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***Colby School News Issue 33:
Friday 9th June 2023***

Monday 12 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 5 / 6 Football at lunchtime. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 13 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Swimming Event for selected children at Beeston Hall. Colby Choir practice with Mrs Towers 8.30am (no charge). KS1 Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. Friendly Faces from Aylsham High School for Year 6 at 1.30pm. Cricket Club 3.15 - 4.15pm with cricket coach £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Athletics Club with Mr Frost 3.00 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) PLACES AVAILABLE. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Tag Rugby at lunchtime. Year 3 / 4 Tennis Event for selected children at Cromer Tennis Club 12.30pm – 2.30pm. KS2 Football Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Ben £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) Netball Club after school 3 - 4.15pm with Mr B £5. (After School Club available after to 5pm) KS2 Gardening Club 3 – 4.15pm £5. PLACES AVAILABLE. (After School Club available after to 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 16 th June 2023	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 3 / 4 Football at lunchtime. Art Club with Maddy / Alice. 3 – 4.15pm. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2023 DUE TO STAFF PREPARING FOR THE CRAZY SLEEPOVER.



Tuesday 20th June: Amber class visit to Wroxham Miniature World.

Wednesday 21st June: Emerald class visit to Norwich Castle Museum.

Wednesday 21st to Fri 23rd June: Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover. Please note Breakfast Club will not be available on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June due to Year 6 privacy arrangements.

Friday 23rd June: NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DUE TO STAFF PREPARING FOR THE CRAZY SLEEPOVER.

Sunday 25th June: Colby children are invited to attend the Junior Parkrun at Blickling Estate – see note below.

Tuesday 27th June: New Reception Induction Meeting for parents / carers at 9.15am.

Wednesday 28th to Fri 30th June: Induction days at Aylsham High School for current Yr 6 pupils.

Wednesday 28th to Fri 30th June: New Reception Induction Mornings (one morning for each child – you should have received an email to let you know which morning your child is invited).

Friday 7th July: Free Dress Day – please bring a tombola prize for the FOCS Summer Fayre.

Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July: Sport Week.

Friday 14th July: Friends of Colby School Summer Fayre from 3pm.

Friday 21st July: School breaks up for the Summer holiday.



Headteacher Awards

Oscar (Amber) and Jaxson (Sapphire) for excellent litter picking

Mia (Amber) for super writing

Ellen and Imogen (Ruby) for great history

Hannah, Izzy and Ivy (Ruby) for great information on India's climate

Izzy, Adam, Dolly, Sofia, Evie, Ivy, Viv and Ellen (Ruby)

for great information on India's physical features

Ophelia, Evie, Leo and Solomiia (Ruby) for great information on India's culture

Evie (Ruby) for a super description of a mammal's life cycle

Matthew, Otto, Barnaby, Adam, Evie, Imogen, Ellen, George and Solomiia (Ruby)

for good use of a protractor

Poppy, Sofia, Leo, Rafi, Adam, Cian, Ivy, Evie, Imogen, George, Matthew, Hannah, Dolly, Ellen, Florence, Ophelia, Izzy, Violet and Otto (Ruby) for fantastic written "revolting" rhymes

Poppy, Sofia, Evie, Imogen, Viv, Hannah, Violet and Izzy (Ruby)

for great use of adverbs to link paragraphs

George, Solomiia, Dolly and Viv (Ruby) for using figurative language in poem

Dolly, Hannah, Rafi, Imogen and Ivy (Ruby) for fantastic red book writing

Cian, Florence, Ophelia and Imogen (Ruby) for fantastic spellings in the end of half term test

Cian (Ruby) for super use of commas

George P and Bella (Ruby) for fantastic maths

Adam, Ophelia, Poppy, Izzy and Evie (Ruby) for fantastic diary writing in RE

Cody, Ivy and Ophelia (Ruby) for wonderful writing about their Mums

Isobel (Amber) for fantastic phonics

Sky (Emerald) for a great question

Stanley and Teddy (Emerald) for passing their tables tests

Vinnie, Bea, Harry, Teddy, Erin, Dylan, Alfie and Barnaby (Emerald)

for excellent discussion about our class text

All of Emerald and all of Ruby Class for excellent independent PE work

Alfie (Sapphire) for beautiful manners

Hugo and JP (Sapphire) for being very helpful in class

Lev (Sapphire) for an amazing ocean story

Jacob (Sapphire) for being very thoughtful towards a classmate

Rosie (Sapphire) for taking her time and concentrating on producing a beautiful painting of a shark

Amber Class Curriculum



Hello everyone! This half term Amber class will be working on the topic of 'Beaches' where we will explore lots about the seaside and under the sea. We will look at different animals that live there along with the things we can do at the seaside. We have already



asked the children things that they would like to learn from this topic and they came up with some amazing questions including "Are all of the oceans connected?" and "What is sand made of?" We can't wait to have fun exploring this topic.

