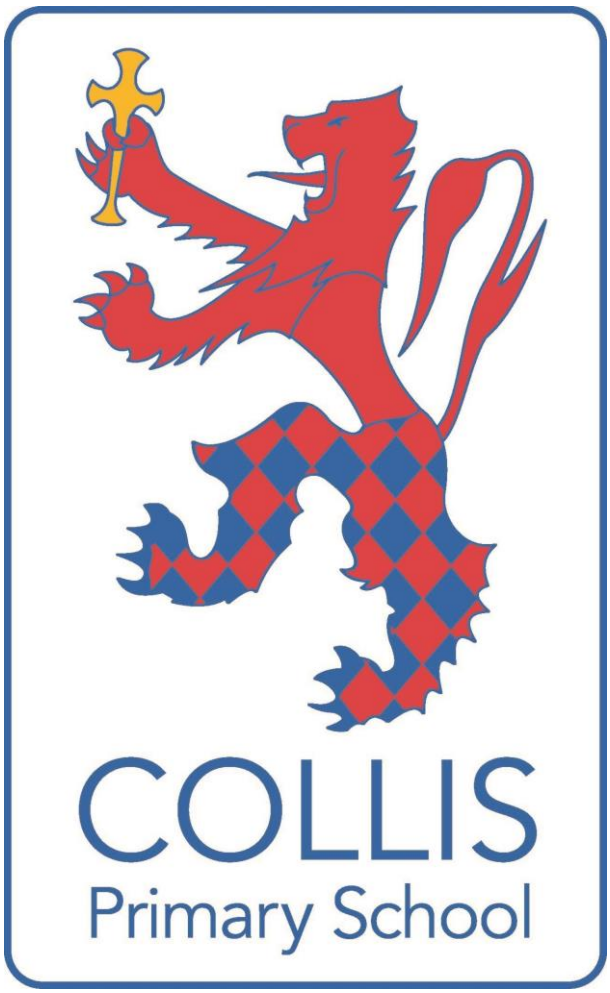

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Primary School



COLLIS NEWSLETTER - Friday 14th June 2024

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1 - Collis aerial view

Communications by Email - Temporary Problem

Schools in Richmond upon Thames are experiencing some difficulties in sending emails because they are not arriving at their destination, owing to a problem with the Richmond server. This is being attended to but, in the meantime, please be aware.

We will be informed when the problem has been resolved and will then inform you.

Our Parentmail system is working normally.

Key Dates for Your Diary - Summer Term

J U N E

Friday 14th: 5A Class Assembly

Friday 14th: 5W to Teddington School Science Workshop 9-10am

Monday 17th: Yr 1 visit to church

Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th: Yr 3 Safe Walking training with Richmond Road Safety Team

Tuesday 18th: Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

Monday 17th-Friday 21st: Yr 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay

Wednesday 19th: Birthday Assembly

Thursday 20th: CSA Receptions Uniform Sale 9am (change of date : was 1st July)

Thursday 20th: EY Curriculum Meetings: 9.30 Receptions / 11.00 Nursery

Thursday 20th: 5A to Teddington School Science Workshop 10-11am

Thursday 20th: Scooter Training Yr 2 all day - 2B and 2WL

Thursday 20th: Yr 1 Cake Sale after school

Friday 21st: Scooter Training Yr 2 am - 2L

Friday 21st: School Journey Yr 6 Return approx. 5.00pm

Monday 24th: Yr 1 workshop - Transport

Wednesday 26th: 5S to Teddington School Science Workshop 2-3pm

Thursday 27th: Receptions Cake Sale after school

Friday 28th: 1D Class Assembly - **9.00am**

Friday 28th: Sports Day Yrs 3 & 4 - **9.30am** / Yrs 5 & 6 - **1.30pm**

J U L Y

Monday 1st: School Open Morning and Secondary Transition Day

Wednesday 3rd: Yr 5 Taster Event at Teddington School 2pm (parents 4pm)

Thursday 4th: Nursery Cake Sale after school

Friday 5th: Reception Sports Day **9.30am** / Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Day **1.30pm**

Tuesday 9th: Receptions visit Bocketts Farm Park

Thursday 11th: CSA Charity Cake Sale after school

Friday 12th: School Nurse in school for Drop-ins

Tuesday 16th: 2B visit The Stockyard, Bushy Park

Wednesday 17th: Birthday Assembly for July and August

Wednesday 17th: Yr 6 Production 1.20pm

Thursday 18th: 2W visit The Stockyard, Bushy Park

Thursday 18th: Yr 6 Production 6.30pm

Friday 19th: CSA Meeting 9am Colliseum Hall (change of date : was 8th July)

