



Barley Lane Newsletter

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“Believe in yourself, learn together, persevere and succeed”

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the halfway point of this academic year, it's time to celebrate what our children have achieved so far. Our children and staff have all worked incredibly hard in all aspects of school life. Our focus this half term has been on the arts, with participation in a Winter Arts Festival, visits to the National Gallery and O2 arena, choir performances at school, a visiting hip-hop artist and three wonderful class assemblies from 2W, 2B and 5H. We haven't neglected sport, with participation in a number of competitions outside school. In addition to this, our maths week and wellbeing week were very successful! I wish all of our families a wonderful half term break and hope you enjoy the spring weather. See you on the 25th February for an action packed second half term!

Mr Henry

Year 5 & 6 Football Match

by Isa, 5L



On Monday Year 5 played Year 6 in an exciting match that left the Year 6's catching their breath. Year 6 won 5-0, but for the Year 5's it didn't showcase how they played. It was a 9-a-side football match. The next match will be 7-a-side. Lewis, who is in 5H, had some amazing chances.



Yash came on as a super-sub and scored a penalty! Mr Logan was a good manager and he supported the team and I very much. The same to Mr McCarthy. Thank you Year 6 for an amazing match!

Half Term in Redbridge



Please take advantage of the sunny half term weather and get out and about in our wonderful city! Check out the Redbridge Library [Half Term Activities](#) page for information on

all of the activities taking place in our local libraries including lots of 'Bobbing Bots' coding sessions.

There are lots of children's activities available on the [Redbridge website](#) for leisure, sports, arts, including treasure hunts, multi-sports camps and magic. Finally, please have a read of your child's [curriculum topic web](#) on the school website to see what they are learning in spring, and whether you can have a day out in London to build on this learning!

Winter Arts Festival



This Year Barley Lane Primary School took part in



the Winter Arts Festival for the first time, alongside 6 other schools in the borough. A few weeks ago children from our Choir attended Fullwood Primary School to sing their

hearts out alongside other schools, while on Friday 17 children from across KS2 went to Cranbrook Primary School to participate in the dance competition and showcase their art entry.

All of the children did fantastically well, and enjoyed taking part. We were even awarded the bronze award for our art entry—thank you to Mrs Adam, Mr McCarthy and Mrs Agueralde for their hard work with the children!



Young Voices at the O2

On January 31st our school choir attended the biggest Schools Choir Concert ever "Young Voices 2019" at the O2 Arena. Along with more than 7000 children they had an amazing experience singing with famous stars like Tony Hadley, Sharlene Hector and Britain's Got Talent 2016 winner Beau Dermont! Our Choir enjoyed their singing and also have loads of fun dancing with Urban Straides! It was an amazing evening that teachers loved too!



Next Week's Assembly Theme



Compassion

Redbridge Tooth Friendly Nursery Scheme

Our nursery has signed up to the Tooth Friendly Nursery Scheme in Redbridge. The scheme involves working with nursery staff, the children and parents.



They will be coming into school on Friday 26th April to work with the children and meet parents to discuss the importance of brushing their teeth. Free toothbrushes will be given out at the parent session.

For morning nursery children, the parents meeting will be at 11am in the Junior Hall and for afternoon nursery children, the parents meeting will be at 2.45pm. We hope you will be able to attend.

Free Parenting Course at Barley Lane

Do you want to explore new ideas for bringing up confident, happy children? Join this fun and interesting course for all mums, dads, grandparents and carers, starting **Thursday 7th**

March 1-3pm. The course runs for 5 weeks and is free!



Book your place at the school office.

Year 1 CGP Book

The CGP book - **English Phonics Buster Revision Book** –is still available to purchase; you may find this useful to help support your child at home. You will find payment details on Parentpay, when payment is received the book will be sent to class.



Hearing & Vision Screening Reception Children

Reception children will be having Hearing and Vision Screening on **Thursday 7th March.**

Please complete the screening questionnaire and return to your child's class teacher if you have not already done so.

Attendance

Attendance week commencing 4/02/19—91.85%

KS2—4F 98.62%

Spring Dates for your Diary

March

5th-6th	Year 3 British Museum Visits
6th	Year 5-6 World Book Day Workshop
7th	World Book Day (<i>non-uniform</i>)
8th	International Women's Day KS1 and KS2 Annual Reports home Year 3-4 World Book Day Workshop
11th-15th	Science Week
12th	1R & 1D trip to Colchester Zoo
13th	1B & 1CH trip to Colchester Zoo
14th	Parent Consultation 2-7pm (<i>children finish school at 1:45</i>)
21st	World Down Syndrome Day

April

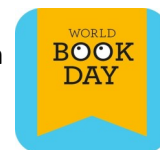
1st - 5th	Autism Awareness Week
5th	Last Day of Spring Term
23rd	Summer Term begins
29th	Year 4 Colchester Zoo trip

World Book Day

We have some exciting activities coming up for Book Week! On **Wednesday 6th March**, Year 5 and 6 children will take part in 'The lion, the witch and the wardrobe' workshop, while on **Friday 8th March** Year 3 will be 'creating a story' and Year 4 will participate in 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

To make payment for your child's workshop please find details on Parentpay.

We also have a **non-uniform day on Thursday 7th March**, we look forward to seeing all of your book themed costumes!



There are some new reading suggestions on the website for some holiday reading!

Year 1 Parent Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our phonics screening workshops yesterday. We had a great turnout early in the morning and the hall was full after school!

The powerpoint and key information is available on our school website by [clicking this link](#).