

Headlines

We have now completed our first full week back of the term at Collingwood and I have been delighted to see the smiling faces, the impressive work and the great friendships from all our pupils as we begin a new school year. There has already been so much going on as the children settle into their classes and their new routines. Along with the newsletter, we do try to capture many of the special moments on our social media channels, so do look on our Facebook and Twitter pages and my own Twitter feed, which is @LHardieCHead

As the school year begins, there are some exciting new initiatives that aim to encapsulate the Collingwood spirit and our mission. You may have already heard me mention the Collingwood 'Tree of Virtues' that is growing in the entrance hall and will soon be ready to grow the named leaves of our brilliant children. The 'Collingwood Way Award' will be a programme overseen by Mr Sitch for the older pupils as they gain important life skills and accreditation for their achievements. Furthermore, we have re-written the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum and personalised it for our own school - a summary of this can be seen now on our website <http://collingwoodschool.org.uk/psche/>

I hope you will agree we have a unique and special education at Collingwood, led by our inspiring teachers. We look forward to some exciting times ahead!



Mr Leigh Hardie, Head

Celebration Assembly

Well done to our stars of this week!



Stars of the Week

Kindergarten	Bolu	Drama	Talulla
Reception	Pipe	DT	Hannah
Year 1	Austin	Music	Ellie
Year 2	Amelia L	Sport	Macy
Year 3	Daisy	MFL	Maxime
Year 4	Ethan	Art	Peter R
Year 5	Max F	House	Nelson & Wellington
Year 6	James Wi		



Thought of the WEEK

At Collingwood, we actively encourage the children to think and discuss abstract ideas and concepts. We aim to develop their thinking and listening skills and also to develop how they articulate their thoughts verbally. Each week, there is a thoughtful saying, a motivational phrase or a proverb to stimulate these class discussions. Please do join in at home and talk about the latest thought-provoking quote.

Tell me, I forget.

Show me, I remember.

Involve me, I understand.

Chinese proverb

Welcome Back!



Welcome back to a new Collingwood school year! The children have been excitedly catching up with all their summer news and reaffirming friendships. Our Senior Prefects have been enjoying greeting children and parents on the gate in the morning and welcoming everyone back.



This year at Collingwood, we aim to bring education alive even further by taking the children outside the classroom to stimulate their learning and get more fresh air inside them!

We would like you to help us with this project, along with your children. We need more 'natural' resources to keep as resource banks in our own school garden. These will be used for Maths, Science, Art, Language activities and much more.

Autumn is a great time for this collecting to begin. If you are out in the park or woods, we would love you to bring in collections of nature's goodies - conkers, twigs, acorns, pine cones, sycamore seeds, etc all make great resources. We always tell the children that they should not be picking flowers or breaking off living trees, but so much can be found on the ground anyway. Do bring your findings into school so they can be added to our natural Collingwood collection.



In school, the children learn about all aspects of online safety and appropriate behaviour. We are always keen to support parents in any way that we can and there will continue to be regular updates over the year, providing useful advice and links. After a long summer of keeping children occupied, we know that it can be a constant challenge for parents to manage a suitable balance with regards to 'screen time' for the boys and girls. Please see the helpful poster attached that gives us as parents some handy tips.



We will be holding our annual coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 28th September from 3.20pm in the school gym. Please do join us for a drink and a slice of cake, all to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. The event is very popular and is an ideal opportunity to chat to your fellow parents. If you are inspired by the *Great British Bake Off* and able to bake a cake to support the sale, please do let Mrs Butler know.

Our wonderful PTA will also be selling second hand uniform at the event.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
JOIN THE
PTA**

AGM 2018

At Collingwood every parent is automatically a member of the PTA and officers will be elected at the PTA AGM on **Wednesday 19th September at 7pm** at the School. Do come along and find out what the PTA is all about and see how you might be able to help. The position of "Chair" will be currently vacant

This week at Collingwood



3A make tree artwork inspired by the Collingwood Tree



4A's outdoor maths learning



Fencing demonstration from Little Musketeers



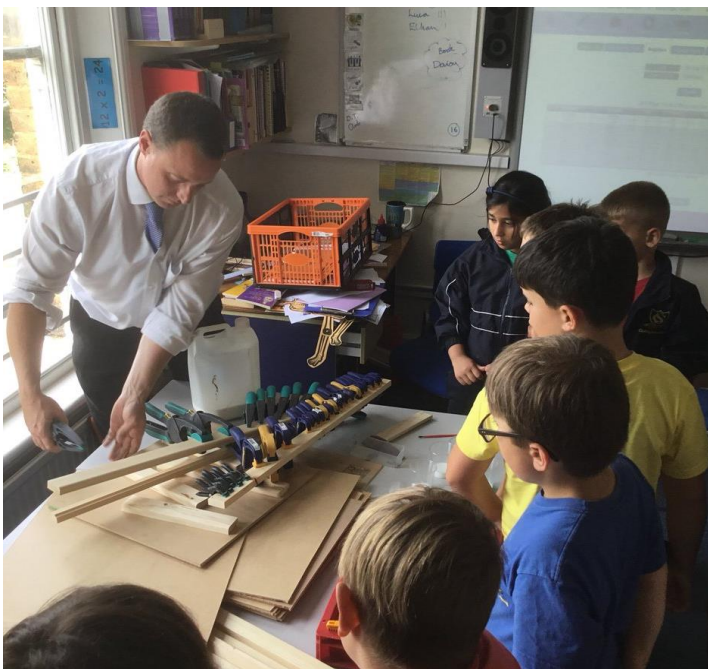
6A learning all about the new Collingwood Way award