Friday 19th: 2L visit The Stockyard, Bushy Park

Monday 22nd: Nursery End of Year Songs in Colliseum Hall 2.45pm

Monday 22nd: Yr 6 BBQ 5.30-7.00pm

Tuesday 23rd: Final School Assembly 11.00am

Wednesday 24th: Leavers' Assembly 11.00am MUGA

Wednesday 24th: Yr 6 leave 12 noon - MUGA

Wednesday 24th: Term Ends - school closes 1.30pm

Parent Focus Group

PARENT FOCUS GROUP MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE 2024

Parents and carers can find the Agenda and Minutes of the Parent Focus Group Meeting held on 6th June 2024, on the school website. Go to Parents/Parent Focus Group and scroll down to Agendas and Minutes.

Parent and Carer Survey



We want to thank you once again for completing our parent/ carer survey for this year. Your feedback is invaluable in ensuring Collis continues to be the best it can for our pupils to learn and grow. As set out in our previous letter in which we shared the results with you, we informed you we would be reflecting on our areas of refinement within the newsletter each week. This week we are looking at homework at Collis.

Collis sets homework appropriate for my child's age and abilities. Last year some parents felt that homework was inconsistent across the school. To address this we streamlined the homework so that each year group would receive weekly spellings, arithmetic that is linked to the current year of study and two books to read. This year, some parents felt that there should be more homework and that there wasn't enough follow up to ensure pupils were completing their homework.

The department of education has suggested 'Good homework policies avoid excessive time requirements- focusing on quality rather than quantity and making sure that there is a clear purpose to any homework set.' It is important that we focus on the quality of questions in the homework rather than giving an unnecessary amount. This coincides with a mastery approach ensuring depth of learning.

The Education Endowment Fund evidence suggests that the average impact of homework is positive across both primary and secondary school. There is, however variation behind this average with homework set in primary school having a much smaller impact. Teachers should consider the optimal amount of homework to give primary pupils, which should be significantly less with younger pupils. Moving forward, Collis will consider the following when finalising our homework policy:

- Considering the quality of homework over the quantity.

- Using well-designed tasks that are linked to classroom learning.
- Clearly setting out the aims of homework to pupils.
- Understanding and addressing any barriers to completion, such as access to a learning device or resources.
- Explicitly teaching independent learning strategies.
- Providing high-quality feedback to improve pupil learning.
- Monitoring the impact of homework on pupil engagement, progress and attainment.

We will reflect on how we monitor the impact and progress of homework in the coming months for next year keeping in mind the above research as well as being mindful of teacher's workload.

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Yr 6 PSHE workshops

Before half term, year 6 enjoyed a day of exciting workshops as part of their PSHE lessons. The workshops were lead by a Paramedic from The London Ambulance Service, Officers from The Metropolitan Police and representatives from Talk Consent.

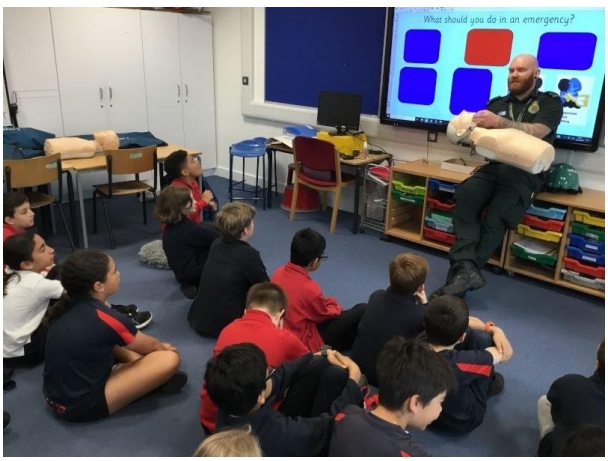
The children enjoyed learning about first aid and what to do in an emergency. They discussed mobile phone and internet safety with the Police and they talked about the importance of consent and explored scenarios relating to this.

We're very grateful to our visitors for making this such and interesting and informative day!


Word Association Game






What should you do in an emergency?





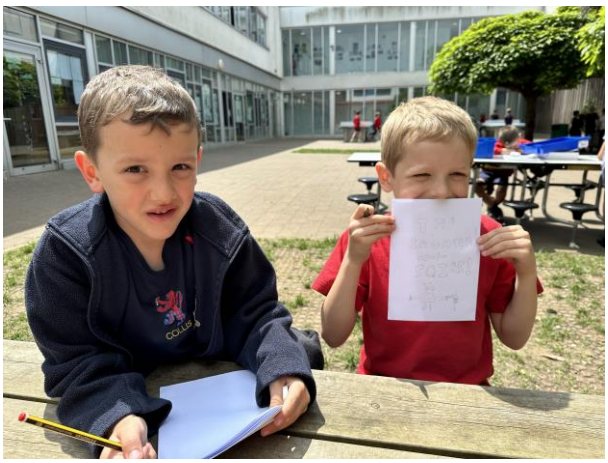


The Play Team

On Monday, some members of the Play Team led a whole school assembly. They shared some important messages about staying safe at play time and following our Playground Charter. They wrote the script themselves and gave up their own time to practice! It was brilliant! During the assembly they shared photos of children enjoying our OPAL equipment, take a look at the exciting games going on at Collis.











