



Barley Lane Newsletter

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



PE Kits/Spare Clothing

Children must wear their PE kits to school on their allocated PE days. PE kit days are as follows:

Reception - Tuesday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday

Year 1 children should keep a change of clothes at school in their PE kit bag. Children will have a second PE session each week in school uniform.

Parents Evening - Early School Closure

Parents evening via zoom will be next **Thursday 18th March 2-7pm**. Each appointment will be 10 minutes.

School will finish early on this day:

1pm- Reception, Year 2,4, & 6

1.10pm- Years 1,3 & 5

The booking system is now open and you can book your appointment [here](#)

Music Tuition



We have some spaces for children in Year 3-6 for violin lessons. If your child would like to join please contact Mrs Warry at the school office.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a hot free school meal. However if your child is in Reception - Year 6 and you receive one of the listed qualifying benefits, you should still make an application for free school meals as the school your child attends will receive extra funding.

Find out if you are eligible [here](#).

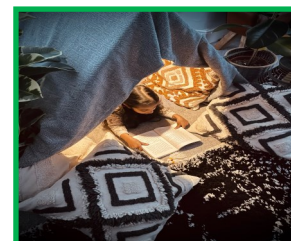
World Book Day



We loved seeing your photographs of the unusual places you read your books at home, and your colourful outfits.

We celebrated on zoom

during lessons and assembly, and had some virtual author workshops back at school this week. Please spend your vouchers as soon as you can!

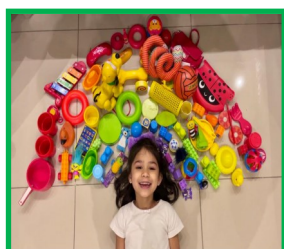


Making Rainbows!



Children in Reception were recently tasked with making a rainbow

using objects found around their home. The children were really creative, and sent us some wonderful pictures!



Safeguarding Alert

We have reported some suspicious activity on Eccleston Crescent to the LA and Safer Neighbourhood Team today; a white male has been seen loitering in this area on a number of afternoons this week. Please be vigilant here and on Barley Lane Recreation Ground, where an assault took place after school last Friday afternoon.

International Women's Day

We celebrated International Women's Day with some special assemblies and discussions in class. Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 learned about the 'Bechdel Test' which is used in films. They were surprised to hear that although the movie Frozen is considered by some to pass the test, 57% of the lines in the film are spoken by male characters. We hope that you can continue the conversation back at home.



Dates For Your Diary

March

15th Year 5 Calligraphy Workshop
16th Year 3 Virtual Workshop with Church (RE)
18th Parent Consultations - School closes at 1pm for Reception & Years 2,4 & 6. 1.10pm for Years 1,3,&5

23rd Year 3 Virtual Easter Workshop (RE)
24th Reception - Virtual Easter Workshop (RE)

April

2 - 16 Spring Holiday
22nd Virtual Author (Adam Baron) Year 5&6

May

10th Virtual British Museum Tour 3A & 3G
13th Virtual British Museum Tour 3B & 3T



There are tummy mummies
and mummies that are
in our hearts
forever

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Friends Association Zoom

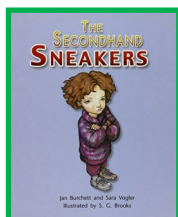
Some of our parents and children had a zoom session last week making mug cakes, with the Barley Lane Primary School Friends Association. Great fun was had by all!

We will send out log in details for the next session in due course.



Author Visit

On Thursday we were very lucky at Barley Lane to be virtually visited by famous children's book authors Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler. They read their famous



book **The Secondhand Sneakers** to EYFS and KS1. The children thoroughly enjoyed the book and were inspired to do some work around the book themselves. They all wished they had special sneakers like that for themselves! Another interesting book

was **The Tower block Blowdown** that the KS2 really enjoyed. The authors were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for reading and the detailed answers that they gave to the questions that were asked.

We all had a great time and hope to invite them to our school again very soon.



Year 1 Science Workshop

Year 1 children participated in a science virtual workshop this week which was conducted by the 'STEM Theatre in a Box'.

Our children learned about Jane Goodall who worked very closely with chimpanzees and discovered ways in which chimpanzees use natural tools to find food. The children then carried out their own



investigation to find out which natural tools such as leaves, twigs, stones or a stem made the best tool to help chimps eat.



Local Authority Meeting

Redbridge Council is holding a virtual public meeting on safely re-opening schools on Monday 15th March at 5:30pm. Here is the public link: <http://bit.ly/3cvjpV1>

The council will again be discussing safety measures schools have taken to open back up and the work being done to prevent the spread of Covid-19 after the return of all pupils to the classroom.

Anyone who wishes to submit a question should email lorna.baker@redbridge.gov.uk in advance of the meeting on Monday.

BLPSFA Laptops For Learning

There is still time to contribute to our BLPSFA Laptops for Learning goal. www.rocketfund.org/blpslaptopsforlearning

Thanks to all who have already contributed.



School Uniform

From September 2021 there will be some changes to our school uniform.

The predominant change we are making is that we are **discontinuing yellow polo shirts and black trousers**. The rest will stay mainly the same and PE kits will not change. You can find more details [here](#). If you require uniform for this school year, the BLPSFA uniform shop now has an [eBay shop](#), where you can purchase some items.



Engine Off Every Stop Webinar

Learn more about how our community can reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

The webinar will cover:

- The importance of clean air for schools in London and the role vehicle emissions play.
- What schools can do to tackle idling as an avoidable source of air pollution.
- How school communities can easily support Idling Action London's 'Engine Off Every Stop' public awareness campaign

For more information and to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engines-off-every-stop-schools-and-communities-tickets-145002599679>



Could You Imagine Living On Another Planet?

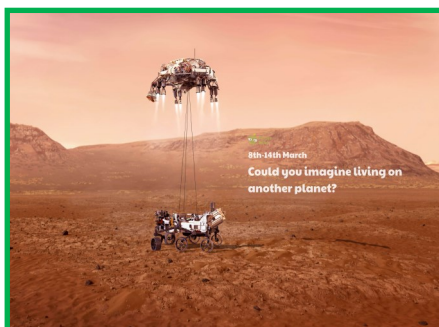
Last month, Nasa's £1.9 billion rover mission successfully landed on Mars after its seven-month, 290-million-mile journey from Earth. The rover, named Perseverance is packed with groundbreaking technology. The mission marks an ambitious first step in the effort to collect samples from Mars and return them to Earth. It is thought that life forms from Earth could temporarily survive a Mars-like atmosphere.

Things to talk about at home...

Do you think it is important that we learn about other planets? What kind of things do you think we might learn from them?

The Perseverance rover has 23 cameras, do you think it needs that amount?

What do you think they are for?



Nursery Vacancies

We have vacancies available in our nursery for the afternoon session. If your child was born between 01/09/16 - 31/08/17 and you are interested in a nursery place please contact Mrs Kennedy in the school office.