

# Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

## This week at Columbia Grange...

### The Nest

Over the last few weeks, we have been taking our maths learning outside and enjoyed going on an animal hunt through the Discovery Park! We searched for the animals hiding up high and down low, then marked them off on our tally sheet.



### Rainbow 1

Rainbow 1 have been working hard on their maths, working on developing an understanding of “in” and “out”. The children especially loved applying these skills in the role play washing machine to wash their school uniform.



### Rainbow 3

Connor has been doing fantastic with his communication and independence skills. He has been using the toilet PECs symbol to communicate that he needs the toilet. Well done, Connor!

### Scarlet

This week in Scarlet, the children made their very own sensory bottles with pasta, pom poms, rice, water and feathers. Children also enjoyed using the communication box to ask for different toys, had fun with using the foot spa, and in Maths looked at the concept of big and small.

### Jade

Jade have been finding out about different birds! The children wanted to make sure that the local birds have enough food so decided to make some bird feeders! They hung the feeders on trees and hope the birds enjoy their snacks!



### Emerald

This week Emerald class created their dog kennels in line with our Paws, Claws and Whiskers topic. The children followed their designs to build their dog kennels and requested colours using communication boards. The children independently collected their own resources for the task and made their own decision about which painting tools they would use. We then discussed different ways we can take care of our dogs and how we should treat them.



### Navy

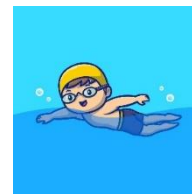
Over the past few weeks the children from Navy class have been working on movement and dance in PE lessons. Children have performed as astronauts and aliens travelling through space and exploring different planets. The children really enjoyed these sessions and have been working together really well. Great work Navy class!



## Reminders:

### Swimming:

Swimming for Emerald, Forest and Rainbow 3 classes will resume. Please ensure children bring their swimming kit to school.



### Non-Uniform Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February will be non-uniform day. Children are invited to dress to express and can wear their favourite outfit or something which shows off their likes and interests. To reflect the learning that is taking place next week in school around the idea of well-being and self-care, we are asking for donations which will go directly to Washington Mind who host a range of sessions focusing on self-care and well-being, as well as counselling services, for those within the local area.

**Attendance:** Well done to Emerald who are our attendance winners this week! Let's aim for 100% next week!

Class	Rainbow 1	Rainbow 2	Rainbow 3	Rose	Scarlet	Ruby	Pink
Attendance	90%	95%	95%	95%	90%	90%	82%
	Sage	Mint	Emerald	Jade	Forest	Royal	Navy
Attendance	95%	90%	96%	91%	84%	88%	95%

Class	Star of the Week
<b>Rainbow 1</b>	Joshua: For amazing reading and matching in the 'look what we can find' book! Ugo: For singing the wheels on the bus independently while we were on the bus!
<b>Rainbow 2</b>	Roman: For independently identifying his wellies and putting them on himself!
<b>Rainbow 3</b>	Connor: For fantastic use of PECs to request to go to the toilet!
<b>Rose</b>	Jayden: For independently exchanging a symbol at snack time without a prompt, using his voice and responding well to the routine of the classroom. Well done Jayden!
<b>Scarlet</b>	Zoltan: For excellent communication using PECs to request for bubbles!
<b>Ruby</b>	Noah: For trying hard to communicate with adults this week!
<b>Pink</b>	George: For brilliant work in all areas of his learning - is a great role model!
<b>Sage</b>	John: For using the toilet and wearing big boy pants all week! Well done John!
<b>Emerald</b>	Charlie: For excellent phonics work on the Discovery Park!
<b>Jade</b>	Frankie: For being kind to his friends – giving cuddles, making his friends laugh and pushing his friends on the swings when they asked!
<b>Forest</b>	Lily: For requesting sensory regulation when she needed it!
<b>Royal</b>	Daniel: For working on his self-regulation strategies and being kind to his friends!
<b>Navy</b>	Dylan: For being a kind friend to others and supporting them during their work.
<b>The Nest</b>	Vinnie: For using communication boards to make some beautiful sentences.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all next week!

*J. Lines*

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