



Barley Lane Newsletter

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"Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed"

Year 6 Science Project

Year 6 have been exploring the scientific and geographic elements causing eruptions, with a focus on Mount Vesuvius being an active volcano. Jarnila 6C, with some help from her younger brother Jibrán, have been experimenting at home, and made a fantastic erupting volcano using ingredients such as vinegar and baking soda. Well done!



Street Tag Winners!



Congratulations to all the children, parents, and staff that have participated in season 1, Barley Lane finished in 3rd place on the Redbridge Leader board, and received a cheque for £50!

Season 2 has now started and it's not too late to join in, helping to keep us fit and active.

With Street Tag parents and children record the distance they walk, run, or cycle by collecting virtual tags with their smartphone at various locations, watching their total distance accumulate to climb up the Schools leaderboard; steps are converted into points by syncing their steps into the Street Tag app.

Please scan the QR code to join and let us know how you are getting on!



**Are you unable to work from home?
Have you been in contact with
someone who has tested positive?**

Get your rapid COVID-19 test now

- Lateral Flow Device tests are now available to residents with no COVID-19 symptoms. Please find more information at www.redbridge.gov.uk/gettested
- Currently, walk-in appointments are available 10am-7pm daily at Redbridge Central Library, Ilford, IG1 1BP and Wanstead Youth Centre, 144 Elmcroft Avenue, E11 2DB
- You do not need to book an appointment
- The tests are quick and convenient, delivering results in under 30 minutes
- If you test positive, you will be referred for another test at one of our permanent testing sites
- If you test negative, you still need to follow the Hands, Face, Space guidelines to #KeepRedbridgeSafe

1 in 3 people who test positive show no COVID-19 symptoms



Please ensure you wear a face covering when you attend a test centre



Hand sanitisers will be available across all of our venues

For further guidance and information on:

Well-being service and financial support visit
www.redbridge.gov.uk/well-being-service

If you are at risk and need emergency support contact 020 8708 5555

Mental health support
visit www.redbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-hub/your-health-and-well-being

www.facebook.com/redbridgelive

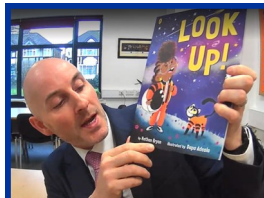
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www.instagram.com/redbridgecouncil

www.redbridge.gov.uk

Books Books Books!

This week, we've had online Story Time sessions from Mrs Knight, Miss Rafiq, Miss Riaz, Ms Gheewala and Mr Henry.



Thank you for your comments! You can revisit all of our Story Time sessions on our Purple Mash blog at any time!

Who will be reading to us next week?

Please make sure you are continuing to read for pleasure. There will be up to date book recommendations on our website soon, including new books being released at the end of January and early February. You can find the book recommendations for your child's year group [here](#).

Remote Learning

Our Remote Learning Policy and 'Information for Parents' document are available to read [here](#).





Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher's award postcard in recent weeks for their remote learning efforts. If the postcard hasn't arrived yet, it's in the post. Well done to everyone; keep up the great work!

Hiba - Nursery
Asiyah - Yellow
Saara - Yellow
Alison - Yellow
Millie - Yellow
Foorqan - Yellow
Zakariyah - Yellow
Ayla - Yellow
Kiaan - Yellow
Enosh - Yellow
Khadija - Yellow
Jessila - Yellow
Jayden - Yellow
Sarah - Yellow
Maria - Yellow
Ajeesh - Red
Zekia - Red
Khadijah - Blue
Anirudh - Blue
Yunus - Green
Mishelle - Green
Aasiyah - Green
Ahan - Green
Amelia - Green
Matas - Green
Osman - Green
Nusaybah - 1D
Farhaan - 1D
Harnav - 1D
Waasil - 1A
Norah - 1A
Nihira - 1A
Mehmet - 1A
Maya - 1M
Liyana - 1M
Ayaan - 1M
Tasin - 1M
Jibran - 1R

Makeda - 1R
Keyaan - 1R
Lucien - 1R
Lydia - 1R
Theodora - 1R
Devansh - 1R
Elsa - 1R
Laith - 1R
Amelia - 2A
Zahid - 2A
Alladad - 2A
Cohen - 2A
Sania - 2A
Veeraj - 2M
Maria - 2M
Reet - 2M
Raphael - 2M
Rehma - 2M
Saim - 2M
Aiden - 2W
Amara - 2W
Trisha - 2W
Elyas - 2B
Zunaira - 2B
Zoya - 3G
Riddhi - 3G
Olivia - 3T
Hannah - 3T
Anish - 3T
Vivan - 3T
Darlene - 3T
Mya - 3A
Maryam - 3A
Sofia - 3A
Jazib - 3A
Nihal - 3G
Sarika - 3G
Neha - 3G

