



# Barley Lane Newsletter

1st March 2024 - Issue 12

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



## Need to Know

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term, despite the wet weather!

This half term is a short one, but there are lots of exciting curriculum events happening this term, including World Book Day and STEM week. There is more information on events coming up in this newsletter.

A big thank you to the 163 families who completed our annual parent survey last half term. We really appreciate the time that you took to feed back to us. We have analysed the results and will be discussing these with governors next week and share information in our next newsletter. There were many positive comments about the school and the curriculum. Thank you to those parents who put their names to comments shared; we will follow up on any concerns personally if we feel this is appropriate before the Easter break.

We look forward to seeing your World Book Day costumes next week!

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Ballantyne



## Girls Football Day

Next week, girls from Year 2 - Year 6 will be taking part in a Football event to encourage them to enjoy sport. **All girls should wear their PE kit to school next Friday 8th.**



## Dates For Your Diary

### March

- Tue 5: British Museum Trip: Year 3 Class 3A & 3D
- Wed 6: British Museum Trip: Year 3 Class 3K & 3R
- Thu 7: World Book Day: non-uniform day
- Fri 8: Class Assembly: 5M, 9.15am (parents invited)
- Fri 8: Let Girls Play Football Event (Girls to wear PE kit)
- Mon 11: Library Trip 9.30am: 1W & 1B
- Tue 12: Trip to Cinema: Year 3
- Wed 13: Library Trip: 1.15pm: 1G & 1A
- Thu 14: Into Film Festival Trip: Year 4
- Thu 21: Class Assembly: 3D, 9.15am (parents invited)
- Tue 26: Class Assembly: 5T, 9.15am (parents invited)
- Wed 27: Class Assembly: 4BM, 9.15am (parents invited)
- Wed 27: Parent Forum (online): 5pm
- Thu 28: Last Day of Term

### April

- Mon 15: Inset Day (school closed)*
- Tue 16: Start of Summer Term
- Thu 25: Parents Evening 2-7pm (children finish 1.30pm)

### May

- Thu 2: Polling Day (school closed)*
- Mon 6: Bank Holiday School Closed
- Mon 13: Year 6 SATs week
- Tue 21: Parent Forum Meeting Junior Hall 5pm
- Fri 24: Last day of term

**Half term 27th - 31st May**

Click here for our [Term Dates](#) and [Events Calendar](#).

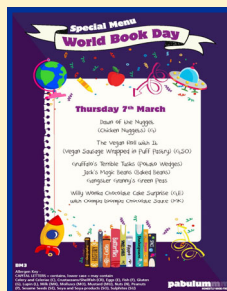
## World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March!

Children can come to school dressed like their favourite book character and bring their favourite book with them too!

We will also be having a special book-themed lunch - no need to book in advance, children can order their lunch as usual during registration on the day.

Children will receive their £1 World Book Day token on the day which they can exchange for a book.



**We will be having a second-hand book sale after school on the day. Please donate any good quality books you have to the school office. If you are able to help with the book sale please contact the school office.**

WORLD BOOK DAY

Our focus in assembly this week was 'Responsibility'. Next week, teachers will choose one child in each class to receive a special certificate for demonstrating this value during spring term. We look forward to celebrating with them!



## Nice to Know

## Stem Week

### Year 4 Pedestrian Training



Year 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from For2Feet recently. They took the children around the local roads to help them to understand road awareness and how to keep safe.

*'We went on a pedestrian training workshop and learnt how to cross the road safely. We were in a group where the adult asked us some questions. There are many crossings such as the pelican crossing, zebra crossing and island crossing. We had lots of fun because I was learning new things, for example when you are crossing the road there are bumps near the crossing that are there to help blind people. We also learnt that there is a T crossing, on a T crossing you have to look three ways left, right and forward.'*

Zainab and Chidiebube 4R



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 8th and 17th March 2024. We will be celebrating STEM week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March and have lots of exciting STEM related activities taking place.

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be holding a STEM celebration exhibition in the infant hall. You are invited to come and celebrate our learning with us between **9-10am**.

### The British Science Week 2024 poster competition

The theme this year is 'Time'. Children to create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was lifelike 30 years ago?

The Judges are looking for:

**Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box

**Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic

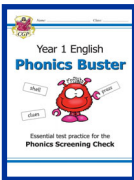
**Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only

**Please return all entries to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



### Year 1 Phonics Book



The phonics workbook is still available to buy to support your child with their phonics and reading. Please order and pay via ParentPay.com.

### Library Books

Please encourage your child to look after their library book; they are the children's responsibility whether they are taken home or not. Any books lost or damaged will need to be paid for at the school office.



### Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have recently received an award from Mr Henry:

Minsa - 4B	Rizwan - 5HS	Moneeb - 5T
Hussain - 4B	Sahira - 5HS	Nusaibah - 5T
Maria - 5HS	Alladad - 5HS	David - Blue
Veeraj - 5HS	Taliyah - 5HS	Yasin - Yellow
Rohan - 5HS	Damian - 5T	Mia - Red
Musa - 5HS	Samaara - 5T	Irsah - Red
Naima - 4F	Jovanni - 6J	Mirthun - 3R
Theodora - 4R	Amanat - 4R	

### Year 5 & 6 Football Match

Year 5 & 6 children recently played a football match. The match was amazing the children all had fun; the score was 8 -4 to Year 6, but Year 5 played brilliantly. Well done to all who took part.



