustGiving page](#).

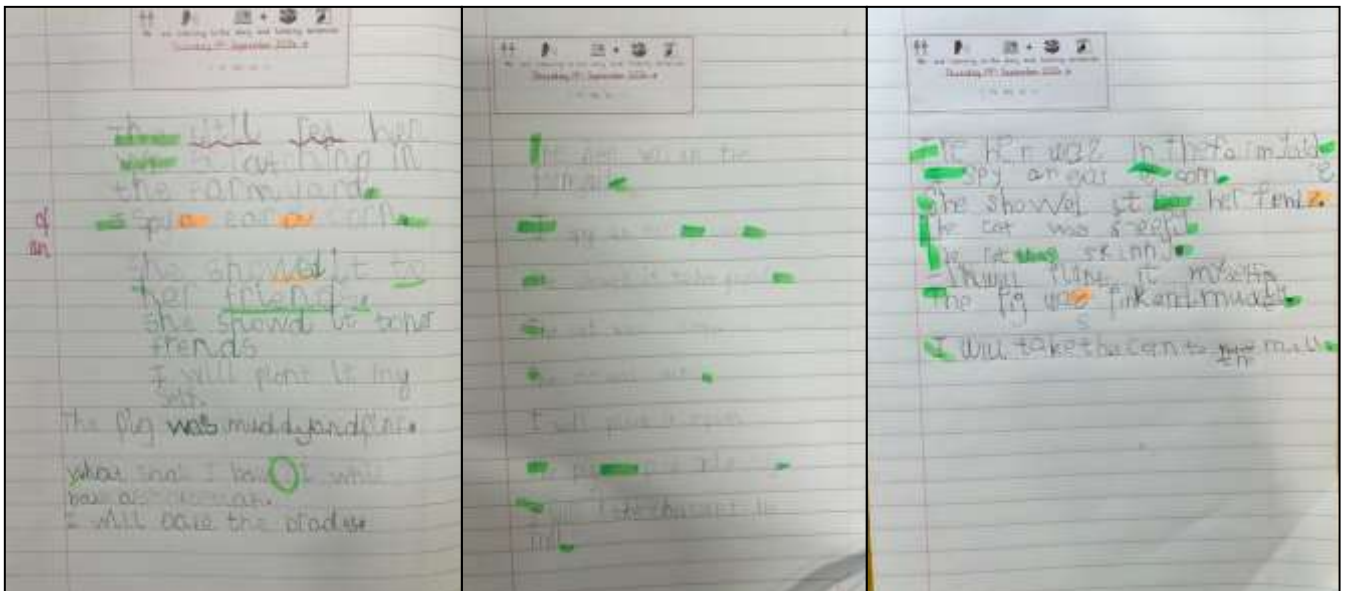
RECEPTION

This week in Reception, we have been working hard in Literacy, learning how to write a simple sentence inspired by our core text, 'Owl Babies'. In Maths, we've been learning about different combinations of numbers that make the number 4, as well as making patterns with 2 colours. We've also been exploring some lovely new art and craft resources—thank you, Ms Morgan, for arranging these!



YEAR ONE

This week in Year One Literacy, we focused on listening carefully to the story 'The Little Red Hen'. The students practiced holding a sentence in their minds, tracking their words, and then independently recording a sentence about the story. They have been working hard on their handwriting, making sure to use capital letters, full stops, and spell their 'red words' correctly. Everyone really focused to remember the key parts of the sentence while writing. It was wonderful to see their growing confidence in expressing ideas through writing and applying their growing writing skills independently! Keep up the amazing work, Year One!



YEAR TWO

In our Geography lessons, we have been exploring 'Weather and Seasons'! Last week, we conducted an experiment to see which way the wind was blowing by using a compass and a plastic bag! This week, we named and ordered the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We explored the changes observed during each season and compared them to one another. Then, we categorised the images of the weather symbols, clothing and celebrations into the different seasons and discussed our reasoning with our partners. A lot of children showed off their critical thinking skills as we debated about how and why these categorisations might change depending on which part of the world you were from!



