



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Dear parents and carers

We are nearing the end of the academic year and what a rollercoaster year it's been! This is a year we will never forget. We could never have imagined what was in store for the school when we opened our gates to the children last September. Our children have been part of something very unique and, in many cases, life-changing.

We said goodbye to Year 6 yesterday via a zoom leavers' assembly. It was an emotional day for many. We spoke about the fact that we are all on a journey, and that journey has been different for each of us in recent months. There have been happy times and times that may have been sad, difficult or scary. Our families have told us how they have learned to appreciate what's important and to make the time for things that make them happy. We hope that our children continue to demonstrate the core values of resilience, compassion, honesty, respect and responsibility that we hold so dear at Barley Lane.

As a community, we will always be able to tell our loved ones of the resilience and courage we have shown. I would like to say a personal thank you to our incredible [staff](#) team at Barley Lane, who have worked so well together in such challenging circumstances. We say farewell to Mr Sparham, Mr Hall and Miss Khatun and wish them well in the future. On behalf of our staff, a huge thank you for the cards, gifts, emails and well wishes we have received from parents and carers.

I wish you a restful and peaceful summer and look forward to welcoming all of our children back in September. Stay safe!

Mr Henry

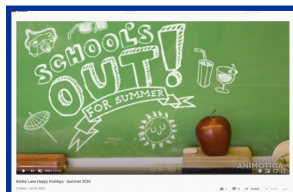
Redbridge Summer Activities

Looking for events for children taking place in Redbridge? See the list of events organised by Vision Redbridge Culture and Leisure, listed by month [here](#).



Staff Holiday Video

Please share and enjoy our latest staff [video](#) with your children this weekend!



PE Kits and Book Returns

Thank you to parents who returned school books and collected PE Kits last week. If you still have school reading books at home, please return them in September. Any PE Kits that were not collected have now been disposed of. Please make sure all items are clearly marked with your child's full name and class.



Barley Lane Parent Award Winners!

We received a Class Attendance Award for having 95% or higher attendance in the Digital Technologies Course which we ran earlier this year. Well done to our parent learners!

We aim that in the new school year we will be able to continue to offer courses for our parents, carers and children to learn and enjoy. Some of the courses may be online if



we are unable to accommodate face to face learning. Watch this space for details! The institute has some free online courses for eligible learners.

You can find them [here](#).



Parent Message

*“I just wanted to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the teachers and school staff who have all gone above and beyond during these turbulent months. The bubbles, the huge amount of work going into the home learning site, the Zoom calls, the supportive emails, the YouTube video :-), the updates from the headteacher, the planning and Covid-proofing the school, and all the things that parents don't see or hear about - the list goes on. Thanks for your dedication which has been so inspiring, you are all superheroes but even superheroes need to rest so I hope that the summer break offers everyone some much-deserved respite.” Year 5 Parent, 16.07.20*

Year 1 Bubbles

This week we ended the term with lots of fun activities. We took learning outside and the children really enjoyed completing a scavenger hunt which linked to our topic 'Wonderful World'. We also painted using straws, had fun making colourful designs and reviewed our time in Year 1. It included discussing our favourite memories such as our trip to the zoo, museum, Tesco and learning about famous people from the past such as 'Rosa Parks', 'Emily Davison' and 'Mary Annings'. We also enjoyed tasting lots of chocolate in our English lesson when we were reading 'Grendel' before using our imaginations to create our own story. Then we spoke about Year 2 and what the children are looking forward to. Children made booklets about themselves which included what they are good at and what they would like to improve. Thank you to Mrs Rohim for taking charge of the Year 1 bubbles this term, and to all of the teachers and support staff who worked so well with the children!



Year 6 Bubbles

This week our Year 6s have completed work on transition and also had lots of fun playing kick-ball, culminating in a kick-ball tournament between the different bubbles, all socially distanced of course!



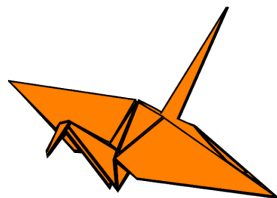
Despite the disruption to the usual leavers' activities, a farewell assembly took place via Zoom with the majority of Year 6 present, either virtually on screen or physically in the room in their bubbles. Mr. Henry, Mrs. Knight and all the Year 6 teachers said some words and certificates of achievement were announced and 'presented' to the children. Year 6 teachers telephoned all of their children to wish them good luck and to say goodbye.

The children brought in food for a picnic and they spent an enjoyable and relaxed afternoon in their bubbles, until the very end when teachers gathered together the children from their own classes to say goodbye to them. Most of the children said that they would come back and visit when life is more back to normal. We look forward to seeing them!

Thank you to Mrs Rogers for organising such a memorable leavers' assembly and for running the Year 6 bubbles like clockwork this term! The Year 6 bubble team did a great job.

Keyworker Bubbles

This week the children have completed many creative activities such as using paper to create a 3D theme park and origami. They have been keen to talk about their creations! When talking to some children about what they have enjoyed in their bubbles, there have been a range of responses such as enjoying fun Maths and English, playing tennis and using the computers. The children are looking forward to meeting their friends in September. Thank you to Mrs Bansal for overseeing the keyworker bubbles this term, and to the many staff who taught within them!



Smarter Travel Activities

Transport for London have put together a range of activities for children to do over the holidays. You can find them by following the link below:

<https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/HomeLearning>.



School Choir Video

Our school choir have been hard at work during lockdown, and have made a video to share. Please click [here](#) to see it! Thank you to Mrs Aguerralde for putting it together!



September Reopening

Further to this week's letter to parents, we will write to you again by Wednesday, 22nd July, with further detail of reopening plans. We look forward to seeing all children from Year 1 - Year 6 back on the 3rd September!