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### Learn to Ride - Year 1

Well done to our Year 1 children who took part in Learn to Ride this week. Many of them were able to ride without stabilisers by the end of the 2 day course. We are hoping to book another session for those children who didn't have a chance to take part this time.

## Nice to Know



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

"Cuppa with a Copper" Contact Session

taking place at Harvester, High Road Chadwell Heath

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 10am and 11am

will be celebrating

"International Women's Day 2024"



Come along, meet your local Officers along with Women who are part of both the Met Police and other organisations and hear about the work they do within the community all whilst enjoying a Cuppa



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## Sci-Fest 2024

Saturday 16th March  
10am - 4pm

6 Lexden Road, CO3 3ND  
Free entry

Families welcome - fun interactive activities



Premium activities will incur a small charge. Refreshments available.

### Activities include

Colchester Zoo - Rangers & Wildlife	Puzzle Rooms
Coding - Python & Scratch	Sci-High Forensics
Dinosaur Escape Room	Smoothie Bikes
Dissection Lab	Tech Hub
Essex Wildlife Trust	VR Mini Beasts
Essex University - Baby Lab & Maths	VR Oceans
Face Painting	VR Space
Mini Monsters	VR Wild Beasts
Planetarium	Wipeout

Lunch & refreshments will be available to purchase from Ronnie's Kitchen, the CRGSA and the school's canteen.

**Limited** parking on site, entrance via Creffield Road or St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA, a short walk from the school.

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**ALL YEAR ROUND Schools Out Activities**

Essex's number one premium school holiday activity camp is at CRGS! Whether it's the long Summer Break, Easter, or the shorter Half-Terms, we can't wait to welcome children from all schools in Colchester!

Summer Holidays, Easter, Christmas

Choose individual days or come for the week for 20% OFF

Scan for info

## Attendance & New Pupils

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

**Japneet, Muhammad**

**Best Attendance week beginning 12/2/24**

2A - 100%, 2H - 98%, 4B - 98%, 5B - 98%, 5M - 98%

**Secondary School Places – National Offer Day – 1 March 2024**

National Offer Day is on 1 March 2024. This is the date applicants who applied on time will receive the results of their application. This information will be sent by email in the evening on 1 March 2024.

[www.adannawomensupportgroup.com](http://www.adannawomensupportgroup.com)

## ADANNA Women's Support Group INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2024 INSPIRING INCLUSION

Join us for this International Women's Day event as we look at the importance of **inclusion** within communities, society, business and the media.

This is a fantastic opportunity to **connect** with other amazing women, **share stories**, and **empower each other**. Don't miss out on this incredible event!

**Date**  
Saturday 16th March 2024

**Time**  
10AM-2PM

**Location**  
Gloucester Room,  
Redbridge Central Library

For tickets please follow link/QR code to Eventbrite:  
[AWSGIWD2024.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/AWSGIWD2024)

Tickets are £15  
**FIRST 15 TICKETS FREE!!**  
[1atadannawomengroup@gmail.com](mailto:1atadannawomengroup@gmail.com)

RECC  
Striving for an Equal Society

Stalls Available for local business to promote their good. Please email to find out more!

## Need to Know

# Wizard Words Of The Week



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Nursery

Word:

# planting

**Definition:** Putting seeds, crops or young plants in the ground to grow.

**Sentence:** He helped her with planting the green bean seeds.

**Synonym:** sowing



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Reception

Word:

# emergency

**Definition:** An emergency is a serious or sudden situation which calls for fast action.

**Sentence:** The fire brigade answered the emergency call.

**Synonym:** crisis



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Year 1

Word:

# remarkable

**Definition:** Something or someone that is remarkable is unusual, exceptional, excellent or interesting.

**Sentence:** It was a remarkable achievement.

**Synonym:** extraordinary



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Year 2

Word:

# artefacts

**Definition:** An artefact is a man-made object, such as pieces of art or tools, that is of particular cultural, historical or archaeological interest.

**Sentence:** The museum displays an impressive collection of artefacts.

**Synonym:** relic



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Year 3

Word:

# meander

**Definition:** A meander is a curve in a river.

To meander means to wander or walk slowly without any clear direction.

**Sentence:** Hikers can meander along the path next to the river for several miles.

**Synonym:** bend, wander



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Year 4

Word:

# recline

**Definition:** To lean or lie back.

In Roman culture, to recline meant to lie back at parties with friends and families.

**Sentence:** You may recline your seat when you want to have a quick nap.

**Synonym:** lean



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Year 5

Word:

# capsize

**Definition:** To capsize is to overturn.

**Sentence:** The boat capsized in the stormy sea.

**Synonym:** overturn, tip



## Word Wizard



Date: 26/2/24

Year Group: Year 6

Word:

# deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)

**Definition:** Deoxyribonucleic is the material that carries all the information about how a living thing will look and function.

**Sentence:** DNA is short for deoxyribonucleic acid.

