



Barley Lane Newsletter

11th February 2022 - Issue 11

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



Dear parents and carers

I hope you are enjoying today's bright weather and looking forward to the half term break. It's been lovely to see the children 'Dressing to Express' today and thank you for helping them to choose their clothes.

It has been a successful but challenging half term for us at Barley Lane. We have tried our best to manage the significant increase in the number of pupil and staff covid cases throughout the school with the least disruption to the children's learning. It has not been easy and we are aware that a number of classes have been without their permanent class teacher for quite some time for various reasons. Where possible, we have used internal school staff to cover these absences. However, as with many local schools, external supply teachers have also been employed. We thank you for your understanding and support. Fortunately, things are improving and cases have reduced dramatically in recent weeks. Long may this continue.

Despite the challenges, your children have excelled and achieved so very much thus far in 2022. We remain focused on this year's school priorities of reading, diversity in our curriculum and achieving academic excellence. We wish you and your children a restful half term.

Best wishes
Mr Henry (Headteacher)

Parent Coffee Morning

Parents who came to our coffee morning last week enjoyed refreshments and catching up on the latest school news. They also had an opportunity to meet a special visitor to the school - a 10ft snake!



We hope to see you all at the next Coffee morning on **Friday 4th March 9.15am in the dining hall.**



World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children can come into school dressed as a book character. The children will be doing a range of reading activities during the day. In the meantime, we would like the children to read in unusual places at home or out of school. Please email photographs of your child reading in an unusual place by Tuesday 1st March so the photographs can be shared during an assembly.

Emails are to be sent to admin@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk with your child's full name and class.

Dress To Express Day & Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week took place this week 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme was **Growing Together**. We encouraged children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they have helped others to grow. Student council wrote letters to Mr Henry to persuade him to allow a non-uniform day. The children came to school, wearing bright, cheerful colours to 'express themselves' through their clothes, hair, fancy dress, etc. We believe this has been important so we can better communicate, collaborate and build a community with others.

Tree Planting

As part of our English and Science work in Year 4, we planted 4 new trees on the school field last week. We learnt how to use the spade correctly and all children, with a strong show of strength, added soil to the plant the trees. We also had a talk about why they were important. The children impressed us with their knowledge of how trees provide oxygen: act as a habitat for different animals and act as a resource for us to make paper and build furniture. We are glad to see year 4 taking responsibility for making the world a better place.



There are lots of half term activities in Redbridge to be found [here](#).

Spring Dates For Your Diary

February

14-18th Half Term
21st October Gallery Workshop Year 6

March

3rd Year 2 SATs Parent Meeting 4pm
Online Safety Zoom Workshop 9:30-11:30
World Book day
4th Coffee Morning Infant Hall 9.15am
9th Parent Forum Junior Hall 9.15am
10th Florence Nightingale Workshop Year 2
11th Annual Reports for Years 1-6
17th Parents' Evening via Zoom- **Children finish at 1.30pm**
22nd Animal Workshop - Year 1
23rd&24th Silly Science Workshop Years1-6
29th Advocate Party 2pm
31st Colchester Castle Trip year 5

April

1st Coffee Morning Infant Hall 9.15am
1st Last Day Of Term
19th INSET DAY (school closed)
20th Summer Term Starts

May

5th Polling Day (school closed)
27th Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday (school closed)



Breakfast & After School Club

There are spaces available in our breakfast & after school club which is run by Shine. You can book a place directly through the school website.



Visit [Shine Clubs - Barley Lane](#) for more information and to book your child's place.

Habitats Workshop - Year 4



Last Friday, year 4 took part in an animal workshop to explore how they adapt to their habitats through adaptations and special features. The children enjoyed spending time with a 10ft snake; a hairy tarantula; a squirmy

bearded dragon and a very cuddly (yet smelly) meerkat. The children learnt many interesting facts including that spiders cannot see and that snakes only have to eat one chicken every two months.