YEAR THREE

This week in Religious Education, Year Three have been learning about the Creation story as told in the Bible. Children made creation wheels and discussed beliefs within the Christian faith that the world was created by God. Children drew upon their prior learning to discuss Christian beliefs about God, using the analogy of air inside a balloon to discuss the concept of faith. They shared meaningful and thought-provoking discussions, linking these concepts to alternative religions, their own beliefs and scientific theories.



YEAR FOUR

This week, Year Four have perfected the skill of punctuating direct speech in the context of our core text, 'The Great Paper Caper'. The children have enjoyed creating characterisations for the animals featured in this story, communicating these through specific and well-punctuated speech. The ideas across both classes have been exceptional and the creativity both class teachers have seen has been inspiring. History has seen us delve into the complicated polytheistic religion of the Ancient Egyptians, developing our familiarity with each god and their symbolic reference, as well as their roles in day-to-day practices in Ancient Egypt. In Science, we have continued to learn about states of matter, discussing the freezing and boiling points of different substances and how the particles are affected by a change in energy. The children showed a keen interest in how these processes work. It's been another wonderful week in which everyone in Year Four has shone!



YEAR FIVE

During RE this week, we learned about the life experiences of two significant individuals that had made a courageous stand for equality and fairness within their religion: Malala Yousafzai and Mahatma Gandhi. First, the children listened to Malala's story, through the picture book 'Malala's Magic Pencil'. I then asked the children: if they had a magic pencil, what would they draw to make the world more equal? The children astounded me with the empathy and compassion in their responses. We then shared the story of Gandhi. During the story, a dove is seen as a symbol of peace. The children were then asked to draw the outline of a dove, and write what peace means to them on the inside. I was blown away by the thoughtfulness and maturity Gresham displayed in this lesson!



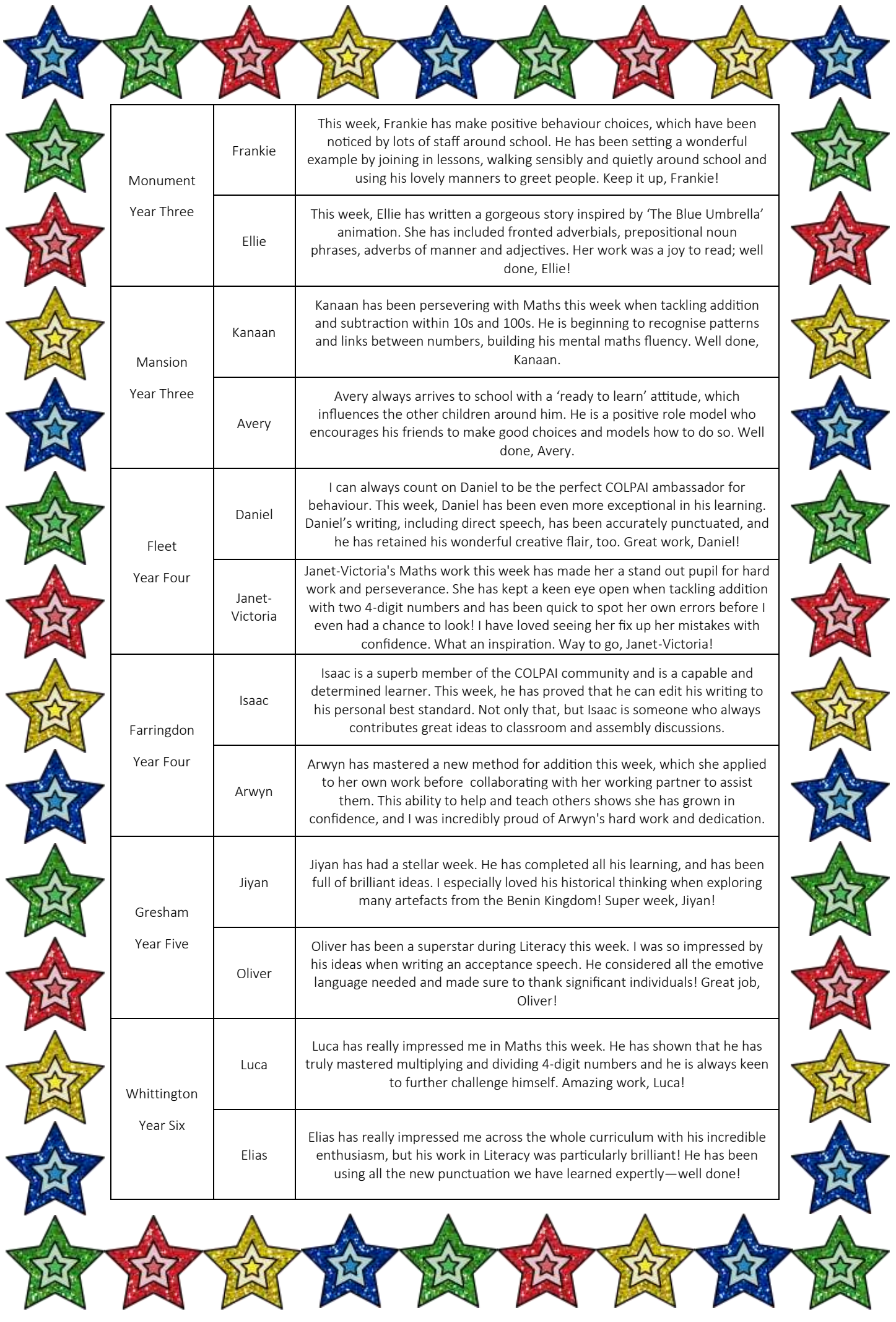
Look out for news from Year Six in next week's newsletter!