Administration Assistant role at Collis

Collis Primary School Newsletter - Job Vacancy Announcement

We are excited to announce an opportunity to join our vibrant School Office team as an Administration Assistant, starting from September 2024. This position is essential to our front desk and communication operations, offering a warm and welcoming face to our school community. We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed candidate to fill this vital role. Detailed information about the post is available on Eteach here.

This vacancy arises as we bid farewell to Cherryll Williams, a long-serving member of our team, who will be leaving at the end of this term after 37 years of dedicated service. We extend our sincerest appreciation to Cherryll for her invaluable contributions, time, skills, and expertise that have significantly enriched our school community.

Attendance Matters



Collis Subject Focus - Computing

At Collis, we believe Computing is vital for preparing children in our fast-evolving technological world. Our focus is on equipping them to be creators, problem solvers, and computational thinkers. Aligned with the National Curriculum, we emphasise Computer Science, Digital Literacy, and Information Technology, setting high expectations for all with a commitment to equity and inclusion. Our curriculum is carefully sequenced, integrating Computational Thinking skills and exceeding standard expectations.

Diversity is central; we highlight role models from varied backgrounds, challenging stereotypes. Recognising diverse experiences, we provide Cultural Capital through our Coding Club and Crumble microcomputers. Implementation fosters growth mindsets, self-belief, and resilience, utilising strategies like Building Learning Power Skills and the PRIMM structure.

Assessment for Learning techniques ensure engagement, while continuous professional development keeps our teaching strategies current. The impact is evident: students enjoy computing, confidently expressing what they've learned. Monitoring tools, including AfL, inform our improvement cycle. Our inclusive coding club reflects diversity.

Walking into a Collis computing lesson reveals proficient technology users, effective communication, safety awareness, and students embracing challenges. At Collis, we're not just teaching Computing; we're shaping future tech leaders in a thriving learning environment. more details

SAFEGUARDING AND ONLINE SAFETY



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ...Healthy Friendships



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ADHD Embrace

ADHD Embrace

Do you find the challenges of family life or a particular issue get you down? Our Family Support Worker runs one to one advice clinics to provide you with resources and tools on a wide range of questions including help with family dynamics, mental health, managing behaviour/emotions, organisation and executive function, school accommodations to SEN pupils, school avoidance, school selection, treatment options for ADHD, understanding ADHD and pre-diagnosis support.

Advice Clinic's are currently free for residents of Richmond & Kingston boroughs. There is a charge of £75 for those living outside of Richmond and Kingston boroughs.

Click here for more information.

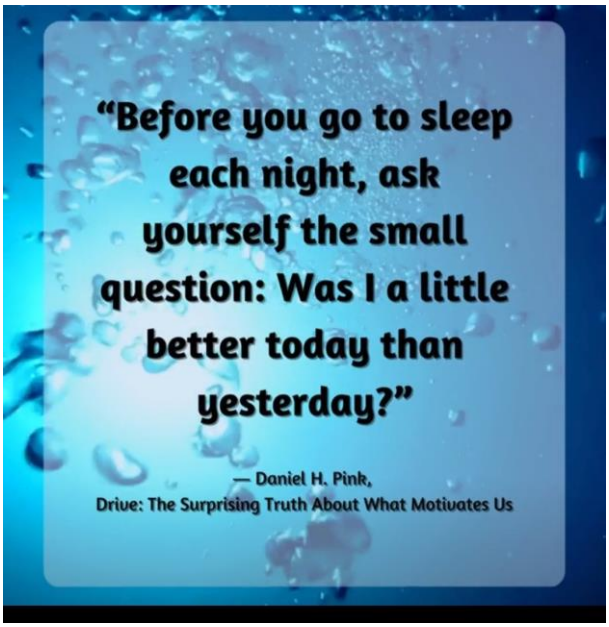
The BLP and Good Sport Cups



The BLP Cup: The cup goes to all children who did their phonics tests this week.

The Good Sport Cup: This week the cup goes to Lions Class 1M for great sharing and listening during their PE lesson.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Teacher's Pet - Heather Busby-Steers (Safeguarding and CATS)





This is Marlie, our 12 year old Jack Russell Terrier. We've had Marlie since she was 6 weeks old. She's a pampered pooch who loves the Beach and her Teddy Bear that she's had since she was 6 months old. Marlie is very treat driven and will give you her paw, do high five and high ten for a treat all day long!

