



Barley Lane Newsletter

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Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed



School reopens to children on Friday 6th January 2023



We are nearing the end of yet another eventful term at Barley Lane! The children have had lots of fun exploring new topics and making the most of our outdoor spaces, whatever the weather. It was wonderful to see our families enjoying the beautiful snow over the past weeks. This term, our focus on diversity within our curriculum has continued. We have welcomed a new team of eco-ambassadors who are supporting us in becoming a more sustainable school. Pupils have enjoyed local trips, workshops, visitors, visits to London, performances and new after-school clubs. Our 70th Birthday [Firework Extravaganza](#) was a highlight!

Thank you to our parents & carers for your good wishes and gifts for staff this week. They are very much appreciated. Our coffee mornings, parent forums, workshops and BLPSFA events have been well attended and we look forward to more in spring. We would love to hear your views in our parent survey. The link will be emailed today.

We bid farewell to Mrs Howells today, a valued member of our Early Years team, and wish her all the best. We wish you a peaceful holiday and blessings for 2023!

Mr Henry & the BLPS team



Well done to all the winners of the KS1 reading challenge. The challenge will restart from January 2023. Continue with the reading everyone!



Make this Christmas the most memorable one yet



Foster for Redbridge

020 8708 6068

fostering@redbridge.gov.uk

House Point Winners

Well done to our House Point Winners who took part in a special multi-sports sessions today.

Buckingham Palace 971

Parliament 946



Shard

924

London Eye 916

Spring Parent Curriculum Meetings

Dates of the spring term meetings dates for parents and carers are below. Zoom links will be sent prior to the meeting and will take place at 4pm on the day.

Mon 9th: Year 4

Mon 16th: Year 6

Tues 10th: Reception

Tues 17th: Year 5

Thurs 12th: Year 3

Thurs 19th: Nursery

Mon 13th: Year 2

Mon 23rd: Year 1



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Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?

JOIN OUR FREE WEBINARS!

Ultimate Parent Teacher Guide to SEND Appeals & Tribunals
Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8pm

How to improve your child's Executive Functioning Skills
Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 8pm

Dyspraxia (Developmental Coordination Disorder) - an introduction
Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm

Precision Teaching - Sight Words to Fluency
Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7pm

Ultimate Guide to explaining Anxiety to Children with Coping Strategies
Thursday 26th January 2023 at 8pm

Graphic Facilitation - using Dual Coding to support Learning
Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 7pm

Please check EPT Facebook page for further details.
Please join EPT free membership and book the webinars by text or email.

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Spring Term Dates For Your Diary

January 2023

- Thu 5th INSET Day (school Closed)
- Fri 6th School reopens for pupils
- 9-23rd Spring Parent Curriculum Meetings
- Mon 9th Parent Forum Junior Hall 9.15am
- Thu 12th Height & Weight Rec & Year 6
- Fri 13th KUWTC Course for Parents 9-11am
- Wed 18th Young Voices O2 Arena: Choir
- Thu 19th 5R Class Assembly
- Wed 25th Arc Theatre Performance Year 5 & 6

February 2023

- Thu 2nd 3B Class Assembly
- Fri 3rd NSPCC Number Day
- Mon 6th Children's Mental Health Week
- Tue 7th Safer Internet Day
- Steel Drums Workshop Year 3
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting
- Thu 9th 4C Class Assembly

13th- 17th Half Term

- Tue 28th British Museum Trip Year 3

March 2023

- Wed 1st British Museum Trip Year 3
- Thu 2nd World Book Day (Non Uniform)
- Mon 13th Science Week
- Thur 16th 5T Class Assembly
- Parent Consultation Meeting
(Children finish at 1.30pm)
- Fri 17th Redbridge Geography Bee (Selected Yr5)
- Thu 23rd 4D Class Assembly
- Thu 30th 3G Class Assembly
- Fri 31st Last Day of Term

April 2023

- Mon 17th INSET Day (School Closed)



World Cup Fever!

3A picked the winning World Cup Team, Argentina, and celebrated with the World Cup trophy in their class. Mrs Aguerralde is over the moon with Argentina's success!



Year 3 Indoor PE

Year 3 Indoor PE will now be on Monday for 3M & Wednesday for 3A. 3G & 3B will remain on Monday.

Online Safety

Your child may receive gaming gifts over the holidays or may spend more time online. To help keep your child safe the **LGfL DigiSafe** [ParentSafe](https://www.parentsafe.org/) website has some good ideas.

Animals Workshop—Year 4



Year 4 had an animal workshop last week and met some unusual creatures. We saw a desert fox, a tarantula a Burmese snake and a millipede. The children learnt that a Burmese snake eats once every 4 months and eats chickens. The chameleon lives in the rainforest and changes colour depending on it's mood. The tarantula is actually very fragile because it has an exoskeleton. The desert fox has large ears and can hear a spider crawling in the desert.



Great Fire of London Workshop - Year 2



As part of our History topic on the Great Fire of London, Year 2 participated in an exciting workshop. Children took part in acting out events, learnt about the impact of the fire through an experiment and created Great Fire of London scenes through layered art work. It was a fun and educational experience for everyone!



