



Barley Lane Newsletter

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Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed



Dear Parents and Carers,

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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing break.

It was great to see the children return after the holidays. As well as welcoming the children back to school, we have welcomed Mr Henry back this term. I know that some parents may have seen him at the gate this week and other parents have also asked me how he is. For the next few weeks, he will not be in school every day so I will still be the main point of contact if you need to contact the school.

We have a number of exciting visits planned for this term linked to our curriculum. A big thank you to parents who have attended the curriculum meetings this week, the rest will be held online next week.

With the cold weather we are currently experiencing, can I please remind you to send your child/children to school in appropriate clothing to ensure they can stay warm at play-times.

Have a good weekend and wrap up warm!

Mrs Ballantyne

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy. Information about becoming a parent governor will be sent out next week if you would like to nominate yourself for this role.



Huxley & Barley



Barley and Huxley, our school guinea pigs, wish you all a 'Happy New Year!' They are back for the new term after spending the Christmas holiday with



Mrs Rogers. They are looking forward to putting a smile on the faces of the adults and children who work with them.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to the parents who have joined our curriculum information meetings this week; we hope you have found them useful. If you were unable to attend you will be able to find the information on the school website soon. The remaining dates for the meetings are below— you should already have received zoom log in details by email.

Mon 15th Jan - Reception

Tue 16th Jan - Year 5

Thu 18th Jan - Year 4

The meetings will be on Zoom at 4pm.

Favourites day

Special Menu
Favourites Day

Thursday 18th January

- Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap (G)
- Halal Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap (G)
- Margherita Pita Pizza (G, MK)
- Baked Wedges
- Baked Beans & Peas
- Chocolate Sponge (G, E) with Chocolate Sauce (MK)
- Alternative Available
- Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

BM2HalalNon & BM3HalalNon
Allergen Key
CAPITAL LETTERS = contains, lower case = may contain
Celery and Cereals (C), Crustaceans/Shellfish (CR), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Soya (S), Milk (MK), Nuts (N), Mustard (M), Sesame (SE), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya and Soya products (SO), Sulphites (SU)

pabulum
HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

There will be a menu change next Thursday.


There is no need to book, children can order their lunch during registration as usual. The lunch is free to all children in all year groups.

Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the parent forum meeting on Wednesday. The minutes of the meeting can be found [here](#).

Dates For Your Diary

January

Wed 17th - Tennis Festival (some Year 5&6 children) 


Tue 23rd - Individual Photographs (for children absent last time)

Fri 26th - Bett Digital Show

Fri 26th - Parliament Trip (selected Yr3-6)

Mon 29th - Bikeability Level 1 -Year 4&5


Tue 30th - Young Voices Concert

Wed 31st - Learn to Ride - Reception 

February

Thu 1st - Class Assembly 4B,9.15am (parents invited)

Mon 5th - Children's Mental Health Week

Mon 5th - Year 1 Phonics Meeting 

Tue 6th - Safer Internet Day

Thu 8th - Class Assembly 5HS, 9.15am (parents invited)

Tue 13th - Science Museum Trip - Year 5

Wed 14th - Class Assembly 3K,9.15am (parents invited)

Thu 15th - Class Assembly 3R, 9.15am (parents invited)

Thu 15th - Pedestrian Training Year 4 

Fri 16th - Last Day of Half Term

Look After Our Feathered Friends!

When temperatures plunge here are three simple ways you can help garden birds battle through the freezing conditions.

Prepare a feast

When it's really cold, birds need more energy to stay warm. But in winter there's less daylight to find food and many of their usual sources run low.

You can help by providing food in your outdoor space. Kitchen scraps like mild grated cheese, bruised fruit, cooked rice, unsalted bits of hard fat, roast potatoes and dry porridge oats go down a treat with garden birds. Or you can make your own full-fat high-energy bird cakes.