Mahdi - 3B
Hannah - 3B
Laasayasree - 4S
Zuhair - 4S
Miruna - 4N
Tony - 4N
Karunya - 4N
Misha - 4N
Asher - 4N
Yusuf - 4G
Sharwathah - 4G
Athina - 4G
Yuvrah - 4G
Minoshi - 5R
Rishik - 5R
Anay - 5R
Vinaya - 5R
Yahya - 5R
Japneet - 5R
Liyana - 5H
Keifer - 5H
Maryam - 5H
Taylor - 5H
Isa - 5H
Sharika - 5H
Zaynab - 5H
Sahibjot - 5H
Joseph - 5H
Valeriu - 5H
Ahmad - 5F
Eishal - 5F
Sara - 5K
Safiyyah - 5K
Anmol - 6C
Zainab - 6R
Talha - 6R
Adam - 6R
Baani - 6R

Aaliyah - 6R
Tahsin - 6R
Armaan - 6R
Nureen - 6R
Safiya - 6R
Manal - 6J
Maliha - 6J
Soham - 6M
Riley - 6M
Ciaran - 6M
Nishant - 6M
Zar - 6C



Parent Survey (December 2020)

Thank you to the 280 families who responded to our survey in December. We were really pleased with the positive comments which were made and are grateful to you all for taking the time to respond. We have also taken on board the suggestions for improvement, which are outlined on the next page.

	%	Number of Votes					
		Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at school.	97%	272	131	141	5	1	2
My child feels safe at school.	95%	266	124	142	6	1	7
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95%	265	91	174	3	2	10
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	84%	235	69	166	28	2	10
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	88%	21	8	13	3	1	1
The school has high expectations for my child	79%	216	61	155	15	2	41
My child does well at this school	93%	254	88	166	6	2	12
The school lets me know how my child is doing	88%	241	77	164	26	0	7
There is a good range of subjects available for my child at this school	91%	249	79	170	2	0	24
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	73%	200	64	136	23	1	49
The school supports my child's wider personal development	84%	231	62	169	15	3	25
I am satisfied with the safety measures taken by the school during this covid pandemic.	90%	248	108	140	12	7	8

	My child has not been bullied	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	63% (177)	13	43	14	2	31

	I have not raised any concerns	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly		72	172	10	1	21

	Yes	No
I would recommend this school to another parent.	95% 259	5% 14

Comparison to 2019-20

	Last Year	This Year		Last Year	This Year
My child is happy at school.	96%	97%	My child does well at this school	93%	93%
My child feels safe at school.	95%	95%	The school lets me know how my child is doing	89%	88%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	87%	95%	There is a good range of subjects available for my child at this school	94%	91%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	91%	84%	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	84%	73%
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	76%	88%	The school supports my child's wider personal development	79%	84%
The school has high expectations for my child	77%	79%	Last Year (March 2020): 128 Responses This Year (December 2020): 280 Responses		

Parent Survey December 2020

Our Strengths

Thank you for the positive comments. According to parents, our top 5 strengths are:

1. Our caring and friendly staff team

"Staff members, seriously amazing!"

2. Communication and organisation

"Newsletter keeps us updated about everything that goes on around the school, including all external visitors that visit the premises. Regular text alerts gives parents with hectic lifestyles reminder alerts...."

3. School Leadership

"I have always had a good rapport with the staff...and I do feel that I can raise and discuss any issues, be it suggestions or comments, and they are always taken on board. "

4. Our ethos

"A school with a good community spirit that the school encourages and with friendly helpful members of staff, teachers and head teacher that are easily approachable. "

5. Safeguarding and Safety

"Thank you to all the staff at the school for trying to maintain a healthy, happy environment for all, even under the current circumstances, when it is difficult for everyone."



Issues to address in 2021

The issues our parents would most like us to address in 2021 are below. Please note, our survey was carried out before the current lockdown.

- Covid Safety
- Mental Health and Wellbeing in light of Covid and future lockdowns
- Wider curriculum
- Catching up with education after covid



Even Better If

The areas which some parents would like to see improve are listed below:

1. Communication about learning and progress

We have worked hard in recent years to increase communication about learning and progress, by sending books home termly and providing regular opportunities for parents to meet with class teachers. Unfortunately much of this has been curtailed due to lockdown.



- We have now re-established termly [curriculum meetings](#) with website updates for parents. These have already taken place this month

- As of next week, each year group will provide a brief overview of the week's topics and learning focus for core subjects on the year group [remote learning](#) page.

