



Barley Lane Newsletter

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Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed



Air Quality Project

Next Wednesday is the last day of the air quality project that has been going on this term. The eco ambassadors have been working hard on this project and have been involved in a variety of tasks.

The project has been looking at pollution and the harmful effects it can have on us, especially children.

To mark the end of the project we have a few exciting events on Wednesday 29th November;

Bling Your Bike - , more details below, prizes to be won!

Walk or wheel - children who walk or wheel to school on Wednesday will receive a breakfast item to enjoy!

Eco Ambassadors will perform a special assembly for their parents at 3pm on Wednesday in the junior hall.



BLINGTASTIC

WHEN: Wednesday 29th November.

WHY: To support our school's air quality project.

WHAT: Walk, cycle or scoot to school to help reduce the amount of pollution we are all breathing in every day.

Decorate your bikes, scooters or school bags as brightly as you can to help spread the message that coming to school on feet or wheels is fun, healthier and better for our environment.

****Prizes to be given out to the 'blingiest' items!(Please label bikes and scooters with your child's name so we can identify any winners).**



Love Food, Hate Waste Workshop

Parents and children enjoyed a fantastic workshop which was all about how to cut down on food waste. Under the expert guidance



of a chef they all ended up making a delicious vegetable chow mein. Thank you to Mrs Rogers for organising the workshop.

Bikeability - Year 6

Some of our year 6 children took part in Bikeability this week. During the week they have learnt how to signal and manoeuvre correctly and how to navigate local roads. Well done everyone!

Next week we have Level 1 Bikeability for Year 5 and Learn to Ride for children in Reception. Both of these courses were over-subscribed and we hope to book extra courses early next year so everyone has an opportunity to take part.



Tennis Festival Trip

Redbridge Sports Centre held a Tennis festival on Wednesday for 14 children from various schools to attend and take part in Tennis challenges.

The children selected to go were Hussain, Hassan, Idrees, Lenny, Mubin, Matas, Owais, Minsa, Amira, Theodora, Elsa, Nairah and Mehmet. The children had tennis coaches to work with them. The children were showing great potential and enjoyed themselves very much.

Thank you to Mrs Landa for organising the trip and to the parents who helped on the day.



Cinema Trip - Year 4

Some of our year 4 children were lucky enough to go on a trip to the cinema last week; they had a fantastic time!



'We went on the bus to Romford to watch two movies called the Smeds and the Smoos, and the Superworm. We had some snacks to eat, and then we took the 86 bus back to school. We had a very good time!' Hassan 4F & Hussain 4B

Free School Meals Survey

Our school gets extra funding if your child is signed up for benefits related free school meals. The local authority are now able to check and inform us directly if your child is entitled if you provide some basic details.

If your child is eligible you will be reimbursed £60 when you buy school uniform.



If you would like help to complete the survey or need more information please come to the school office with your national insurance number. You can complete the survey [here](#).

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have recently received a Headteachers Award:

Ananyaa - 2T Kainat - 6N Shreya - 6J
 Thivanni - 2T Araf - 6N
 Muensel - 2T Harnav - 4F



Attendance & New Pupils

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



Kevin, Khadija, Aliza, Mohammed, Zeba, Diya, Vithul, Mohammed



Best Attendance week beginning 13th November:

4BM - 100%, 5HS - 99%, 3A - 99%

No Pens Day

No Pens Day is on Wednesday 29th November 2023 where children will focus on a day of talking and listening activities without writing anything! You can find some useful information about speech and language [here](#).



Trading Cards

Some children have been bringing in trading cards this week, such as Pokémon cards. Please keep these at home, they will be confiscated if they are found at school.

Globe Theatre Trip - Year 5



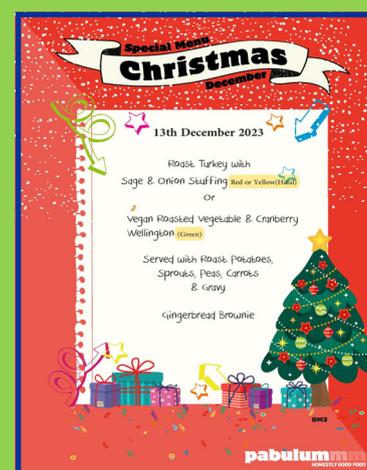
Year 5 recently visited the Globe Theatre in London. The children took part in a Macbeth workshop and had a tour. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day.



