

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

13th March 2026

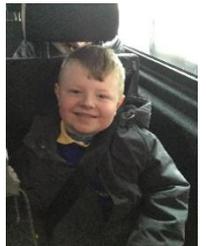


Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

Rainbow class were absolutely amazing on their first trip out on the bus. They were very patient when waiting in lots of traffic and accepted when we couldn't get off the bus for long due to the weather. Well done everyone!



Blossom

Brooklyn has been building relationships with familiar adults and has requested to play tag on the playground. We're super proud of you Brooklyn, well done



Rose

This week, Finn has impressed staff by using a communication board to comment. Finn is doing a great job of using the communication board to point to core words such as 'I' and 'see' and with support is starting to build up simple comments. Well done, Finn!



Pink

Zack has been working hard to copy some of our pre-writing movements such as 'up and down', 'side to side' and 'round and round'. He then went on to independently write the letter 's' when prompted during our phonics session! Well done, Zack!



Scarlet

Lucas and Kai have both done a fantastic job in their early writing this week. They traced their names with some encouragement and chose to mark make in our continuous provision. Well done boys!

Ruby

Hashir has done really well with his communication this week and worked really well during his speech and language therapy session.



Lavender

This week, the children have been working hard on independently putting their coats on, zipping them up and down, taking them off and hanging them on their pegs. Ruben has started to hang his coat up by his hood independently after playtime. Well done, Ruben!

Sage

Aliyah is becoming more independent during her Food Technology sessions. She was able to toast the bread and press the button, following the adult's verbal instruction. She used a knife to spread butter on the bread and added the beans to her toast using a spoon. With physical support from an adult, she used a can opener to open the beans and copied their actions by twisting the can opener. Well done, Aliyah!



Mint

Well done Leo for amazing work in swimming this week. Keith, the swimming teacher, commented on his progress and can't wait to see how much progress he will make over the half term.



Jade

Jade Class have been loving their mark making sessions this week. Children went out onto the discovery park and practised what they had been learning inside the classroom, using sticks and their fingers to write in the sand. The children wrote their names and drew some shapes.



Emerald

This week, the children independently explored subitising using counting bears. They independently recognised the amount without counting and confidently told us how many bears they could see before counting out the same number of bears to match the amount.



Forest

This week, the children have been taking part in an Attention Everyone session to learn about the Holi celebration. Courtney was able to take turns during Stage 3 and splat the paint onto the black card independently.



Teal

Franky amazed us this week with his phonics work and his attitude to learning. He is doing well in his reading and his confidence is continuing to grow. Well done!



Navy

Bobby and Ollie were amazing explorers on their visit this week. They were able to follow a map and then created their own maps of where they had walked. Fantastic!



The Nest

We are extremely proud of the children this week for developing their skills in walking around school when transitioning to areas such as the Discovery Park. The children especially enjoyed their Science lesson on the Discovery Park this week where they observed shadows on the ground as part of our Light and Dark topic.



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
20.3.26	Red Nose Day <i>Children invited to wear something red and bring a donation for Comic Relief.</i>	Whole School
23.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Rainbow, Blossom and Rose
24.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Mint, Sage and Jade
25.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Pink, Scarlet, Ruby and Lavender
26.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Forest, Emerald, Teal, Navy and Nest
2.4.26	Last day of term	Whole School
3.4.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Lavender, Jade and Teal who all had 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	78%	92%	92%	88%	94%	97%	100%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	93%	76%	100%	89%	84%	100%	98%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Bobby: For saying “bye” to the adults when leaving the classroom. Brilliant, Bobby!
Blossom	Joshua: For using a communication board effectively. Well done, Joshua!
Rose	Luna: For trying hard to write an ‘s’, ‘a’ and ‘t’. Well done!
Pink	Edie-Mae: For using body language to let adults know that she needs the toilet. Well done!
Scarlet	James: For sitting on the toilet without prompting. Well done, James!
Ruby	Freddie: For doing well with the use of single symbol to exchange during snack time.
Lavender	Harriet: For being able to recognise and read 6 different tricky words! Well done, Harriet.
Sage	Ellie: For fantastic work during phonics and when reading tricky words!
Mint	Alina: For being an amazing representative of Columbia Grange when out of school on trips!
Jade	Adrian: For having lovely interactions with his staff this week, well done!
Emerald	Kray: For brilliant blending in phonics. It is great to see Krays’s confident grow!
Forest	Vinnie: For great dancing with June and maintaining attention during his P.E. session.
Teal	John Joe: For doing some beautiful water colour art work this week!
Navy	Emre: For amazing work using his subtraction skills in maths.
The Nest	Bear: For fantastic transitions around school and between activities. Well done!

It has been a busy week in school with lots of classes out on visits to the community. Thank you to those parents who have completed our recent parent survey. A reminder there is still time to do this; please see the link on Class Dojo.

Have a great weekend,

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