Many children overcame their fears to touch the creatures and Mr Curtis was very pleased that there were no frogs!



Lost Property

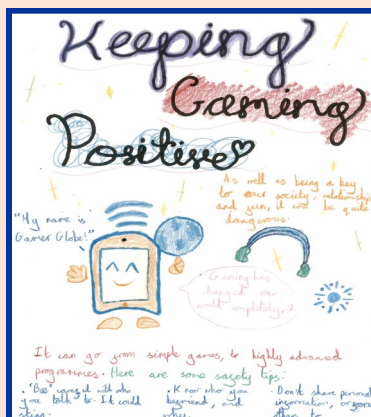
Last week we had to dispose of lots of unnamed lost property. Please make sure you label your child's uniform, lunchboxes and water bottle clearly with their full name and class.

Safer Internet Day & Parent Workshop

This week we had a special day to think about ways we can all keep safe when using devices for our school work, gaming and browsing.

On Thursday 3rd March 9.30-11.30am we will be holding a zoom workshop for Parents about online safety. Log in details will be sent out

nearer the time.



Yasmin 6C created this poster to remind us to be careful and considerate when online.

House Point Winners

Our house point winners had a special treat this afternoon when Angelique from D Style Dance came to lead an exciting dance session with them.

The house points winners this half term are:

Parliament with 928 points



Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultations meeting will be held via zoom on Thursday 17th March. **Please collect your child promptly at 1.30pm.** Booking details will be sent out after the half term break.

Headteacher's Awards

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| Amaan - 1M | Imtiaz - 5J | Safiyah - 6C |
| Harleen - 1M | Grace - 5J | Harshpreet - 6C |
| Ayla - 1M | Ravinder - 5T | Tanpreet - 6C |
| Farhaan - 2A | Srikar - 6C | Gurkirat - 6C |
| Saif - 4G | Yasmin - 6C | Neha - 6C |
| Maryam R - 4G | Robert - 6C | Dawud - 6C |
| Diane - 4K | Riana - 6C | Rayyan - 6C |
| Hashim - 4K | Tanishi - 6C | Rizwan - 6C |
| Eleanor - 5J | Hadia - 6C | Abthahee - 6C |
| Umar - 5J | Inaaya S - 6C | Ajaz - 6C |
| Imraan - 5J | Sumayyah - 6C | Minoshi - 6R |
| Ilyas - 5J | Favour - 6C | Maryam R - 6R |
| Dennis - 5J | | |



Florence Nightingale Workshop - Year 2



Year 2 enjoyed taking part in a Florence Nightingale Workshop on Zoom this week. The children learnt lots of different facts about Florence and her life. You can find out more by visiting the [Florence Nightingale Museum](#)

12 WEEKS TO BE A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER FAMILY

Free, fun family-focused healthy lifestyle course for 4 – 11 year olds and their families.

Week 1-6: Healthy eating advice, cooking, behaviour change support, games and physical activity for all the family.

Week 7-12: Fun physical activities suitable for the whole family – let's get moving together!

Let us help you create long-term healthy habits for your family to help you feel great and live your best life!

For more information:

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Attendance & New Pupils

Welcome to the following children who have recently joined our school:

Denis, Daria, Karla, Jovanni, Hanan, Berti

Best Attendance Week Beginning 31/1/22



6N - 99.67% 6R - 99.67%

Road safety

A reminder to all parents and carers that both of our entrances on Barley Lane have double yellow and zig zag lines. This means that cars should not park here during pick up and drop off times.

FREE family learning

Redbridge Institute
community learning and skills

GROWING TOGETHER

"The workshop was really good for my child's mental and physical health."

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

From 7-13 February 2022, we're taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Growing Together. We've created FREE family learning workshops to help children (and adults) to explore the different ways that they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas. We have extended the workshops over the half-term.

