

Colton History Society



Saint Mary's School

Time Capsule Project

Head Teacher's Report



St. Mary's Church of England Primary School
Colton

Head Teacher's Report June 2009.

Number on Roll	53	Attendance	95%
Number of Teachers	2.6		
Number of Teaching Assistants	2	Free School Meals	5.8%

Teaching Staff

Class Responsibility

Mr P J Lovern	Executive Headteacher
Mr K Williams	Deputy Headteacher Class 3 Years 4, 5 and 6
Miss K Allister	Class 2 Years 1, 2 and 3
Mrs Low	Class 1 Foundation

Staffing News

Miss Carrie Lucas was appointed on a permanent contract of 27 hours per week to support a child with autism.

Mrs Turner returned to work on a part time basis after her maternity leave to support PPA time and Miss Allister was given a permanent contract.

Miss Emma MacBride and Miss Louise Johnson have been appointed on temporary contracts starting in September 2009.

Learning Support Assistants

Class

Responsibility

Mrs K Mason Full time	2	Hearing impaired child Support Staff Governor
Miss C Lucas 27 hours	1	Autistic spectrum child

School Secretary and Bursar

Mrs A Outhwaite 30 hours	Health and Safety Coordinator
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Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs J Freeman
Mrs D Bateman

Kitchen Staff

Mrs K Davies Mrs J Cowcill	Cook-in-charge
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Cleaners

Mrs P Gladwin

Care Club

Miss C Lucas Supervisor

Mrs J Freeman
Mrs J Cowcill

Supply Cover

Supply cover has been provided by Mrs Low, Mrs Grewer, Mrs Turner and Miss Johnson

Staffing

Class 1	Mrs Low	Foundation	Class Total 20
Class 2	Miss Allister	Years 1, 2 and 3	Class Total 21
Class 3	Mrs Williams	Years 4, 5 and 6	Class Total 18

Number on role 59

Curriculum Teams

Core Subject Team

<i>Chair Person</i>	Mr P Lovern
Mathematics	Mrs K Williams
English	Mr C Gaffiney
Science	
ICT	Mr C Gaffiney
	Miss L Derry

Assessment Team

<i>Chair Person</i>	Mr P Lovern
Deputy head teachers	Mrs K Williams
	Mr C Gaffiney
SENCOS	Mrs K Williams

Creative Team

<i>Chair Person</i>	Mrs K Williams
Geography	
History	Miss D Davis
Art	Miss K Allister and Miss D Davis
D & T	Miss K Allister
Music	Mrs Kathy Mason
	Mrs Linda Rich

Social & Cultural Team

<i>Chair Person</i>	Mr C Gaffiney
Religious Education	Mrs J Low
Physical Education	Mrs J Low
	Miss L Derry
PSHE	Mrs L Crisp
MFL	Mrs E Smith
	Mrs D Mahmoudzadeh
	Miss N Holdcroft
	Mrs Faye Ford

Early Years Team

Chair Person

Mrs E Wakefield
Mrs P Hupfield
Mrs J Low

Admissions – March 2009 – June 2009

We welcome Elizabeth Bailey, Rosie-Mae Brazier, Harry Peake and Molly Wilson to Pre-reception, Nicole Voyce to Reception, Jordan Bayliss to Year 2, Megan Gibbs to Year 3 and Chloe Marinkovic to Year 4.

We said goodbye to Taylor and Denver Bradburn from Class 1

Finance

We continue to work closely with Jeanette Taylor – Finance Officer.

Peripatetic Music

The children continue to have the opportunity to develop their musical expertise with our peripatetic clarinet teacher Mrs Lynne Dutton.

Class 3 will be performing in the K2M concert in Burton upon Trent on 10th July.

Extra – Curricular Activities

Year 6 booster classes organised by Mrs Williams.

Sports Club organised by Mrs Low

Internet Café organised by Mrs Williams.

Gardening Club organised by Mrs Low

My thanks go to all members of staff who give time to take after school and lunchtime clubs.

Our Community

We continue to encourage close links between St. Mary's Church, the school family and the community as well as our feeder schools and cluster school colleagues.

Reverend Leonardi and Reverend Davis are regular visitors to school and we all look forward to them taking our Act of Worship and us visiting Church.

The Church was full for our Easter service.

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has been a huge success and has engaged the whole community. The vegetable plots are superb and are now yielding an abundant crop. My thanks go to Mrs Low for coordinating this project and to the parents and children who attend the club on Friday evenings. Many hours of hard work has been given and this is very much appreciated, I am looking forward to us being able to incorporate the vegetable plots into our curricular planning.

Open Gardens

The Open Gardens project, which was organised by Mrs Carol Richards, was held on Sunday 21st June. The day was a wonderful community event and has raised funds for the PTA. Many thanks go to all the numerous volunteers who helped on the day and beforehand but especially to Mrs Turner and Mrs Rachel Bayliss.

School and County Links

I continue to attend the Trent Cluster, Rugeley and John Taylor Headteachers meetings.

Mrs Low represents the school as The Primary Link teacher for the Hagley Park Sports Partnership.

SAT's

All our Year 6 pupils undertook the Standard Assessment Tests for Year 6 in May. The results of these should be with us by the end of this term.

As previous years, End of Key Stage 1 data will be based on teacher assessment.

PTA

The PTA continue to work tirelessly for the school and have supported in a number of ways. The children have enjoyed PTA Discos and the Gardening Club from very generous donations. The sports day was very successful which was partly due to the refreshments that were served by the ladies of the PTA.

