



# Barley Lane Newsletter

10th February 2023 - Issue 11

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



**Next week is Half Term. School will reopen on Monday 20th February.**

## Dress To Express

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, and to mark the importance and raise awareness of young people's mental health, we have 'Dressed to Express!'



We have seen some fabulous outfits today .

Well done everyone!



## Family Learning courses



**Help your child with their learning**

### Keeping Up with Children— English 5 Weeks Course

Understand National curriculum and learn how to improve your child's English Grammar, reading and writing skills !!

Starting : Monday 27th Feb 2023—9.00am - 11am

End Date: Monday 27th March 2023— 9.00am-11am

*Important: Only limited spaces available so hurry and reserve your place!!*

To Book please contact: Reception at Barley Lane Primary School

www.redbridge-iae.ac.uk  
Call us on 020 8550 2398

Gaysham Avenue  
Gants Hill, IG2 6TD  
enquiries@redbridge-iae.ac.uk



## Big Garden Bird Watch

If you took part in the Big Garden Bird Watch then the results have now been compiled by the RSPB. For more information go to the RSPB website [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

Please look out for the parakeets in our school spinney!

### House sparrow number one again!

House sparrows are top of the flocks for the 19th year running. But it's vital we continue to look out for sparrows as there are far fewer around now. The population has declined so much that they are on the UK Red List for birds – any further declines would be devastating.



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
WE ARE A NUT  
FREE SCHOOL**



## Competition... Competition... Competition!

Spring is just around the corner and to encourage our pupils to get cycling and scootering, we have an exciting competition for all year groups to enter:



***Design an Eco-themed helmet in the brightest colours you can! Draw or paint your design on A4 paper. Think about sustainable travel or green places you might ride your bike or scooter . Winners will receive a helmet - there will be one prize for each year group.***

**Entries must be submitted to the class teacher or the school office by Friday 10th March. Good Luck!**

## Spring Curriculum Information

Spring Topic Webs and the slides from our Spring Curriculum Parent Meetings are available [here](#) for you to look ahead to the next half term and see what your children will be learning about in each subject.

## Spring Term Dates For Your Diary

### February 2023

#### 13th– 17th Half Term

Tue 21st Parent Forum 5pm Zoom  
Tue 28th British Museum Trip Year 3

### March 2023

Wed 1st British Museum Trip Year 3  
Fri 3rd World Book Day ( no dress up - details to follow)  
Mon 13th Science Week  
Thu 16th 5T Class Assembly  
Fri 17th Redbridge Geography Bee (Selected Yr5)  
Thu 23rd 4D Class Assembly 9.15am (parents welcome)  
Thu 30th 3G Class Assembly 9.15am (Parents Welcome)  
Thu 30th BETTS Digital Show  
Fri 31st Last Day of Term

### April 2023

Mon 17th INSET Day (School Closed)  
Tue 18th School reopens for children

A pair of black of black and red glasses have been handed in. Please collect them from the school office if they belong to your child.



**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**  
...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)



## Library Books

A reminder that any library books lost or returned damaged will incur a charge of £5 which should be paid at the school office. Library books should be kept away from children's water bottles and kept in a plastic bag. Please look after our books!

## Gardeners Needed!

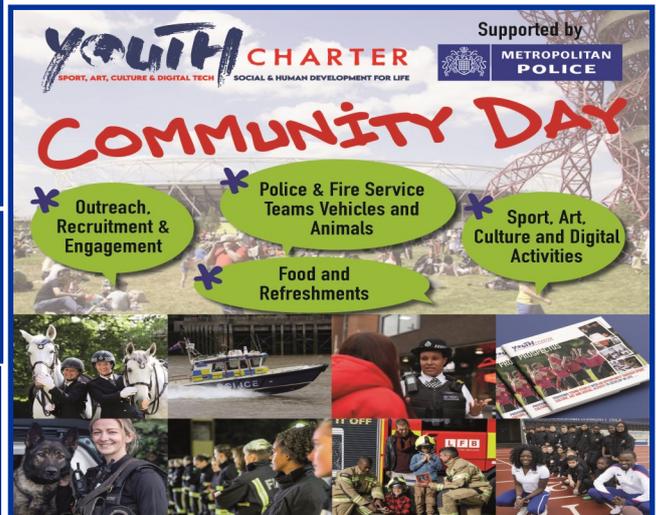


Do you like gardening?  
Have you any expertise in all things growing and planting?

