



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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*Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed*



## Air Quality Project

Find out how clean our local area is – [click here to see our local air quality map](#)

Following on from the brilliant air quality investigations our eco ambassadors have been doing this term, we're so pleased to announce the launch of the new [Redbridge community air quality map!](#)

Our school is contributing to this map, putting up diffusion tubes each month, which test nitrogen dioxide levels in the air (a key urban pollutant). Other diffusion tubes have been put up by residents, so that by working together we can see a detailed picture of air pollution in the area.



**Please take a look.** It's so interesting to see where the pollution hotspots are, and which roads are the cleanest around our school.

If you'd like to help by putting up a tube and have a location in mind, please contact the school office or email [air@mappingforchange.com](mailto:air@mappingforchange.com) directly to order a tube. You can put one up at a place that matters to you, such as your balcony or garden, a park or a bus stop you use. Find out how easy it is to put up a tube on this video - [\(119\) Setting Up a Diffusion Tube | We Care for Our Air Redbridge - YouTube](#).



Our 12 Eco Ambassadors also gave an assembly to their parents and Years 3&4 last week about this important project.



We also had a special Bling Your Bike, Bag or Scooter Day to encourage everyone to use a more sustainable way to travel to school.



There are online focus groups running to discuss the campaign resources, and we'd like to hear your thoughts as a parent. Please email [jennifer@pwlcpj.com](mailto:jennifer@pwlcpj.com) to sign up or find out more.

Find out more:- [We Care for Our Air Redbridge | Let's Talk Redbridge](#)

Community air quality map: <https://ourair.communitymaps.org.uk/welcome>

Please follow the project on twitter: [@Wecareforourair](#)



## Christmas Bake Sale

There will be a Christmas Bake Sale on Thursday 14th December 3.30pm. If you are able to bake some cookies, cakes or biscuits to donate we would really appreciate it. They can be brought in on Tues 12th, Wed 13th and Thur 14th. Please ensure they are in an airtight container labelled with your child's name and class. Please remember that we are a nut free school and none of the products should contain nuts or traces of nuts. If you are able to help with selling at the end of the school day please speak to Mrs Applegate in the school office. Any money raised will be used to buy resources decided by the school council.



## Fire Station Trip - Year 2

Year 2 visited Ilford fire station. The children learnt about the role of a fire fighter, they sat in the fire engine and even used the hose to pretend to put out fires! The children had an enjoyable visit and even saw



the fire fighters leave for a real emergency! A big thank you to Ilford fire station and to all the parents who helped on the day.

## Victorian Toy Workshop - Year 1

As part of the History topic on toys, Year 1 enjoyed a workshop where they learnt all about Victorian toys. Children learnt how toys were different in the past and had the opportunity to play with different toys too.



## Arts Festival Event



Last Thursday fifteen children from our school choir represented Barley Lane in the Connect SPG Arts Festival at William Torbitt Primary School. It was a fantastic event! Different schools performed singing, dancing and signing. Barley Lane delighted the audience with an explosion of colours and amazing singing of "Firework". Well done choir you have been great!

## 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](#).

## Attendance & New Pupils

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



**Muhammad, Luca, Aliza, Aaliya and Yashvi**

Best attendance week beginning 27th Nov:



**6N - 100%, 2A - 99%, 1G - 98%,  
4BM - 97%, 3A - 97%**

# CHRISTMAS CAMPS

**21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th, 29th December and 2nd and 3rd January**

**9.30am - 3.30pm**

Bookings are available by visiting our reception team or calling 0208 498 1000. You can also email [jack@rstonline.co.uk](mailto:jack@rstonline.co.uk) to book or if you have any questions. All bookings must have a completed booking form.

Prices:  
**Day Bookings Only**  
Members £28.85,  
Non members £30.90

REDBRIDGE ACADEMY OF SPORT

Individual sport bookings also available, scan and save for more details

## Year 5 Tudor Day



Year 5 will be having a Tudor Day on Friday 15th December. We would like all year 5's to come dressed in Tudor costume on the day please!

## Christmas Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance Red Class	9.30am
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance Blue Class	2pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance Nursery AM	10.30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance Nursery PM	2.30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day	
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance Green Class	9.30am
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance Yellow Class	2pm
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Party – Year 3	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties – Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 6	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties – Nursery AM&PM, Year 2, Year 5	

**Special Menu Christmas**  
December

13th December 2023

Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing **Red or Yellow/Blue**  
or  
Vegan Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Wellington **Green**

Served with Roast Potatoes, Sprouts, Peas, Carrots & Gravy

Gingerbread Brounie

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Parents are invited to Nativity performances and places will be restricted to two adults per child. Please ensure you arrive promptly, latecomers will not be admitted.

Please note the day of your child's Christmas party; children can wear party clothes to school (sensible shoes please!), and bring food to share. **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December and children can wear their Christmas jumper on the day. You should have already booked your child's lunch, if your child is not having Christmas dinner you will need to provide a packed lunch on the day.