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS!



Silk Reception	Zia	For working hard to write his first ever sentence and improving his pencil grip.
	Charles S	For always participating in Phonics, showing fantastic developing skills in reading and spelling.
Sun Reception	Adam	For approaching his homework with remarkable enthusiasm and dedication.
	Amelia	For putting in tremendous effort during our Phonics sessions, especially with her letter formation.
Rose Year One	Isa	Isa has had a wonderful week, consistently participating in class and sharing his ideas. His hard work and positive attitude really made him stand out this week, particularly his amazing effort at independently writing sentences in Literacy. Keep up the great work, Isa!
	Margot	Margot has really impressed me this week with her consistent engagement in class discussions and thoughtful contributions. She has brought a positive attitude to learning and has tackled some difficult challenges this week. Her effort and willingness to try her best have been outstanding.
Regent Year One	Martim	Martim has showcased how ready he was for Year One. He has thrown himself into every lesson in every area of the curriculum. Martim has particularly impressed me with his mathematical explanations, and his desire to help others in their learning has been wonderful to see too!
	Elyssa	Elyssa is a superstar! She has demonstrated the most exceptional attitude towards learning, and her behaviour is exemplary! Elyssa is always ready to learn, and her dedication to her writing in our Literacy lessons has blown me away. Well done, Elyssa!
Drapers Year Two	Felix	Felix has been a Handwriting Hero! I am so impressed with how much his handwriting has improved this year already. I can tell that he has been taking his time and being mindful of his letter formation, fingers paces and that he is writing on the line. Bravo, Felix!
	Ayla	Ayla is my superstar this week because of her overall engagement in every class. Throughout the week, she has been a role model to her peers, showing them what active listening and learning looks like. Well done, Ayla!
Dukes Year Two	Aren	Aren has worked his socks off this week in all areas! He is putting his best efforts into our Literacy lessons, writing and punctuating simple sentences. He has also produced some amazing home learning. Keep up the hard work, Aren!
	Zachariah	Zachariah's behaviour has been superb this week! He has been a model of excellence to his peers and I am so impressed with his sensible lining up. Zachariah, it is a pleasure to have you in Dukes Class!