Mindful art - growing together
Sat 12 Feb 22 at 10:30—12:30
Online via zoom
All ages

Science - growing together
Wed 16 Feb 22 at 10:30—12:30
Al Bayan Centre (face to face)
5yrs and over and their parents/carers

Let's explore coding - growing together
Tue 15 Feb 22 at 13:30—15:30
Redbridge Central Library (face to face)
7yrs and over and their parents/carers

Science - growing together
Fri 18 Feb 22 at 10:30—12:30
Online via zoom
5yrs and over and their parents/carers

Book online here: <https://redbridgeinstituteprosolutionsa365hosted.com/PSWebEnrolment/webenrolment.aspx?page=%7e%2fwebcontrols%2fsearchnew.ascx>

Or search for Family Learning courses at <https://www.redbridge-iae.ac.uk/>

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familylearning@redbridge-iae.ac.uk | 020 8550 2398

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
7 - 13 FEBRUARY 2022

London Borough of
Redbridge



Local Authority of Redbridge

Are you looking after a child who is not your own?

- Is the child under 16 (or 18 if they have a disability)?
- Are you NOT the child's step parent, sibling, aunt, uncle or grandparent? This also includes host families to overseas students
- Do you plan to have the child with you for more than 28 days?
- This is called "private fostering" and we must be LEGALLY notified to ensure the child is safe.

Please contact the Child Protection and Assessment Team (CPAT):

020 8708 3885

CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk

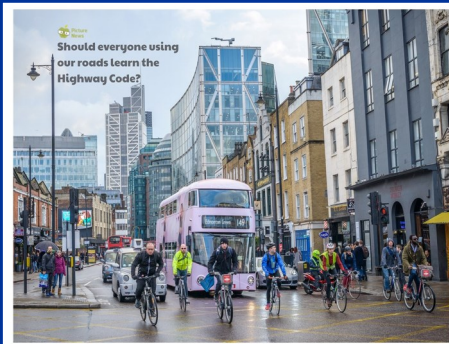
or visit: www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering for more information



How Can We Help To Keep Ourselves Safe On The Roads?

An update to the Highway Code has introduced a hierarchy of road users, which creates 'clearer and stronger priorities' for pedestrians. The Department for Transport claims that the changes, which are split into three main rules, have the foremost aim of improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The changes came into force at the end of January and whilst they have been welcomed by cycling campaigners, the government has been accused, by some in the media, of not making the updates clearer and known to road users.

Things to discuss at home:



How do you think the Highway Code makes road users safer?

Free fun

Shape the World with OKIDO

Daily, 12 – 20 Feb
Free your imagination with a giant free-play game of Tangram for you and your kids. Ages 2 – 11



Crafty Cartoons with Bino & Fino

Sat 12 Feb
Watch, craft, then dance as the curious cartoon duo inspire kids to follow their curiosity. All ages

Fun DMC

Sun 13 Feb
Walk this way for a party of child-friendly hip-hop, funk and disco anthems. All ages

ZooNation Youth Company's Hip-Hop Half-Term

Wed 16 Feb
Bust a move in this family-friendly day of hip-hop dancing demos and workshops. Ages 5+

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Under-5s

Slumber Stories

Wed 9 & Thu 10 Feb
Drift into a calm and mindful night-time routine with tales and music from around the world. Ages 0 – 5



Club Origami

Wed 16 Feb
Rip, fold and scrumple! What can we make with a single square of paper? With dance and live music, Club Origami invites the audience to create new ways of moving and thinking. Ages 2 – 5



Introtheclouds

Wed 9 & Thu 10 Feb
Fluffy and soft and bright, welcome to the Cloud Factory in a playful, sensory and highly visual theatre experience for babies. Ages 19 – 36 months



And that's not all!
See the full listings and book tickets via southbankcentre.co.uk/imagine



SOUTH BANK CENTRE

20 YEARS OF Imagine

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL FOR AGES 0 – 11

12 DAYS OF JAM-PACKED FUN

WITH LOADS OF FREE EVENTS OVER HALF-TERM

9 – 20 Feb 2022