Redbridge Music Service

# Clubs



## Exciting Musical Opportunities for Young Musicians in Redbridge

(Beginner - Grade 3)



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

## Redbridge Music Service Clubs

Redbridge Music Service Clubs provide a wide range of ensemble activities for young instrumentalists and singers in Redbridge. The Clubs are aimed at players from beginner to grade 3 standard with a varied schedule of classes throughout the week outside of school hours. Club membership allows students to experience high quality musical coaching and positive social interactions with like minded peers, culminating in high standard performances. One monthly fee allows access to join any of our clubs. If you are unsure if your child is of the appropriate standard, please consult with their instrumental/vocal teacher or contact the Music Service for guidance.

Singing Club	All Levels	MONDAY 4.30-5.30pm Year 4 - Year 6
Oboe Club	Grade 1 and above	MONDAY 5.30-6.15pm
Guitar Club	Grade 1 and above	MONDAY 5.30-6.30pm
Mini Winds (Woodwind)	Play and read 5 notes	TUESDAY 5.00-5.45pm
Brass Club	Grade 1 and above	TUESDAY 5.00-6.00pm
Clarinet Club	Grade 1 and above	TUESDAY 5.00-6.00pm
Flute Club	Grade 1 and above	TUESDAY 5.00-6.00pm
Maxi Strings Club	Grade 1 and above	TUESDAY 5.00-6.00pm Year 3 - Year 7
String Club	Grade 2 and above	TUESDAY 5.00-6.00pm
Recorder Club	All Levels	THURSDAY 4.00-4.30pm Year 2 onwards
Percussion Club	All Levels	THURSDAY 5.00-6.00pm Year 3+
PanVision 'Kisakadee' Steel Pan Club	Beginner & Elementary	THURSDAY 5.25-6.15pm Year 3+
Fiddles and Co.	Grade 2 and above	THURSDAY 5.30-6.30pm
Mini Strings Club	Beginners	FRIDAY 4.15-5.00pm Year 2 - Year 3
Midi Strings Club	Pre Grade 1	FRIDAY 4.15-5.00pm Year 3 - Year 6
Mini Brass	Play and read 5 notes	SATURDAY 9.30-10.30am

Students of Grade 3-8+ should explore our 'Music School' flyer which details an extensive list of ensemble opportunities for musicians of an intermediate/advanced standard.

For further information about our clubs & other activities run by the Music Service, please scan the QR code or contact our Admin Team: **020 8708 2828**  
Email: [admin.musicservice@visionrl.org.uk](mailto:admin.musicservice@visionrl.org.uk)  
Visit our Website: <https://www.visionrl.org.uk/musicservice>  
All activities are based at the John Savage Centre, Ilford, IG6 2NB



## Make this Christmas the most memorable one yet



**Foster for Redbridge**  
**020 8708 6068**  
**fostering@redbridge.gov.uk**



We are accepting donations of nearly new clean school uniform. We also need spare underwear; socks, knickers, tights and pants. Please drop them at the school office.

## Dates For Your Diary

### December

- 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 - Bake Sale 3.30pm
- Thu 14th - Nativity Green Class 9.30am
- Thu 14th - Nativity Yellow Class 2pm
- Fri 15th - Year 5 Tudor Day
- Wed 17th - Tennis Festival (Some year 5/6)
- 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
  - Mon 29th - Bikeability Level 1 Year 4&5
  - Tue 30th - Young Voices Concert
  - Wed 31st - Learn to Ride Reception
- ### February
- Mon 5th - Children's Mental Health Week
  - Tue 6th - Safer Internet Day
  - Tue 13th - Science Museum Trip - Year 5
  - Fri 16th - Last Day of Half Term

BD GROUP & DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE FC PRESENT

**DAGGERS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY DAY**

WIN VIP TICKETS

**COMPETITION FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Design the Dagenham Celebrates Diversity Day (24/02/24) Matchday Programme Cover, draw a picture showing what diversity means to you.

**Prizes**

- 1st Design is used as the match programme front cover, 4 VIP hospitality tickets for the match and a signed programme
- 2nd Signed Dagers Shirt
- 3rd Signed Dagers Ball

Free ticket vouchers for all recieved entries  
Entries to be submitted by 15th December 2023  
Please return completed entries to [BDTfeedback@bdtp.co.uk](mailto:BDTfeedback@bdtp.co.uk)  
Winner will be announced by 1st February 2024

If you need help and support with the cost of living, find information on help with your income [here](#).



### Healthy Lifestyle Session

School: Barley Lane Primary  
Date: Wednesday 10th January 2024  
Time: 8:55am or as soon as you drop the children

For parents/carers of Reception and Year 6 children—please join us for a healthy eating/lifestyle workshop at your child's school, once you have dropped them off in the morning. This workshop will last approx. 35-40 minutes

- Get tips on leading a Healthier Lifestyle
- Learn more about Healthy Eating:  
*Healthy Breakfast options*  
*Healthy vs Unhealthy snacks*  
*Sugary Drinks*
- The importance of Sleep, Exercise and Oral Health
- Find out what activities and support is available in Redbridge for you and your family.



