

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter



3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

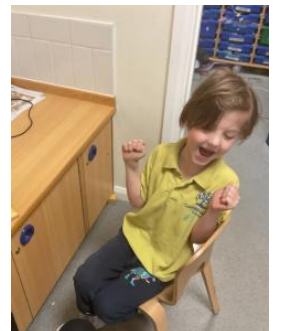
Rainbow

During our class trip to McDonalds, Alfie and Jack demonstrated excellent communication and independence skills. Using a communication board, they were able to make choices and request the food items they wanted to eat. They also confidently paid for their purchases using pound coins and waited patiently for their order to arrive. Excellent work, Alfie and Jack!



Blossom

During cookery, Quinn impressed staff by touching bread and pushing down the lever on the toaster before waiting patiently for the toast to be ready. Quinn was extremely excited when it popped and could not stop laughing. He was then able to independently butter his toast and share it with his friends! Well done, Quinn!



Rose

Rose Class have been working hard on their independence skills, making toast this half term. Not only did Oscar really impress his staff with his independence but he was so brave and tried some toast too, well done!



Pink

Alia has taken a keen interest in using a range of materials to build straw, stick and brick houses for The Three Little Pigs over the last couple of weeks. Well done, Alia!



Scarlet

Scarlet Class had a brilliant PSHE lesson this week, accessing the brushing programme. Children used communication boards to request which part of their body they wanted to be brushed. This session helped regulate them ready for the rest of the day.



Ruby

This week, Ugo has created some wonderful mark-making masterpieces! Using chalk, Ugo designed a fabulous road for his cars to drive down in our outside area then during art, he used paint pens, crayons and felt tips to decorate his house. Brilliant work Ugo, well done!



Lavender

The children in Lavender class have been learning all about mini beasts in their lead up to visiting Washington Wetlands Centre. During their Attention Everyone session, they made caterpillars using pompoms and glue; Joseph worked independently to create his art work. Well done!



Sage

Mahad has been impressing staff during phonics sessions this week, particularly when tracing the letter /i/. He has shown great progress in developing his confidence and consistency with the letter formation. Keep up the fantastic work Mahad!



Mint

This week, Mint class have been getting ready for the colour run by making different coloured playdough. They used their maths skills to measure out the ingredients, ensuring they created the perfect playdough! Matthew, Alina and Liam were very careful to ensure they had precise measurements. Well done!



Jade

This week, Jade class particularly enjoyed their Attention Everyone session. In Step 1, children showed great focus and attention while exploring colourful and light up objects. In step 2, they made a rainbow volcano and in Step 3, children made their very own rainbow picture.



Emerald

This week, the children explored woodland animal habitats as part of their Understanding the World learning. They discussed where woodland animals live and compared these natural habitats to their own homes, identifying the differences between human and animal environments.

The children learned about the features that make a suitable habitat for woodland animals and talked about how these habitats provide food, shelter, and protection. To reinforce their learning, they created their own hedgehogs using clay, carefully shaping and adding details to bring their woodland animals to life.



Forest

This week the children have been learning about one more and one less by exploring and building towers. Harrison demonstrated great engagement throughout his maths sessions, showing enthusiasm and confidence as he explored the concept of one more and one less.

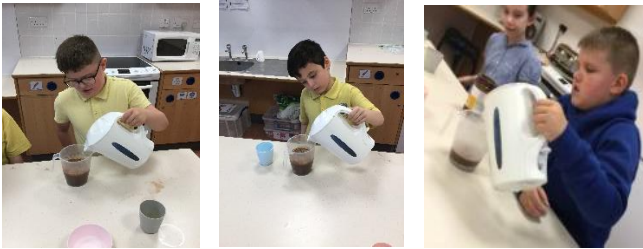
Teal

Children in Teal class have been working hard retelling stories. They enjoyed the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and have been sequencing the story, working on their oracy skills and acting out the story using the dolls house. Well done!



Navy

Pupils in Navy Class have been busy building their independence in Food Technology, learning how to make hot chocolate. They practised key skills such as measuring ingredients, safely using kitchen equipment, and following step-by-step instructions with growing confidence. The activity encouraged problem-solving, teamwork, and pride in completing a warm, comforting drink entirely on their own. It's been a lovely way for them to develop practical life skills, while enjoying a delicious treat.



The Nest

The children in The Nest have been exploring different ways to mark make this week in their Art lessons. They have been drawing using crayons and felt tipped pens, along with painting using watercolours and printing with sponges!



Colour Run



We held our annual fundraising event on Friday and had fun taking part in Columbia Grange's first ever Colour Run!

The event was a huge success with families of children joining us to take part in the run. Watch our for photos which will be shared on Facebook over the next week.

Please send all sponsor money into school this week. All money raised will go towards buying new resources for the school.

Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
14.7.26	Whole School Trip <i>We are hoping to book a whole school trip on this date. More information to follow.</i>	Whole School
22.7.25	Last day of Term	Whole School
22.7.25	Year 6 End of Year Celebration 10-12 at Washington Art Centre	Year 6
23.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
1.9.26	School Opens	Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Rose and Pink for 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	80%	98%	100%	100%	86%	97%	94%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	66%	90%	98%	91%	89%	98%	98%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Sadie: For independently using the swing during our trip to the playpark.
Blossom	Elijah: For wonderful mark making; looking at the marks made and holding the paintbrush independently!
Rose	Roman: For using his communication book to tell staff that his tooth was hurting and to request medicine!
Pink	Lucus: For sitting on the toilet during changing times. Well done!
Scarlet	Max: For communicating his toileting needs with more consistency.
Ruby	Hashir: For fantastic communication skills to gain an adult's attention. Well done!
Lavender	All of Lavender Class are star of the week this week for being amazing representations of Columbia Grange during their trip to Washington Wetlands!
Sage	Connor: For outstanding work during his phonics sessions.
Mint	Liam: For excellent focus during lessons; keep it up!
Jade	Cass: For accepting help with co-regulation.
Emerald	Frankie: For brilliant work in cookery; Frankie followed all instructions independently then helped clean the cookery room without being asked. Well done, Frankie!
Forest	Harry: For managing his emotions exceptionally when he was feeling frustrated, expressing them in a calm and appropriate manner.
Teal	Mariam: For working hard in phonics and writing this week, keep up the good work!
Navy	Oliver: For showcasing his excellent talent by drawing a great portrait of his friend.
The Nest	Nancy: For using her words to verbally communicate with an adult, well done!

What a way to end the week! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Colour Run. This was a hugely successful whole school event which could not have taken place without your support. Enjoy the weekend and we will see everyone back in school on Monday.

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