CSA



COLLIS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Bounce-a-thon update

On 17th May our children bounced their socks off to raise funds for a new play mound. You smashed our fundraising target by raising **£5,031.06** (and this is excluding gift aid)!

Most of the funds will go to the new mound, while £500 will contribute towards the shortfall in funding for the Year 6 Wicked trip (as they won't benefit from the mound).

Thank you to the organisers, volunteers, staff, jumpers and donators - what a fab team effort! Design and location options will now be explored with the children. Watch this space!

How to get involved with the CSA - top tip #3 - Give As You Earn (GAYE)

The Give As You Earn (GAYE) scheme is a tax efficient way of giving to a registered charity of your choice via the Charities Aid Foundation. It's tax efficient as your employer will donate from your pre-tax salary. If this is of interest please check if your employer has a scheme (most do). You can download this letter from the CSA if requested by your employer. Thanks so much!

Introducing Classlist

You may be aware that we have been piloting the parent portal Classlist over the last few months. We are now ready to roll it out to the wider parent and carer community. This two minute demo video provides a handy overview of the key features. We hope this will build a stronger and more connected parent community across school as well as improving CSA communications and streamlining our work.

Parents of new starters will receive a pre-approved invite email shortly. Everyone else will receive the email in September. You can then decide whether to join and what data you would like to share. If you don't wish to receive this invitation please let us by the end of this term by emailing csa.teddington@gmail.com. More information is available at www.classlist.com including the Privacy Notice, which explains how personal information is managed and protected.

If you can't wait, you can also join Classlist immediately here!

More information about the benefits of Classlist and responses to pilot feedback can be found in the June 2024 CSA update found in this week's newsletter .

CSA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Reception Uniform sale moves from 1st July to 20th June - before and after reception curriculum meeting

CSA meeting moves from 8th July to 19th July at 9am in the Colliseum Hall.

CSA Charity Cake Sale: Thursday 11th July after school

CSA Vacancies

We have a number of open roles to fill and we'd love you to get involved. Your support and time will make a HUGE difference and help raise lots of funds for the school too! Please see what's available and signup if you can. Thank you 😁

see vacancies at: **link**

TERM DATES 2024 - click



THE GOVERNING BODY - click



COMMUNITY NOTICES




BOOK SIGNING!
How to be a...
Genius Kid
FACTS ARE COOOL, GUYS
Get brainy with zero effort!
Waldo Pancake
a.k.a. Jim Smith, creator of
Barry Loser
Sat June 15th, 11am-1pm
Waterstones Teddington

Dramacube


Dramacube
Encanto
MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP
ENCANTO INSPIRED MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR 6-12 YEAR OLDS
Sunday 30th June 2pm - 4pm
Cabbage Patch Pub
Twickenham - TW1 3SZ
£6.50 per child
LIMITED PLACES. BOOK AT
DRAMACUBE.CO.UK/A-TASTE-OF-TWICKENHAM
SCAN TO BOOK WORKSHOP
DRAMACUBE WORKSHOP PART OF
a taste of Twickenham
SUMMER STREET PARTY



Filled with drama games, singing and dancing, these single sessions are a brilliant way for children to experience the magic of musical theatre at a very affordable price.

Encanto inspired workshop at Taste Of Twickenham Summer Event

Sunday 30th June

2pm - 4pm

Cabbage Patch Pub, Twickenham

£6.50 per child

Go to: link for more information

Mini Musicals Taster Sessions

Saturday 6th July or 13th July

9am - 10.30am or 10.35am - 12noon

United Reformed Church - Hampton Hill.

£6.50 per child

Go to: link for more information

Richmond upon Thames Swim Sessions: Summer Splash

Make a splash in Richmond upon Thames this summer

Richmond Council are offering free swim crash courses for children in Years 5, 6 and 7 who are unable to swim 25m confidently or perform safe self-rescue.

Summer Splash General Swim sessions are also available for any child under 16 at the discounted rate of just £1 which can be redeemed with a valid **Leisure and Youth Card**.

The Summer Splash programme will run at Teddington Pools and Pools on the Park.

Find out more about the **Summer Splash offer**.

The Exchange, Twickenham



The Great Belzoni

29 June, 2.30 pm & 7 pm | 30 June, 2.30 pm | £10 - £12

The Great Belzoni is back with a new case to solve … A brilliant spoof whodunnit uncovering the mystery of the disappearance of the Oggetto d'arte from The British Museum! Book tickets by pressing: link

Forest Tales in school holidays