Could you spare some time to help us transform our planting areas in school?



If you can offer any help, please see Mrs. Rogers or Mr. Curtis or contact the school office.

**YOUTH CHARTER** Supported by METROPOLITAN POLICE  
SPORT, ART, CULTURE & DIGITAL TECH SOCIAL & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOR LIFE

**COMMUNITY DAY**

- Outreach, Recruitment & Engagement
- Police & Fire Service Teams Vehicles and Animals
- Sport, Art, Culture and Digital Activities
- Food and Refreshments

**Friday 17th February 2023 (11am to 4pm)**  
**London Marathon Community Track**  
London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London E20 2ST

#BTHECHANGEIWANT2C...

Impact Active Global Citizens Engaged Equipped Empowered

## Ilford Islamic Centre Trip - Year 5

Year 5 went to Ilford Islamic Centre this week as we are learning about Islam in R.E. We met Imam Khurram who shared an insightful talk about the mosque/Muslim beliefs and showed us around the building. We also took part in a mosque feature hunt which was great fun! We had a wonderful time.



## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we celebrated safer internet day. Our digital leaders were confident and delivered a wonderful and engaging assembly to their peers. We were all learning to be good digital citizens.

## Annual Parent Survey Autumn 2022-23

### Our Strengths

Thank you for the positive comments.

*You have great teachers who are amazing at making the children feel confident and succeed.*

*The leadership seem very supportive and proactive in school life as well as the BLFA who organised the fireworks event. It's great to see so many people come together and deliver something which I know my family will remember for a long time.*

*The newsletter is great: very informative.*

*I am very pleased and grateful that my daughter studies in Barley Lane Primary School. Everything is magnificent, perfect attitude, I have only positive reviews!*

*The regular meetings that are arranged for parents demonstrate a collaborative and inclusive vision.*

*The school is very aware of the multicultural background of the families and I feel the leadership board deals with sensitive topics in a very inclusive and respectful way. The school provides activities for both pupils and families and makes sure everyone feels included within in the school community. Special days at school are very fun for the children and well organised. Staff are really kind and caring. Well done :)*

*Good communications and engagement with families by the SLT, great teachers who want the best for the children, important initiatives such as diversifying the curriculum and making the school community more green.*

*A very big thank to school admin staff who are the first point of contact. Lovely, smiley, polite, helpful, welcoming and happy. Attending to parents' needs, very supportive and very patient with parents who are upset or rude sometimes.*

*Thanks to all the staff who have helped with educating my daughter. We hope that she is able to continue to thrive and progress at Barley Lane in the coming year.*

Here is an overview of our parent survey, carried out in December and January. We really appreciate everybody taking the time to respond and have reviewed the results and comments in detail.

(Overall percentages are based on Strongly Agree/Agree)	This year 2022	Total				
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know /
My child is happy at school.	96%	71	66	4	0	1
My child feels safe at school.	96%	67	69	3	1	2
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	91%	47	82	4	2	7
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	96%	59	77	2	1	3
My child has SEND; the school gives them the support they need to succeed *9 out of 12 respondents	*74%	6	3	2	1	130
The school has high expectations for my child	76%	34	74	6	2	26
My child does well at this school	89%	47	79	2	1	13
The school lets me know how my child is doing	87%	47	77	10	3	5
There is a good range of subjects available for my child at this school	92%	45	86	4	0	7
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	90%	56	72	4	0	10
The school supports my child's wider personal development	84%	39	80	9	3	11
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	82%	44	72	5	3	18

### Our Strengths

Staff (16 comments)

Communication & Organisation (20 comments)

Teaching & Learning & Expectations (10 comments)

Leadership (9 comments)

Ethos (9 comments)

Clubs (9 comments)

### Even Better If

The main areas which our parents would like to see improve are listed below:

Communication: progress and curriculum (9 comments)

Wider curriculum/Clubs (8 comments)

Quality of teaching (6 comments)

Safety / Hygiene / Building (6 comments)

Parent Engagement (4 comments)

School meals (4 comments)

Homework (4 comments)

Members of the leadership team are in the process of contacting parents who have raised concerns via the survey. We are always here to listen!

### 96% of our parents indicated that they would recommend Barley Lane to another parent.



My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively

My child has not been bullied	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know /Blank
80	6	23	4	5	23

## Attendance & New Pupils

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

Umayma, Roummaise, Kaizer, Harleen, Thanvika, Azan, Ariana, Hannah



**Attendance Week Beginning 16th January 2023:**

1D - 98%

2H - 97%

3B & 3G - 96%

6M - 97%



## Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following children who have recently received a Headteacher's Award!