Any queries, please call and request a member of the Health Improvement Team, on 0300 300 1579 (Option 1) or email us on: [RedbridgeHITreferrals@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:RedbridgeHITreferrals@nelft.nhs.uk)

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION, PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS.

## Parent Forum & Coffee Morning

Apologies that we had to cancel the Parent Forum Meeting last week. The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday 10th January 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@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:parentforum@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk)

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

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us at the coffee morning last Friday, we will let you know when the next one is soon!



## Online Safety

Please remember to check any age requirements for any apps and games the children use and make sure they do not upload any videos of themselves wearing school uniform. You can find more information on keeping safe on



## Christingle Workshop - Year 1

As part of their learning in RE this term, Year 1 participated in a workshop to learn about the importance of Christingles. Children learnt about the significance of each part of the Christingle and thoroughly enjoyed making one too.



## Children's Winter Vaccination Clinic

COVID-19: 6 months - 11 years old  
Flu: reception - year 11

Walk-in clinic, no booking required.  
Entertainment whilst you wait. Face painter, balloons, Santa and arts and crafts!  
Adults will also be able to get their jabs  
For eligibility please see the NHS website

Saturday 9 December  
10am - 2pm  
EYPad Children's Centre  
Formerly known as Cranbrook Children's Centre  
The Drive, Ilford, IG1 3PS



## Headteacher Awards

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

Mariya - 2T      Raphael - 5B  
Ayat - 2T      Fiza - 6N  
Kelsey - 5B



## Chess Club



It was prizegiving at Chess Club this week, well done to Ajeesh (1st), Timur (2nd) & Lekhasree(3rd) who each received a trophy. Chess club runs on Wednesday mornings before school for children in Years 1-6. Booking details for next term will be sent by email soon.



Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper next Wednesday!



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REDBRIDGE PRESENTS THE

# HAF WINTER FUN DAY

FOOD, DRINKS, & GAMES, SPORTS

FREE FESTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**FUN!**

BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

**29TH DECEMBER**

**11AM-4PM**

VALENTINES HIGH SCHOOL  
ILFORD  
IG2 6HX

**ALL AGES 4-16**

SCAN TO BOOK

Contact Us: [haf@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:haf@redbridge.gov.uk) | Website: [www.find.redbridge.gov.uk/haf](http://www.find.redbridge.gov.uk/haf)

## Wizard Words Of The Week

This year we are focussing on improving our vocabulary throughout the school. Students will be challenged to develop and extend their vocabulary through learning and using specific words each week. Here are this weeks words:



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Nursery

Word:

# nativity

**Definition:** The **Nativity** is the birth of Jesus, which is **celebrated** by **Christians** at Christmas.

**Sentence:** The school **Nativity** play took place in the junior hall.

**Synonym:** Birth of Christ, Christmas



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Reception

Word:

# Christmas

**Definition:** **Christmas** is a Christian festival when the birth of Jesus Christ is **celebrated**.

**Sentence:** **Christmas** is celebrated on the 25th of December.

**Synonym:** Noel, Yule, Yuletide



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Year 1

Word:

# shelter

**Definition:** something that provides cover or protection from weather or danger

**Sentence:** They stood under the bus **shelter** and waited for the rain to stop.

**Synonym:** protection, safety, refuge



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Year 2

Word:

# scorching

**Definition:** **Scorching** or **scorching hot** weather or temperatures are very hot indeed.

**Sentence:** The race was run in **scorching hot** weather.

**Synonym:** burning, boiling, baking, flaming



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Year 3

Word:

# vixen

**Definition:** a female fox.

**Sentence:** The **vixen** prepared to hunt the family of rabbits.

**Synonym:** fox



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Year 4

Word:

# remorseful

**Definition:** Adjective- you feel very guilty and sorry about something wrong that you have done.

**Sentence:** He was **genuinely remorseful**.

**Synonym:** regretful, sorry, guilty, sad



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Year 5

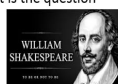
Word:

# soliloquy

**Definition:** "Soliloquy" comes from the Latin solus, which means "alone," and loqui, "to speak." The word "soliloquy" most commonly refers to a speech a character in a play recites onstage alone, or as if they're alone used by Shakespeare.

**Sentence:** The most well known soliloquy is from Hamlet "To be or not to be – that is the question"

**Synonym:** monologue, address, speech, aside



### Word Wizard



Date: 11/12/23

Year Group: Year 6

Word:

# revolution

**Definition:** A **revolution** is a **successful attempt** by a large group of people to change the political system of their country by force.

**Sentence:** In 1789 the people of France began the **French Revolution**. The **revolution** brought down their king and made France a republic—a country ruled by the people.

**Synonym:** rising, coup, rebellion, uprising, mutiny