Outdoor Classroom

I am thrilled to report that the bid for LCVAP funding has been successful and we have been given £24,000 to support the project. We have also, with the help of Mrs Bayliss been able to secure a further £4000 from the Royal Bank of Scotland's Supergrounds programme, which is absolutely fantastic. Thanks go to Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Williams for making this happen.

Sports

The school has taken part in numerous sporting events.

- Inter Rugeley Schools Cross Country – We came 4th out of 13 schools which is a huge achievement when you consider the size of our school.
- Trent Cluster Netball Tournament – We won!
- Trent Cluster Athletics – We won!
- The Rugeley Schools Netball Tournament
- Trent Cluster Football Tournament.

We were also fortunate to receive professional tennis coaching during curriculum time.

Music and Drama

Tamsin Little, the world famous violinist, entertained the children in Key Stage 2.

Miss Allister and Mrs Mason received samba drum training and the children have had the pleasure of using the Samba Kit in school.

The Manchester Camerata will be visiting school to entertain the children on Wednesday 24th June.

The children will be performing Romeo and Juliet on Wednesday 8th July at 2pm and Thursday 9th July at 7pm.

Rugeley Charter Fair

On Saturday 6th June, the children performed in a choir of children from the Rugeley Primary Schools. Unfortunately the weather was particularly poor however this didn't dampen the children's spirits and made me very proud of them. Huge thanks go to the children and parents who attended in the rain!

Community Use

The Produce Guild has used the school hall as a meeting place this term.

Internet Café

We continue to offer the facility of an Internet Café to the parishioners of Colton. My thanks go to Mrs Williams for giving of her time to organise and run this extended community activity.

Early Years

Phil Russell replaces Pauline Gay as our Early Years advisor.

Joy Biddel from the Local Authority has moderated our Foundation Stage Profile scores this year.

Gifted and Talented

Two pupils have been involved with the Rugeley Schools Gifted and Talented programme for Physical Education and another two have received ICT tuition from the Small Schools ICT programme.

Transition

The Year Six children have been involved in transition projects organised by Staffordshire Police and Fair Oak Business and Enterprise College.

Renaissance Group

The Rugeley Renaissance group very kindly gave the school £500 to support our work. Mrs Williams and myself attended a formal presentation on behalf of the school when we were presented with a cheque.

Joint Activities

Training

Continuing Professional Development has been focussed on Assessment for Learning, Assessing Pupil Progress in Mathematics, Writing, Creative Curriculum and ICT

Monitoring and Evaluation

There has been a planned programme of lesson observations in order to evaluate the quality of teaching and learning in literacy, numeracy and general provision. Mrs Orchard has also undertaken a series of joint lesson observations with myself.

All lessons at both schools were given a good or excellent grading.

The children's progress has also been discussed with class teachers and appropriate intervention strategies implemented for those children causing concern.

The children's work and teacher's planning have been scrutinised and recommendations made.

Creative Curriculum

This terms topics are

Foundation Stage	Space
Key Stage 1	Now and Then
Key Stage 2	What Makes The Weather Angry?

Science Day

The joint Science Day was a huge success.

Dyslexia Friendly Verification Days

I am pleased to report that both schools have been awarded Full Dyslexia Friendly Status. Thanks go to all staff but in particular to Mrs Williams, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Piggott for making this happen.

Anti-bullying report

There have been no reported incidences of bullying.

Pediatric First Aid

Mrs Crisp, Miss Lucas, Mrs Low and myself have all been trained in Peadeactric First Aid. This was undertaken with the John Taylor Community and Learning Partnership over four evenings.

Food Hygene

Mrs Benwell, Mrs Hupfield, Miss Lucas and Mrs Low have all been trained in Food Hygene and have passed the compulsory assessment. Congratulations to all of them.

Young People's Lifestyle Survey

Our Year 5 and 6 children have taken part in a national survey, which focussed on the lifestyles of young people. A report will follow.

E-Safety

All our Key stage 2 children watched a play about E-Safety. This was well received by all the children and has helped us to raise awareness of this important topic.

Lichfield Heritage Centre

Class 3 from St. Mary's and Class 4 from Richard Crosse visited the Exhibition on Light at the centre. The trip was useful as it consolidated the work completed in school.

Video Conferencing

Staff from both schools have received further training on the use of video conferencing. This training was fully funded by Mrs Orchard, Small Schools Advisor.

Young Enterprise

Year 6 children from both schools have enthusiastically embarked upon their financial literacy lessons and are ready to start selling their stationery. Hopefully both groups will have a profitable return!

Faith Trails

Key Stage 2 children visited Derby to

Open Door

The Years 5 & 6 children from both schools took part in the Open Door Project at Lichfield Cathedral. The children's work from this visit can be seen in the reception areas of both schools.

Website Training

My thanks go to Mr Graham Swift for delivering training on how to use the School's websites to all teaching staff. The training was superb and staff are more confident in uploading homework etc. to the site.

Deputy Headteachers

Both deputies continue to attend the County Deputy Headteacher's updates.

Health and Safety

Mr Dean Willetts, the Health and Safety Advisor for both schools visited in order to share with Mrs Outhwaite, Mrs Crisp and myself the latest health and safety requirements.

Safeguarding

All staff and some Governors received Level 1 safeguarding training on Tuesday 9th June. Roz Randle delivered this training from Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board.



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