Laylah - Red

Veeraj - 4D

Kelsey - 4F

Aidaan - 1M

Shalom - 4D

Hardika - 5C

Gurshish- 1M

Taliyah - 4D

Inaaya - 5C

Araf - 1R

Zain - 4D

Anaya - 5C

Noah - 1R

Rizwan - 4D

Adrian - 5C

Ismael - 1R

Charlie - 4D

Ahyaan - 5C

Dragos - 1R

Trisha - 4D

Zunairah - 4D

Ajeesh - 2B

Skyla - 3M

Owais - 3B



## House Point Winners

Well done to our House Point winners this half term - they had extra playtime today!



**Shard - 642**

Parliament - 606

Buckingham Palace - 593

London Eye - 565

## 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 Redbridge Children's Services:

020 8708 3885

CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk

or visit [www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering) for more information

## New Lunch Menu - Starting After Half Term

### Let's see what's for lunch...

Week 1

Monday	Main Meals	To go with
	BBQ Chicken Pizza Halal BBQ Chicken Pizza Margherita Pizza V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Tuna Mayonnaise & Sweetcorn Baguette	Sweetcorn Ve Dessert Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake V
Tuesday	Lamb Bolognese with Spaghetti Halal Lamb Bolognese with Spaghetti Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Egg Mayonnaise & Cucumber Bloomer V	Peas Ve Dessert Carrot Cake V
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Macaroni & Cheese V Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cheese Salad Sandwich V	Seasonal Greens Ve Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream V
Thursday	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Rice Halal Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Rice Vegetable & Bean Burrito Ve Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Roast Vegetable & Houmous Bloomer Ve	Steamed Carrots Ve Dessert Maryland Cookie V
Friday	Breaded Fish Fingers Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Chicken Mayonnaise Baguette	Chips & Baked Beans Ve Dessert Chocolate & Courgette Sponge V

Freshly Baked Bread: Pesto Bread V Wholemeal Bread V  
Week 1:  
20<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Pabulum Salad Bar**  
Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fun and nutrients.

Available Every Day  
Fresh Fruit Ve  
Yoghurt V or Jelly Ve

### Red - Meat Colour Key

Yellow - Halal  
Green - Vegetarian & Vegan  
Blue - Jacket Potato & Pasta  
Orange - Cold Lunch

Week 2

Monday	Main Meals	To go with
	Paprika Spiced Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza Halal Paprika Spiced Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza Vegetable Burger in a Bun Ve Wheatbread Pasta with Arrabiata Sauce Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich V	Carrot Sticks Ve Dessert Lemon Drizzle Sponge V
Tuesday	Lamb Lasagne Halal Lamb Lasagne Vegetable Fajita Wrap Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Tuna Mayonnaise & Cucumber Bloomer	Sweetcorn Ve Dessert Flapjack Ve
Wednesday	Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ratatouille Pasta Bake Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sweet Chilli Cheese & Spinach Wrap V	Pan Fried Leeks Ve Dessert Orange Shortbread Biscuit Ve
Thursday	Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice Halal Chicken Tikka Masala & Rice Vegetable Pasanda with Rice Ve Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Chicken Mayonnaise Baguette	Broccoli Ve Dessert Apple Crumble Ve with Custard V
Friday	Breaded Fish Fingers Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa Ve Pasta with Lentil Sauce V Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cheese & Tomato Bloomer V	Chips & Baked Beans Ve Dessert Apple & Parsnip Cake V

Freshly Baked Bread: Tomato & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V  
Week 2:  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October

**MADE FRESH EVERY DAY**  
All our food is freshly prepared using seasonal produce from local suppliers. We are proud to always cook from scratch.

### Cold lunches available for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Children choosing the sandwich option can help themselves from the salad bar and then choose a delicious dessert from our dessert station.