Class Assembly Dates

Classes in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be hosting a class assembly during spring and summer term to showcase their work. The assemblies will take place on a Thursday at 9:15am in the Junior Hall. Dates are as follows:

SPRING TERM

19th Jan: 5R
2nd Feb: 3B
9th Feb: 4C
16th Mar: 5T
23rd Mar: 4D
30th Mar: 3G

SUMMER TERM

27th April: 5C
11th May: 4K
18th May: 3A
15th June: 5F
22nd June: 4F
29th June: 3M

Year 2 and 6 assemblies will take place in [July](#).



Snow Fun & Toy Appeal



Last week our school field turned into a winter wonderland! Children had fun at home and in school with the snow - take a look at these fantastic snowmen!



Our school council have been extremely successful in gathering toys and donations for the Time FM Christmas Appeal. The Time FM staff were



extremely grateful and the toys will go to families in need.

Thank you to Mrs Gheewala for organising the collection.



Managing your money

FREE two hour workshops for adults

Come and join one of our friendly taster sessions at the Stem Lab in Redbridge Central Library on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday 17th January 2023 12.00noon-2.00pm
- Tuesday 24th January 2023 10.00am-12.00noon
- Friday 27th January 2023 10.00am-12.00noon
- Tuesday 31st January 2023 12.00noon-2.00pm

Venue:
Stem Lab - Redbridge Central Library
Clements Road, Ilford, Essex,
IG1 1EA

To book your place please email

MultiplyProject@redbridge-iae.ac.uk



For tips on how to save money on your energy bills find information on the Friends of the Earth [website](#).

Punctuality & Reception Applications

There has been an increase in the number of children arriving late into school. Please be reminded that soft start is from 8.45am and registration from 8.55am.

Please remember that being late:

- Gets your child's day off to a bad start
- Can be embarrassing for your child to walk into class late
- May lead to your child feeling confused all day! They will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day
- Disrupts the lesson for everyone
- Creates a bad habit that is hard to break
- Can lead to the poor attendance – If your child thinks that it is okay to be late for school they may soon think it's okay not to go to school.

We expect to see all children arriving on time from the Spring term.

Apply to start primary school reception for September 2023

This application applies to children with birthdays between **1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019**. This application can only be made online. Please ensure you apply for your child's school place by **Sunday 15 January 2022**.

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>

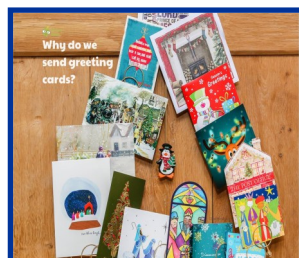
Why Do We Send Greetings Cards?



People all around the world continue to send greeting cards, despite huge increases in online messaging and use of social media. People send cards for many reasons including birthdays, weddings, and religious festivals to show others they care. According to the Greeting Card Association's research, British people send more cards per person than any other nation! In 2021, Royal Mail estimated that it delivered 150 million cards during the Christmas period.

Things to discuss at home:

Have you recently sent or received any cards over the festive period? Can you think of other times you may send cards?



We need parents and carers who have skills to help us plan our events.

email barleylanefriends@outlook.com or text 07917 661029



SUPERHEROES WANTED!

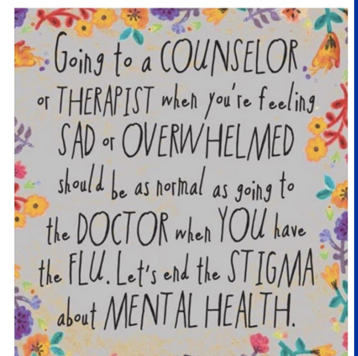


RE Ambassadors - Year 2

This half term, the Year 2 classes have had the opportunity to learn from an RE ambassador from a local secondary school. Children learnt about different faiths and beliefs, similarities and differences between celebrations and the importance of respecting everyone.

#BeKind #BreaktheStigma
#It'sOKnottoBeOK

- If you broke your leg, you'd get specialist help. If you don't feel well emotionally, there is help for you in your school
- Be kind to yourself – everyone deserves to be happy
- Self-compassion matters
- Asking for help is a sign of strength
- If you don't need help now, that's OK. Be there for your school mates
- Encourage others and be supportive
- We are all in this together
- Remember to be kind to everyone. We don't know what people are going through



EPT EMPOWERING PARENTS TOGETHER

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Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?

Do you want your voice heard?
Upcoming COFFEE MORNINGS
Time: 10am - 12noon

DATE: FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2023
VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE
GUEST: WES STREETING MP

DATE: MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023
VENUE: THACKERAY DRIVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE
GUEST: AUTISM SPECIALIST TEACHER

DATE: TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2023
VENUE: ST JOHN'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

DATE: WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2023
VENUE: NEWBURY HALL CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Come along and meet other parent carers, share experiences, signposting and gain mutual support.

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