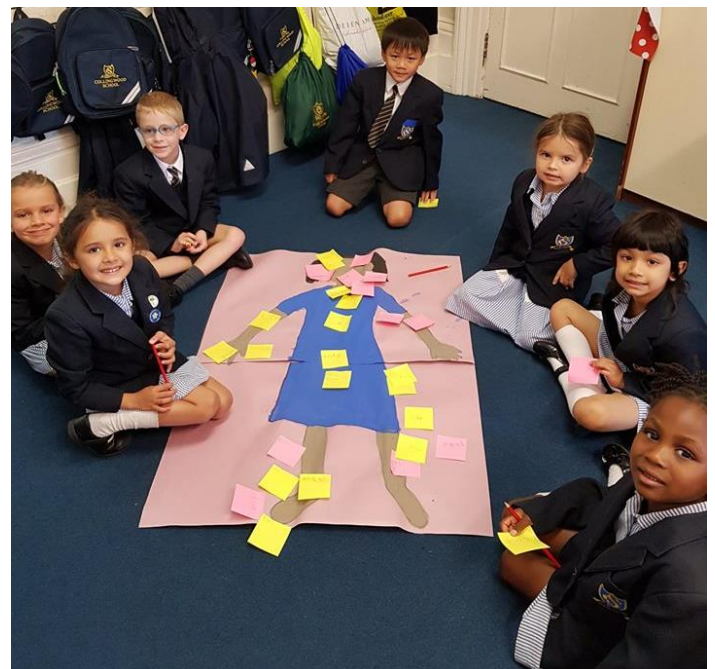
The Collingwood Tree is taking shape!



Meet our new Digital Leaders!



Our exciting new Design Technology lessons are proving popular!



1A had fun drawing a human body and naming the parts with coloured paper

6 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

SCREEN TIME



1. RULES

Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about screen time.



2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour



3. PHONE FREE ZONE

Restrict the use of TV's, mobile phones and computers in the bedroom!



4. CHARGING PHONES

Buy an alarm clock for your child's room and charge mobile phones in your room!



5. DIGITAL DETOX

One evening a week have a family digital detox and plan a family activity!



6. JOIN IN

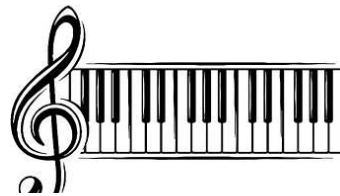
Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

Music Notes



Exam Success!

At the end of the Summer term four Collingwood pupils took their ABRSM music examinations. It is extremely pleasing to report that all our children passed their exams with flying colours. Well done to Ethan L, Demilade, Nancy and Talulla for their impressive achievements!



Instrumental Tuition

There are a few spaces left for music lessons, and these will be offered on a first come first served basis. Instruments on offer at Collingwood now include piano, violin, cello, trumpet, flute, oboe, recorder, drum kit, percussion, guitar and voice. Application forms are available from the School Office. Lessons last for 30 minutes and rotate during the school day so children will not miss the same academic lesson each week.



Choirs

The Senior Choir (Years 3-6) will rehearse on Tuesday lunchtimes (12:00-12:30pm) and the Junior Choir (Reception and Years 1-2) on Tuesday afternoons (1:00-1:30pm), preparing for performances including the Harvest Festival, the Sutton Music Festival and the Carol Service.

Key dates

Wednesday 19 th September	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly & Workshop PTA AGM 7pm
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Event – 3.20pm Second Hand Uniform Sale at Coffee Event
Friday 5 th October	Year 6 TFL Safety Talk
Tuesday 9 th October	Year 2 Scooter Training Flu Immunisation – Reception to Y5
Wednesday 10 th October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm
Thursday 11 th October	Bentley Photographic Individual Portraits
Saturday 13 th October	Open Morning
Friday 2 nd November	4A Trip to Battle Abbey
Tuesday 6 th November	Netball Tournament Parent Consultations – Year 1, 2, 3 and 5
Friday 9 th November	6A Assembly - Remembrance
Monday 12 th November	Parent Consultations – Kindergarten, Reception, Year 4 & 6
Friday 16 th November	4A Assembly
Friday 23 rd November	3A Assembly Sutton Music Service Choir Competition (time tbc)
Friday 30 th November	5A Assembly
Thursday 6 th December	Christmas Production – Reception and KS1 2pm
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Production – Reception and KS1 2pm
Monday 10 th December	Last swim for Years 1 to 6
Thursday 13 th December	Carol Service 5,30pm

Future term dates:**Autumn Term 2018**

Half Term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October inclusive

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 29th March 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February inclusive

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Tuesday 9th July 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May