Monument Year Three	Frankie	This week, Frankie has made positive behaviour choices, which have been noticed by lots of staff around school. He has been setting a wonderful example by joining in lessons, walking sensibly and quietly around school and using his lovely manners to greet people. Keep it up, Frankie!
	Ellie	This week, Ellie has written a gorgeous story inspired by 'The Blue Umbrella' animation. She has included fronted adverbials, prepositional noun phrases, adverbs of manner and adjectives. Her work was a joy to read; well done, Ellie!
Mansion Year Three	Kanaan	Kanaan has been persevering with Maths this week when tackling addition and subtraction within 10s and 100s. He is beginning to recognise patterns and links between numbers, building his mental maths fluency. Well done, Kanaan.
	Avery	Avery always arrives to school with a 'ready to learn' attitude, which influences the other children around him. He is a positive role model who encourages his friends to make good choices and models how to do so. Well done, Avery.
Fleet Year Four	Daniel	I can always count on Daniel to be the perfect COLPAI ambassador for behaviour. This week, Daniel has been even more exceptional in his learning. Daniel's writing, including direct speech, has been accurately punctuated, and he has retained his wonderful creative flair, too. Great work, Daniel!
	Janet-Victoria	Janet-Victoria's Maths work this week has made her stand out as a pupil for hard work and perseverance. She has kept a keen eye open when tackling addition with two 4-digit numbers and has been quick to spot her own errors before I even had a chance to look! I have loved seeing her fix up her mistakes with confidence. What an inspiration. Way to go, Janet-Victoria!
Farrington Year Four	Isaac	Isaac is a superb member of the COLPAI community and is a capable and determined learner. This week, he has proved that he can edit his writing to his personal best standard. Not only that, but Isaac is someone who always contributes great ideas to classroom and assembly discussions.
	Arwyn	Arwyn has mastered a new method for addition this week, which she applied to her own work before collaborating with her working partner to assist them. This ability to help and teach others shows she has grown in confidence, and I was incredibly proud of Arwyn's hard work and dedication.
Gresham Year Five	Jiyan	Jiyan has had a stellar week. He has completed all his learning, and has been full of brilliant ideas. I especially loved his historical thinking when exploring many artefacts from the Benin Kingdom! Super week, Jiyan!
	Oliver	Oliver has been a superstar during Literacy this week. I was so impressed by his ideas when writing an acceptance speech. He considered all the emotive language needed and made sure to thank significant individuals! Great job, Oliver!
Whittington Year Six	Luca	Luca has really impressed me in Maths this week. He has shown that he has truly mastered multiplying and dividing 4-digit numbers and he is always keen to further challenge himself. Amazing work, Luca!
	Elias	Elias has really impressed me across the whole curriculum with his incredible enthusiasm, but his work in Literacy was particularly brilliant! He has been using all the new punctuation we have learned expertly—well done!

ATTENDANCE

Silk: 97.78%

Sun: 88.21%

Rose: 94.58%

Regent: 99.63%

Dukes: 96.67%%

Drapers: 97.31%

Mansion: 98.64%

Monument: 98.82%

Fleet: 97.60%

Farringdon: 99.20%

Gresham: 97.24%

Whittington: 91.72%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.35%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 7th October: Year 6 countryside experience at Falconhurst Farm. Year 5 girls' football tournament at Market Road.

Tuesday 8th October, 15.45 (in person) and 17.45 (virtual): Phonics workshops for Reception parents and carers.

Wednesday 9th October: Year 1 trip to the Postal Museum; Year 5 trip to the Royal Observatory Greenwich.

Thursday 10th October: Year 6 'Sculpture in the City' trip.

Friday 11th October: Year 3 'Mapping our World' Garden Classroom workshop at King's Square Gardens.

Monday 14th October: Year 3 and 4 boys' football tournament at Market Road.

Wednesday 16th October: flu vaccinations.

Friday 19th October, 09.00: PTA meeting

Monday 21st October: Year 3 Monument and Mansion 'something special' assembly. Parents and carers of both classes are invited to attend. Year 3 and 4 girls' football tournament at Market Road.

Friday 25th October: last day of half term.