The other option is buying calorie-rich foods like mixed seed, sunflower seed, nyjer seed and good quality peanuts. There are some foods you should avoid putting out as they can be dangerous for birds. Cooking fat from the roast mixes with meat juices during cooking to

make a runny, greasy mixture. This sticks to feathers and stops them from being waterproof. Also avoid dried coconut, cooked porridge oats, milk, and mouldy or salted food.



Keep it fresh

Birds need fresh water for drinking and bathing all year round. When the big freeze hits, try and keep your bird bath ice-free and topped up with fresh, clean water. Keeping your feeders clean is also essential to help reduce the spread of disease. The RSPB recommends cleaning them once a week with a mild detergent solution, such as washing-up liquid. Remember to wear gloves and get rid of any unused or mouldy food.

Provide shelter

When the bitter wind begins to bite, garden birds need somewhere to shelter from the cold. Planting dense hedges such as privet or hawthorn or letting ivy and holly grow will provide a great place for birds to roost in and shelter from the elements. Nestboxes are also in demand on cold winter nights, with birds cosying up together for communal warmth. The record number of birds found in one box is 63 wrens!



Attendance & New Pupils

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

Welcome

Manseerat, Zoya, Johana, Arifaah

Best attendance week beginning 11/12/23:

1B - 99%, 4BM - 98%, 5HS - 98%, 2Q - 97%

REMINDER - Apply to start primary school reception for September 2024

The deadline for on-time applications is 23.59 on 15 January 2024. You must apply through the eAdmissions portal which opened at midnight on 1 September 2023.

This application applies to children with birthdays between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. This application can only be made online.

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>

Redbridge
Education
Partnership

Anti Racist Focus Group

The Redbridge Education Partnership and the University of Bristol have come together to invite parents to focus group workshops where you can learn about anti racist education approaches, ask questions and share your ideas with other parents from Redbridge school.

You should have received an email with further information and details of how to sign up for the project.

Keeping Kids Healthy Guide

As a new school year begins, parents can help to slow the spread of seasonal illnesses and avoid unnecessary absences. You can find a handy guide [here](#).



Headteacher Awards

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

**Hassan -4F, Durais - 4F, Kainat - 6N, Ismaeel - 4F, Owais - 4F
Madina - 4F, Harnav - 4F, Naima - 4F,
Zainab - 4F**

Wizard Words Of The Week



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Nursery

Word:

rhyme

Definition: Words that sound the same or are similar in their endings.

A nursery rhyme is a traditional poem or song for children.

Sentence: She used 'moon' as a rhyme for 'June'.

Synonym: poem, song



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Reception

Word:

continents

Definition: Large solid areas of land that cover the surface of the Earth.

Sentence: There are seven continents on Earth.

Synonym: mainland, landmass



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Year 1

Word:

environment

Definition: Surroundings or conditions that a person, plant or animal finds themselves in.

Sentence: They all helped to look after the environment.

Synonym: surroundings, atmosphere



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Year 2

Word:

similarities

Definition: Similarities are features that things have which make them similar to each other.

Sentence: I can see the similarities between the animals.

Synonym: alike, likeness



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Year 3

Word:

pharaoh

Definition: A ruler in Ancient Egypt

Sentence: There were many great pharaohs throughout the history of Ancient Egypt.

Synonym: leader, ruler, king



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Year 4

Word:

conquer

Definition: To take control or defeat someone or something. To succeed in dealing with or controlling something.

Sentence: He was finally able to conquer his fear of heights.

Synonym: defeat, triumph, overcome



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Year 5

Word:

endurance

Definition: The ability to keep doing something difficult for a long time.

Sentence: He showed remarkable endurance throughout his illness.

Synonym: continuity, persistence



Word Wizard



Date: 8/1/24

Year Group: Year 6

Word:

redundancy

Definition: A situation in which something is unnecessary because it is more than is needed. The situation when somebody has to leave their job because there is no more work available for them.

Sentence: The workers are now facing redundancy.

Synonym: excess, unnecessary, redundant