Christmas Dates For Your Diary

Our Christmas events will start soon; here are some important dates for your diary;

Date	Event	Time
Wed 6 th December	Nativity performance 1B & 1A	9.30am
Thurs 7 th December	Nativity performance 1G & 1W	9.30am
Tue 12 th December	Nativity performance Red Class	9.30am
Tue 12 th December	Nativity performance Blue Class	2pm
Wed 13 th December	Nativity performance Nursery AM	10.30am
Wed 13 th December	Nativity performance Nursery PM	2.30pm
Wed 13 th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day	
Thur 14 th December	Nativity performance Green Class	9.30am
Thur 14 th December	Nativity performance Yellow Class	2pm



Parents will be able to attend the nativity performance and places will be restricted to two adults per child. **Please ensure you arrive promptly for Nativity performances; latecomers will not be admitted.** Christmas parties will take place in the final weeks of term and you will be notified of your child's class party date nearer the time.

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December. Please book your child's lunch by completing the [survey](#) by 6th December. If your child does not want a Christmas lunch they will need to bring in a packed lunch.



The Essex Fire Museum Open Days
 Sunday 26th November 2023
 Sunday 17th December 2023
 10.30am to 4.00pm
 (Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
 Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

Collection After School

Please remember to collect your child promptly at 3.30pm. If you know you are going to be late collecting your child because of an unforeseen problem or emergency, please phone the school immediately to let us know - 020 8590 8474 - please add this number to your mobile contacts. Parents who are persistently late collecting their child will be requested to meet with a member of senior staff.

Parent Forum & Coffee Morning

A reminder that the next Parent Forum Meeting will be on Wednesday 29th November at 5pm. The meeting will be held in the junior hall. If you would like to add an item to the agenda please email in advance of the meeting to parentforum@barleyleane.redbridge.sch.uk

You can find more information about the parent forum [here](#).

We hope you will also be able to join us on Friday 1st December 9am in the junior hall for tea, coffee and biscuits for our Coffee Morning. Everyone is welcome!



Dates For Your Diary

November

Mon 27th - Fire station Trip 2T & 2H
 Tue 28th - Fire Station Trip - 2A & 2Q
 Tue 28th - Cycle Training Level 1 Year 5
 Thu 30th - Learn to Ride - Reception
 Thu 30th - No Pens Day

December

Mon 4th - Church Visit - Red & Blue Class 9.30-10.30am
 Mon 4th - Church Visit - Yellow & Green 2-3pm
 Wed 6th - Nativity 1B & 1A 9.30am
 Thu 7th - Nativity 1G & 1W 9.30am
 Mon 11th - Learn to Ride - Year 2
 Tue 12th - Nativity Red Class 9.30am
 Tue 12th - Nativity Blue Class 2pm
 Wed 13th - Nativity Nursery AM 10.30am
 Wed 13th - Nativity Nursery PM 2.30pm
 Wed 13th - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
 Wed 13th - Bikeability Level 1 -Year 4
 Thu 14th - Nativity Green Class 9.30am
 Thu 14th - Nativity Yellow Class 2pm
 Tue 19th - Fluoride treatment for Year 1
 Wed 20th - Last Day of Term

January

Thu 4th - INSET Day School Closed
 Fri 5th - Start of Spring Term

WhatsApp safety guide for parents

internet matters.org



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

- 1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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Wizard Words Of The Week

This year we are focussing on improving our vocabulary throughout the school. We are pleased to introduce you to 'Wizard Words of the Week.' Students will be challenged to develop and extend their vocabulary through learning and using specific words each week. You should have received an email today with more information. Here are this weeks words:



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Nursery

Word:

festival

Definition: a day or period of celebration, typically for religious reasons.

Sentence: We learn about how people celebrate their festivals.

Synonym: celebration



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Reception

Word:

celebration

Definition: a social gathering or enjoyable activity held to celebrate something.

Sentence: May you have a fantastic year of celebration!

Synonym: praise, observe,



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Year 1

Word:

cosy

Definition: giving a feeling of comfort, warmth and relaxation.

Sentence: This room is warm and cosy in the winter.

Synonym: comfortable, restful, warm



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Year 2

Word:

emerged

Definition: to appear by coming out of something or out from behind something:

Sentence: She emerged from the sea, blue with cold.

Synonym: appeared



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Year 3

Word:

savvy

Definition: practical knowledge and ability

Sentence: He is savvy about computers.

Synonym: intelligent, astute



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Year 4

Word:

brink

Definition: on the edge; the point where a new or different situation is about to begin

Sentence: Scientists are on the brink of making a major new discovery.

Synonym: edge, point



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Year 5

Word:

prophecy

Definition: the ability to say what is going to happen in the future

Sentence: His prophecy proved true for nearly two decades.

Synonym: prediction, vision



Word Wizard



Date: 27/11/23

Year Group: Year 6

Word:

prejudice

Definition: an unfair and unreasonable opinion or feeling, especially when formed without enough thought or knowledge

Sentence: Prejudice can be conscious and unconscious. In society, we often see prejudices toward a group based on race, disability, religion, culture, and more.

Synonym: bias, influence, discrimination