Week 3

Monday	Main Meals	To go with
	Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato & Gravy Halal Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato & Gravy Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy Ve Pasta with Cheese Sauce V Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sweet Potato & Bean Wrap Ve	Peas Ve Dessert Carrot & Apple Flapjack Ve
Tuesday	Lamb Chilli with Steamed Rice Halal Lamb Chilli with Steamed Rice Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Roasted Vegetable & Houmous Baguette Ve	Steamed Carrots Ve Dessert Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V
Wednesday	Sticky Glazed Chicken Halal Sticky Glazed Chicken Margherita Pizza V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cheese Salad Wrap V	Spicy Potato Wedges Ve & Coleslaw V Dessert Cherry Cornflake Cake V
Thursday	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta Halal Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta Vegetable Pasta Bake V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Tuna Mayonnaise & Cucumber Bloomer	Pan Fried Leeks Ve Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream V
Friday	Breaded Fish Fingers Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket Ve Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce Ve Cold Sandwich - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich V	Chips & Baked Beans Ve Dessert Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit Ve

Freshly Baked Bread: Garlic & Rosemary Bread V Wholemeal Bread V  
Week 3:  
6<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

V - Suitable for vegetarians  
Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians  
BM3 Halal Non Barley Lane February 2023 All products are subject to availability **pabulum**

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?  
Do you want your voice heard?  
**Upcoming Events**

**DATE: FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023**  
**VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
**TIME: 10AM - 12PM**  
**GUEST: PAUL ALLEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF VIBRANCE**  
(Short Breaks, Outreach, Residential, & Day Services)



**DATE: THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023**  
**VENUE: ALBERT ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
**TIME: 10AM - 12PM**  
**GUEST: AUTISM SPECIALIST TEACHER**



**DATE: FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2023**  
**VENUE: GEARIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
**TIME: 10.30AM - 12PM**  
**GUEST: SHAHANA YASMIN, YOGA TEACHER**  
(Booking via eventbrite as limited spaces available)



**FREE MEMBERSHIP**

Open to family members and carers of any child or young person with SEND up to the age of 25 years who live in or receive services from Redbridge. Associate membership is available for practitioners.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE FROM:

www.empoweringparentstogether.org.uk  
Info@empoweringparentstogether.org.uk

07486 880 799  
07486 880 646

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Empowering Parents Together - Redbridge

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @EPT\_Redbridge



**Get Walking This Spring!**

**89%**



of our pupils live within one mile of Barley Lane Primary School.

How many of our families walk to school?

Spring is here!

Please don't wait for our 'Big Walk and Wheel Week' in March...

...let's start walking after half term!



**PLAYERS WANTED**

FOR THE 2022/2023 SEASON

- \* Minikickers
- \* U 9s
- \* U 10s
- \* U 11s
- \* U 12s
- \* U 13s
- \* U 14s

We Train at **Chadwell Heath Academy Brookside (NHS) Sports Ground Goodmayes, IG3 8XF**

**Every Saturday From 10 am to 12 pm**

Training Is Provided By Our Experienced FA Qualified Coaches Who Have Worked and Still Work With Professional Clubs as Well as Grassroots Level. Our Coaches are DBS Checked and First Aid Trained!

Call or Text  
07534095300  
07853198927  
07961745333

Shooting Stars Yfc ssyfc19 s\_starsyfc shootingstarsyfc.co.uk

**Year 1 Phonics Buster Books**

If your child is in year 1 and you are interested in buying the Phonics Buster Book to help with your child's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.



**Cost-of-living EVENT**



Cost of Living Drop-In-Session  
Loxford Children's Centre  
136-138 Ilford Lane,  
IG1 2LG  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
9:30am - 11:30am

It's a difficult time for everyone and people are struggling to cover their essential living costs. We're all paying a lot for energy, food, and vital bills like rent.

We have developed a webpage full of information, tips, and ideas to help in these tough times. Please visit it at [costofliving.redbridge.gov.uk](http://costofliving.redbridge.gov.uk).

Redbridge Council is holding a Cost-of-Living drop-in-session to provide advice and support to hard-pressed residents affected by increases in the cost of living.

We are working with our partners across the public and voluntary sector to support our residents, especially vulnerable people and those hit hardest.

Staff from the council, including Housing, Benefits and Work Redbridge will provide one-to-one information and advice on a range of topics, including:

- Income maximisation
- Improving financial resilience
- Work, skills, and training courses
- Support for families and children
- General Cost of Living guidance and tips, including managing energy efficiency

The Cost-of-Living drop-in-session will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 between 9:30am-11:30pm at Loxford Children's Centre, 136-138 Ilford Lane, IG1 2LG.

There is no need to book; people can just drop in.



-How to be a -

**VIP Parent**



**Wednesday 22 February  
9am Tech Room**

in partnership with **Lifeline Projects** champion support network