

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

20th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

During free choice time, some of the children in Rainbow have been practising important social skills such as turn-taking, sharing, and requesting more during motivating interactions and games. Well done, Rainbow!



Blossom

Gabrielle has been thriving during our Phonics 'Silly Soup' sessions! She is anticipating what sensory item is coming next and when staff showed the symbol for soap, she verbally repeated it back! We are all extremely proud of you Gabrielle, well done!



Rose

Ariana has been matching symbols to objects in her phonics lessons this week! Well done, Ariana!



Pink

Lucus has impressed staff this week being an amazing chair monitor, helping to stack the chairs each night. Well done!



Scarlet

This week we celebrated St Patrick's Day as part of cultural exploration! Luna loved engaging in our coloured money pot, mark making activity and enjoyed using her fingers to create a rainbow! Well done, Luna!



Ruby

This week, in Ruby class, we have been experimenting with coloured water and had fun mixing primary colours to reveal secondary colours. Tyler did a great job with his commenting and said, "Red and blue makes purple".



Lavender

This week in Lavender Class, we have been working hard in our afternoon phonics lesson. Harry has been doing some great segmenting and blending of words including 'kick' and 'cup'. He has been listening closely to the sounds and is starting to vocalise the answers when asked. Well done, Harry!



Sage

Aliyah has impressed staff during phonics lessons this week. She has started to blend and write phase 4 words and was able to confidently select the correct picture from a choice of four after an adult wrote a word on the whiteboard.



Mint

Well done to Dillon for perseverance with his phonics skills throughout this half term. Staff are so proud of your determination and progress!

Jade

Jade had a lovely Art session this week and enjoyed making blossom trees with pink, white and red paint using cotton buds to replicate the blossom! Then we went out onto the discovery park to see if we could see any real blossom trees!



Emerald

This week, children enjoyed a fantastic cooking session where they learned how to make a delicious pasta bake!

First, children used peelers to carefully peel the vegetables, practising their fine motor skills and learning how to use kitchen tools safely. They then used knives to chop the garlic, showing great focus and care while preparing the ingredients. They took turns grating cheese for the topping and used a tin opener to open the chopped tomatoes for the sauce. It was wonderful to see everyone working together and some children even had a little taste!



Forest

This week, the children have had fun exploring the new resources in the outdoor area. Mason showed great interest in the mark-making wooden leaves, where he drew a SpongeBob character and wrote his name on it.



Teal

Teal class had a lovely time at Washington Wetland Centre. We looked at birds and ducks, did a pond dipping session and then watched the otters being fed! The children represented Columbia Grange well, demonstrating great behaviour and listening,



Navy

Navy class have been showing off their climbing, balance and coordination skills this week in P.E. The children were very brave and demonstrated just how resilient they are. Shay, Ollie and Bobby were fearless! Well done Navy Class!



The Nest

The Nest have had a lovely week, developing their understanding of primary colours, investigating what colours we can make if we mix two primary colours together! The children have also been developing their independence skills in washing their own hands after a messy art activity. We are especially proud of Lilly, Bear and Leo for going to wash their hands without any prompting from an adult!





On Friday, the children had great fun taking part in their Sponsored Splat, raising money for Comic Relief. So far, we have made over £1600 for this great cause. Thank you for your incredibly kind donations!

Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
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
26.3.26	Deadline for football top competition	Whole school
27.3.26	Wear sports clothes or their favourite sports team's kit	Whole school
2.4.26	Last day of term	Whole School
3.4.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Ruby and Lavender with 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	88%	86%	90%	88%	94%	100%	100%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	95%	87%	86%	91%	84%	93%	98%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Poppy: For engaging in group sessions, consistently using communication boards and responding to interactions with the adults. Amazing Poppy!
Blossom	Quinn: For joining in during our Makaton song and trying his best to sign the words to 5 Little Penguins! Well done, Quinn!
Rose	Roman: For using a communication book independently to request a desired toy.
Pink	Alia: For showing a keen interest in spending time with adults, laughing and imitating some actions.
Scarlet	Louis: For trying hard to engage in all activities this week and listening to staff. Well done!
Ruby	Georgia: For consistently remaining regulated when accessing the outdoor area and exploring the new mud kitchen using her role play skills.
Lavender	Joseph: For excellent blending in Phonics, well done!
Sage	Fynley: For fantastic work during his writing session!
Mint	Sophia: For fantastic work in our PHSE Stranger Danger sessions. Sophia is working hard on identifying people she knows and those she doesn't know (strangers). Well done, Sophia!
Jade	Jack: For having a settled week and doing fantastic in his dough disco sessions!
Emerald	Max: For lovely interactions with staff and peers all week during team games.
Forest	Courtney: For joining in P.E. and following simple instructions.
Teal	Nathan: For demonstrating great behaviour on our trip this week!

Navy	Oliver: For demonstrating his impressive art skills by helping his friends mix tones and tints. Beautiful work!
The Nest	Poppy: For fantastic work in her Maths sessions and for having such a positive week in The Nest. Well done, Poppy! 😊

It has been another great week in school with classes out on trips, developing independence skills and raising money for Red Nose Day. Thank you for your continued support and the extremely kind donations. We are grateful to have such a supportive community of parents and extended families at Columbia Grange!

Enjoy the weekend,

J. Lines

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