- Parent consultation meetings will take place on 18th March via zoom and we will have an open evening in July

- In the meantime, all teachers are contactable via class email throughout each school day for queries about learning and progress and can discuss anything in more detail if you request a call (during lockdown)

- Annual reports will be sent to all Y1-6 in March so that parents can see where their children are currently and how best we can support them in summer term

- End of year summary of attainment and progress is sent home in July

2. Quality of Education



There were a variety of comments and suggestions regarding quality of education, ranging from consistency / expectations in teaching and feedback, remote learning, catch-up and other areas. In response:

- All teachers are entitled to a period of 'non-contact' time called PPA time to plan, prepare and assess each week. In addition, our middle and senior leaders are entitled to leadership time. This, in addition to absence, explains why class teachers are sometimes out of class. We very rarely use supply teachers at Barley Lane, as we have a team of non-class based teachers and specialists

- Suggestions regarding quality of education will feed into our leadership monitoring system, school development plan and our CPD schedule for spring and summer terms. We are a large school with nearly 30 teaching staff, and have monitoring and support systems in place to ensure consistency.

- We are an outward-facing school and regularly seek external advice and support to ensure standards are high and we are aware of the latest developments in education. These include visits from the local authority, independent school improvement experts and peer review systems with other schools

- Our use of catch-up premium funding is being reviewed at present, in light of the current lockdown

3. Wider Curriculum and Events

Some parents asked us to increase the range of events and clubs at the school. We have worked hard over the last couple of years to widen the opportunities and much of this has been put on hold due to covid. Please be assured that this will be a priority once school is back up and running as normal and we will increase the offer, as soon as it is safe.

Young Parent's Group



Every First Wednesday of each month.

Time: 1.30pm-3pm

A group for young parents, age 25 and under. Come and explore and play with your child in a fun, welcoming and interactive environment.

Each week we will look at different topics helping us to develop skills as parents.

For more information please email childrens.centres@redbridge.gov.uk

We will send you a link and password in your confirmation.






Redbridge Health Improvement Team

Virtual Infant Feeding Café

All mothers and babies are welcome to join us for a drink and a chat. We will be able to answer any questions you have about feeding your baby.

Every Wednesday 11:00am – 12:30 pm

To find out more and book your place, please email:

HITBooking@nelft.nhs.uk

Virtual Introduction to Solids

A one hour informative session on introducing solids for parents/carers with babies approaching 6 months of age

First Thursday of every month **Upcoming dates:**
07/01/21 04/02/21 04/03/21 01/04/21 06/05/21 at 10:30 am

Virtual Healthy Eating Workshops

A one hour informative workshop on healthy eating for parents/carers of children aged 1-4 years. Information on foods, drinks, snacks and vitamins will be discussed as well as tips for fussy eaters

Third Thursday of every month **Upcoming dates:**
21/01/21 18/02/21 18/03/21 15/04/21 20/05/21 at 10:30 am

To book a place on either an Introduction to Solids Session or a Healthy Eating Workshop, please email:

Redbridgeits.he@nelft.nhs.uk



Weekly Children's Centre Live Sessions via Zoom™

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BUSY TODDLERS  10:00 AM	ZUMBA  10:30 AM	TODDLER MUSIC (6-WEEK COURSE)  10:00 AM	BUSY BABIES  10:30 AM	SINGALONG with the our Top Ten Songs  10:30 AM
BABY MUSIC (6-WEEK COURSE)  11:00 AM Under 12m	DISCOVER ME GROUP (6-WEEK COURSE)  01.00:PM	BUSY TODDLERS  11:00 AM	BOOKSTART COURSE  11:00 AM	CHECK BACK REGULARLY FOR NEW SESSIONS 
PARENT GYM ONLINE Starts 21 Jan for 6 weeks 9.45 – 11.45 - Book Now! 	SINGALONG with the our Top Ten Songs  02:00 PM	BABY MASSAGE (5-WEEK COURSE)  11:00 AM (Contact for next course)	STORY & RHYME TIME  02:00 PM	

Choose your session and email this to us at childrens.centres@redbridge.gov.uk and we will send you a link, password and joining instructions.



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You might also be interested in...

Sleep Routines Workshop
 Fri 15th Jan 10am

Toilet Training Workshop
 Mon 18th Jan 11am

Behaviour Management
 Fri 12th Feb 1pm

Focus on Oral Health
 Wed 24h Feb 2pm


Young Parents Group
 1st Wed of each month @ 1.30 PM


Ready To Learn
 Fri 12 Mar 11am

Happy Minds
 Mindfulness and positive-thinking strategies
 Fri 12 Mar 11am

Healthy Eating
 Delivered by Health with CC Team.
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