This half term we will also have the opportunity to explore some buildings (from last half term) and will even see some beaches as we visit Wroxham Miniature Worlds as a class. We are all really looking forward to this adventure (especially the coach).

In English, Reception children have been doing amazing work practising reading and writing words. We are gradually building this up and looking at longer words with multi syllables. This term we will be writing sentences all about beaches and things we like to do while at the beach. We will continue to practise correct letter formation while writing our fantastic sentences. Year 1 pupils will explore lots of different texts and write all about beaches. We will also explore different poems and write our own. Children will continue to practise their independent writing while writing facts and lists around the classroom. We will also use some prefixes and suffixes.

Reception children will be learning about different areas of maths through practical and fun activities. There will be lots of opportunities to count, read, recognise and order numbers to 20 both in the classroom and outside. We will continue to look at adding and subtracting numbers in lots of fun and practical ways along with exploring doubling and even/odd numbers. Year 1 children will continue to look at fractions before exploring place value up to 100, money and time. We do this through lots of practical methods and give the children lots of time to explore their new skills within the class.

In PE, we will all be doing **Athletics**. Our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. We ask children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days and they will stay in their kit all day.

As you know, we do lots of outdoor learning in Amber Class. Please ensure your children come to school in appropriate footwear and named jumpers/cardigans/hats. Our outdoor learning mornings where we have our lessons in the garden will be every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please also ensure children have sun cream on when they come to school and a bottle for them to reapply throughout the day.

In Year 1 we will be learning about the following topics in our foundation subjects:

- Science: Animal groups/habitats
- DT: Healthy smoothies
- History: Seaside heroes of the past
- Life Skills: Respectful relationships

Children in Reception are given the choice to join in with these lessons or engage within the continuous provision available in the classroom where a play based activity linked to the Year 1 work will be available for them to engage in.

As you can see we are going to be packing in lots of fun learning experiences this half term. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the Amber class adults or to send us a message via email or on Tapestry. Please remember to read the newsletter every week as that is the best way to keep up-to-date with events and important diary dates.

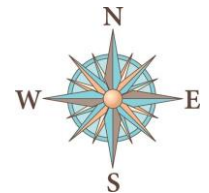
We can't wait to have lots of fun as we continue to learn and have fun.

Many thanks,

The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum

We start this half term with our **geography** topic on mapping when we will be looking at compass directions, sketch maps and routes. The children will be planning a route around our school for the Bog Baby as well as creating a large version on our classroom wall!



Art will see us making giant cardboard sculptures with a focus on using a variety of techniques and materials to strengthen parts of them.

In **science** our focus will be on animals, including human and their growth. We will be exploring what a balanced healthy diet looks like as well as the importance of taking regular exercise.

In **maths** Year 1 will be looking at early multiplication in the form of repeated addition and division as grouping and sharing. Year 2 will be revising all four operations and calculation strategies. We will all be working on position and direction too.

In our **English** sessions Sapphire children will continue to have weekly spellings to learn with a test every Friday. Spelling lists can be found on Google Classroom. We will carry on with our daily phonics sessions in our groups.



We will read *The Bog Baby* and have a go at writing our own adventure stories. Year 2 children will be writing a persuasive letter to Mrs. Mead! We will all enjoy some silly poetry, including tongue twisters and also *The Jumblies* by Edward Lear.



In handwriting Year 2s will continue to learn more joins and Year 1s will be focussing on forming and orientating all their lower and upper case letters correctly.

Please continue hearing your children read every day (just 2 pages) and sign their reading record book.

Mrs. Moulton will be taking us for our **computing** sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

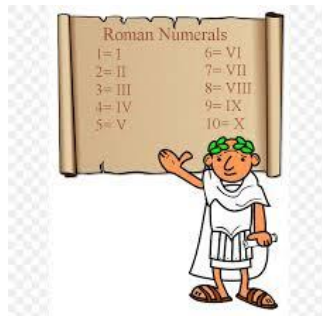
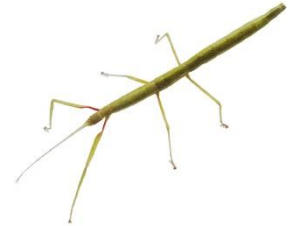
Ben will be taking Sapphire for **PE** on Thursdays and Fridays. Children will need to wear PE kit on these days which consists of their PE top, shorts / joggers and plimsolls. We also ask that children have outdoor trainers every day as we may pop outside any day to learn in our garden area. It is helpful if earrings are not worn and long hair tied back on PE days.

