



Barley Lane Newsletter

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“Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed”

Dear Parents and Carers

The first term is drawing to a close and this is the last newsletter of the decade! We have had a very busy term at Barley Lane and your children have worked incredibly hard. Staff have strived to deliver an exciting, enriching curriculum and provide as many opportunities for the children as possible. Our visits this term have included visits to the Globe Theatre, Redbridge Museum, Hadleigh Country Park, Junior Citizens scheme, the V&A Museum of Childhood and local shops, churches, Gurdwara and Mandir. We've also been lucky to welcome a diverse range of people to speak to the children, from Theatre companies, opticians, history, art and geography experts and even Father Christmas himself!

Our school building has undergone significant improvements this term, with new windows installed along the front facade, a fully redecorated junior hall with new climbing frames and new blinds in all Year 3 and Year 4 classes. We've got a lot more planned for 2020.

This week has been magical. Children have enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day, special Christmas dinner and class parties. I was very proud to see so many parents complete the Redbridge Institute course yesterday. Please see page 3 for details of more courses to come. I hope you have a peaceful and restful break and we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 7th January.

All the very best,

Mr Henry



Volunteers Needed!

We urgently need four parent volunteers from 4S to accompany us to the Tate Britain on Thursday 9th January. If you can help please speak to the class teacher.

New Parent Governor



Many congratulations and a warm welcome to Mr Adnan Aslam who joins our Governing Body as Parent Governor from January 2020.

Christmas Lunch & Jumper day

It was lovely to see so many Christmas jumpers on Wednesday, we had a very festive day especially as we had our Christmas lunch too! Thank you to the staff who helped make the lunch period run smoothly and especially to the kitchen staff who worked so hard getting everything prepared for us!



Christmas Music Assembly

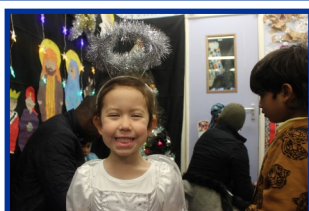
Our wonderful school choir and musicians performed in a special assembly this week. The music was lovely and the choir sounded great. Well done to everyone. We're looking forward to some exciting music events coming up in spring term!



Nativity Performances

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 performed the Nativity story to teachers, friends and family. They all did an amazing job and each performance was unique to each class.

The children remembered the songs and lines and sang with confidence, loudly and clearly which is a great achievement at such a young age. Everyone now has the festive spirit and it helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.



Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received an award from Mr Henry this half term:

Abdulhannan 4S	Catherine 3H
Rishik 4C	Kashvi 4S
Harsana 3B	Haylee 4S
Maya 3B	Ahmad 4S
Zayan 3H	Taylor 4A
Tamin 6G	Ishaq 2B
Jay-Jay 4A	Atiya 3A
Joshika 2B	Lalithya 4A
Hannah 2B	Liyana 4A
Emma 2B	Hasib 4A
Innaya 4N	Ahmad 4A
Gabriela 5R	Musa 3H
Ahsan 2A	Vinaya 4C
Lucien Yellow	Kya 4C
Elsa Yellow	Minoshi 4C
Drini 6M	Hannah 2B
Dhyey 3H	Saira 4C



January Dates For Your Diary

6th	School closed (INSET Day)	
7th	Children return to school	
8th	Tate Modern Visit Year 4	
9th	Tate Modern Visit Year 4	
13th	Learn to Ride Reception/Year1	
14th	Learn to Ride Reception/Year1	
15th	Individual & Siblings Photographs	
15th	Learn to Ride Year 2 & 3	
16th	Learn to Ride Year 2 & 3	
20th	Balance Bikes all week Nursery/Reception	
23rd	O2 Young Voices Concert	
27th	Balance Bikes all Week Nursery/Reception	
29th	Visit to Colchester Castle Year 4	
29th	RE Workshop Year 3	
30th	5F Class Assembly 9am	

School Closures 2020

January 6th	INSET Day
March 19th	Parent consultations (school closes 13:45)
April 20th	INSET Day
May 8th	Bank Holiday
July 20th	INSET Day

Winning House Points



The winner this half term with 1,805 house points is:

Buckingham Palace

Well done!

Bikes & Scooters



Could we please request that parents do not allow their children to ride their bikes or scooters in the playground before or after school for safety reasons.

Year 4 Science Day



Year 4 children had a great time last week during science day! We were professors all day and took part in a variety of experiments in class. These included investigating how to make lightbulbs brighter, which materials conduct electricity, and how electric circuits function. We also made motorised Catherine wheels!

Reading Challenge

Thankyou to all children who took part in this term's reading challenge. The winners were:

Eliza- Nursery am	Tahseen 3A
Sanjana -Nursery pm	Arifa 3G
Zakariya- Green	Anjana 3B
Elsa -Yellow	Naysha 3H
Nusaybah -Blue	Rejwan 4N
Minsa -Red	Falisha 4A
Kelsey-1A	Ahmad 4S
Ria -1D	Maryam 4C
Aiden -1R	Zahra 5H
Adhav- 1M	Dharesh 5H
Julia -2W	Isam 5J
Neha -2M	Armaan 5R
Abdul -2B	Siddhant 5F
Maryam R -2A	Shabham 6C
	Avneet 6M
	Efrayim 6R
	Syed 6G



Next term's reading challenge will begin on 7th January.

Parent Course Celebration

Well done to all of our parents who participated in our Keeping up with the Children English course this term. It was lovely to see the children joining in the session this morning. Feedback has been very positive and lots of new strategies were learned. Congratulations to all!



KEEPING UP WITH THE CHILDREN

Maths



@ BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday
16 January 2020

11 weeks

12:45-3.15pm

- Do you want to learn how to support your child with maths?
- You will increase and improve your own knowledge and understanding of how and what children learn in maths lessons at school.
- You will also have the opportunity to refresh your own numeracy skills and knowledge.



Digital Technologies



BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The internet has become integrated into our lives and has many benefits. However we need to be aware of the risks that it can pose to our children. This workshop will help you better understand **digital technologies** and give you practical tips and tools to create a **safer online experience** for your whole family.

What will I learn?

- Benefits and risks of the internet
- Children and social network
- Using technology safely and responsibly

Date: **Mon 13 January**

Duration: **5 Weeks**

Time: **9 am - 11am**

This course
is designed for
parents and carers
(adults only)

Chill out with your child Meditation and yoga



@ BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a fun course designed for children aged 5+ and their parents/carers to learn together.

What will I learn?

You will learn how to implement relaxation techniques and exercises into your day-to-day life and how to use breathing techniques to relax the body and mind.

Only 2 children per adult.

Children are the responsibility of the accompanying adult.

Wednesday
22 January

3 weeks

3.30 - 5.00pm



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PERSEVERE AND SUCCEED**

