

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

17th January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

The Nest: Children in The Nest enjoyed a trip to the school library this week where they read books together, used the communication boards and played with the puppets!

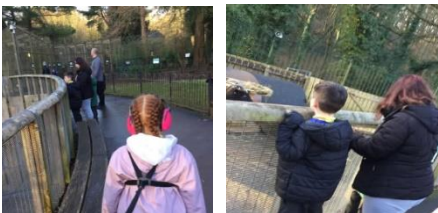


Rose: This week Rose Class enjoyed visiting the new and improved Sensory Room! The children loved it and particularly enjoyed the lights, the disco ball and making different noises using the musical tiles. Children enjoyed using their hands to explore and particularly enjoyed looking at their own reflections in the mirrors before going back to class clam and ready to learn. Rose class are giving the new Sensory Room a big thumbs up!



Scarlet: Scarlet class enjoyed exploring their new topic 'What's in the Toy Box?' and spent time looking at and making their own spinning toys!

Mint: While out on the school bus, Mint Class visited Jesmond Dene to meet some of the petting animals. The children will use their observations as part of their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic this term. The children particularly loved seeing the Pygmy goat, rabbits and ducks...Quack, Quack!



Navy: This week, Navy class visited the Planetarium at The Great North Museum where they visited a space station and learned what astronauts get up to in space! Did you know astronauts can't eat in space biscuits because they might choke on the crumbs!

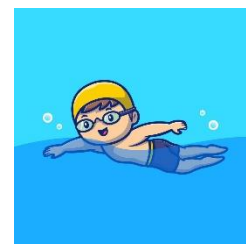


Forest: This week in Forest class, the children have been enjoying exploring the different areas within our classroom. Children loved testing their skills building towers and using hexplay to create different models. A popular activity was exploring the animal themed tuff tray linked to our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic.



Reminders:

Swimming: A reminder that Emerald, Rainbow 3 and Forest all have swimming lessons this half term. Please make sure swimming kits are sent into school each week.



Attendance: Well done to Rainbow 1, Rainbow 3, Sage and Mint who all had a fantastic 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow 1	Rainbow 2	Rainbow 3	Rose	Scarlet	Ruby	Pink
Attendance	100%	94%	100%	98%	93%	90%	75%
	Sage	Mint	Emerald	Jade	Forest	Royal	Navy
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Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow 1	Marc: For engaging in sensory exploration independently for the first time, well done!
Rainbow 2	Brooklyn: For joining in during our PE lesson with June. Brooklyn listened to instructions and threw the balls into the net!
Rainbow 3	Connor: For fantastic work during phonics lessons!
Rose	Jayden: For following instructions and making good choices in the classroom, well done!
Scarlet	JoJo: For settling well into Scarlet class!
Ruby	Harriet: For stringing two sentences together verbally!
Pink	George: For amazing effort and participation in all areas of his learning!
Sage	Lucus: For taking off his own coat and hanging it on his peg, well done!
Mint	Alina: For amazing participation and communication during our sensory story time!
Emerald	Harry: For fantastic backstroke in his swimming lessons!
Jade	Zac: For impressing his teachers by initiating play during playtime, well done Zac!
Forest	Taif: For fantastic sounding out in phonics!
Royal	Zachary: For his excellent work ethic and not giving up when things get tricky!
Navy	Evan: For having increased resilience when working in phonics and reading sessions.
The Nest	James: For independently using maths within his play.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday!

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