In our **Life Skills** sessions we will be exploring the themes of plastic pollution in the ocean, tackling anxiety and worry, transition to a new class and being a good role model for our school

Activities to do with your child

- Practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables using the Hit the Button game. (Move onto 3, 4 and 8 times tables if you know the easier ones inside out! – Year 2s)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Hear your child read daily. Talk about what you read. I have posted a list prompt questions on Google Classroom under 'Reading.'

Let's have a fantastic end to a wonderful year in Sapphire!



Emerald Class Curriculum

Welcome back to our final term of the year! We have such a lovely few weeks ahead of us with jam packed learning and fun activities.

In History we will start learning all about Ancient Rome and the Roman Empire and what impact they had on the world we see today. We will also cook some Roman food and grow some herbs for our healthy eating unit in DT.

In Science we are learning all about our bodies and how to be healthy. We will be linking this to DT and thinking about food groups.

In Maths we will be focusing on times tables to begin with as well as telling the time and some measuring. We will also look at our written methods and problem solving before our end of term tests.

In English we will finish our text before reading the Iron Giant. It is such a great book and the children will hopefully enjoy this great literacy unit. We will be writing some stories, focusing on our accurate punctuation, writing some diaries and poetry too.

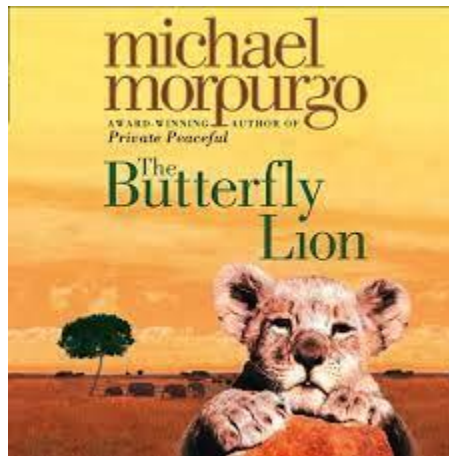
In PE we have an amazing term ahead of us. We will be practising our athletics skills in the lead up to sports week and sports day whilst also having fun with some exciting one off games sessions.

Alice will continue with her Life Skills sessions, looking at being sensible online while Ms Everett will finish her RE unit on Monday mornings.

This term it is really important we have the correct kit/uniform in school, especially on PE days.

Please contact me if you have any questions

Mr B



Ruby Class Curriculum

Welcome back after half term. I hope you had a great time and got to enjoy the lovely weather.

This half term we will be reading the book *The Butterfly Lion* and we will be using it as inspiration to write a new chapter for the book. We will also be finishing our theme park mini project that we started last half term. We will still be having a focus on spelling each week and there will be an end of year spelling test in the week beginning the 26th June. (This will be on spellings learnt across the whole year). We will also be looking at the use of adverbials, relative clauses and the use of commas, particularly in complex sentences.

In maths, we will be continuing with shape work by looking at the different properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. We will also be finding out how to work out an angle when it is on a straight line or a 360 degree turn. We will also be looking at translations and reflections on a grid. The Year 4s will be doing a multiplication test in the first 2 weeks so any chance for extra practise at home would be really helpful. The children will also be learning them at school throughout their maths lessons. Mr Brown has created a Google Classroom that could help them with this.

In science, we will be learning about living things. We will be looking at the different life cycles of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects.

Our history topic is railways. We will be looking at the importance the railways had on our country and finding out about the names of the inventors and trains. We will follow this up with a short history topic on local history – the history of Colby School. We will look at how the school has changed since it was built.

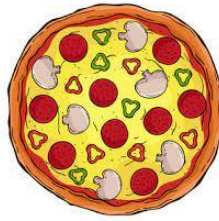
Music this term will be learning about notation and creating a rondo in a small group and then as a whole class. It will be based on a song called “My Fantasy Football Team.”

This half term will be busy with sports as we will be having our yearly sports week as well as our PE sessions each week. We will be focusing on athletics and the children will be working hard to improve their previous athletic scores.

They will be doing some cooking with Mr Frost as part of their design & technology, photo editing with Mrs Moulton in computing and with Mr Mead taking RE and teaching different denominations.

And of course, how can we forget the day (well evening) they have all been looking forward to all year, the Crazy Sleepover. We will also be organising an end of year school trip with Amethyst Year 5s as well.

Wendy Towers



Amethyst Class Curriculum

Hi, I hope you all had a great half-term holiday!

Maths: We continue to follow the National Curriculum for maths, but we will build in lots of leadership time for maths development and also game creation, putting into practice all the skills the children have learned.

Science: We will be covering living things and their habitats this half-term.

English: Our key text this half-term is Northern Lights. We won't try to read the whole thing (it's huge) but children might enjoy watching the film at home. It was called The Golden Compass. We will be creating really rich scene setting story starters.

Geography: It's all about comparing three locations. We are thinking about Maine in The USA, East Anglia and Andalucia in Southern Spain.

P.E: It is athletics this half-term. We will be testing and competing against ourselves and others.

R.E: Humanism is our focus this half term.

French: Children will recap on the French they have covered in Key Stage 2.

D.T: It's time to cook again. We will be making pizzas. I will provide the basics, but as with the scones if children want various toppings, they are welcome to bring them in themselves. Thanks to Mr Cannon who is helping us by lending a wood-fuelled pizza oven. We will be making the pizzas all within the week starting 3rd July.

Computing: Children will be finishing off spreadsheets and then combining graphics.

Music: This is a composition unit where children are setting music to match a theme.

Life Skills: This half-term Amethyst is covering the themes of changing bodies and moving into adolescence, transition to new classes, what a good role model looks like, helping ourselves to read better and how to be a good leader.

Do let me know if you have any questions relating to the work this half-term.

Mr Frost



Free-Dress Day Friday 7th July 2023

There will be a free-dress day on Friday 7th July 2023. Please could you send in tombola prizes for the FOCS Summer Fayre – all donations gratefully received. Thank you.



On Sunday 25th June all Colby children are invited to attend the Junior Parkrun at Blickling Estate. Hannah B will meet any children wishing to do it at the start of the run which is next to the overflow car park at the Blickling Hall site. Some of our children already take part in the weekly fun run and it would be great to see a larger group from Colby School there.

It is a 2km free run organised by 'Parkrun' volunteers. Any children wishing to take part need to be registered online at: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/blickling-juniors/> and bring along their printed barcode on the day which is issued via email after registration online. It is open to children aged 4-14 and all complete the same course. Results and times are sent through to you after the event via email. All children are taking part in athletics in PE this half term and this run will be a great opportunity for them to put into practice what they learn.

All 'Parkrun' rules and guidelines are on their website, parents/guardians DO need to remain on site please but you don't need to accompany your child on the run. There are volunteer marshals throughout the course and children will always be within view of one of these marshals. It is a 2 lap course undertaken on track and grass surface so trainers need to be worn please.

If your child would like to take part please just turn up (you don't need to let school know) on Sunday 25th June, it starts at 9am, so please meet Hannah B between 8:30-8:45am and please remember the printed barcode. Let's get lots of smiling Colby runners (and supporters) along to join in the fun.



Out of School Success

For **Freddie's** Year 6 project, he has challenged himself to climb the 3 peaks (Snowdon, Scarfell Pike and Ben Nevis) to raise as much money as possible for Colby School.

Freddie climbed Snowdon on 4th June, and he will attempt to climb of the other two mountains before the end of term.

A JustGiving page has been set up to raise funds for Colby School, and if you would like to donate, the link is below. Freddie will be raising money to revamp our dodgeball facilities and for other outdoor learning projects.

Well done Freddie – you are an absolute star! We are very proud of you, thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/freddieblunt>



Gymnastic Success!

Congratulations to **Matthew** (Ruby) who was competing at the Eastern regional gymnastic competition on Sunday 4th June 2023. He represented North Walsham Gymnastics Club and got two gold and two silver medals. Fantastic, well done Matthew!



Free School Meals criteria

We have had an update regarding the current benefits which entitle you to benefits related Free School Meals. They are:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.00.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.00.

How to apply

Parents should apply online and information and a link to the on-line application service is provided at Norfolk.gov.uk

It is useful to apply for this benefit, even if your child is already receiving free meals because they are in Amber Class or Sapphire Class. School receives additional funding if you are entitled to this benefit and you will also receive food vouchers during the school holidays.



Breakfast Club and After School Club cancellations due to the Crazy Sleepovers

Thursday 22nd June 2023: No Breakfast Club

Friday 23rd June: No Breakfast Club

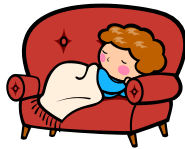
Friday 23rd June: No After School Club



Saturday 24th June 2023

Everyone is welcome to Northrepps Village Hall 10am – 4pm to see lots of exhibitions by the Royal British Legion, Royal Naval Association, Royal Airforce Association, Blind Veterans Association, and many others. There will be displays including an Air Cadets simulator, Norfolk Military vehicles.

There will also be a cafe, bar and raffle in the reception. Admission is free, and it promises to be a lovely afternoon out.



The Crazy Key Stage 2 Sleep Over
Friday 23rd June 2023 6pm – Saturday 24th June 2023 8am
£10 per child

It's back by popular demand – the Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover returns! Please complete the registration form emailed to you separately today, if your child would like to join in the fun.

Children will leave school as normal at 3pm on Friday 23rd June 2023 and we will re-open school at 6pm for them to return for the night!

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Crazy Sleepover.

Christine Mead