



# Barley Lane Newsletter

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



## Message from the Chair of Governors and Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half term break.

Sadly, since our last newsletter, we have all seen the upsetting images and videos in the media and on social media of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict. We are aware that this has caused upset and concern from within the whole school community which has made it a difficult time for many.

We are writing to inform you about how the school is responding to the current situation and supporting the children when they raise any questions.

As a school, we are an apolitical organisation, meaning that adults will not share their personal thoughts or opinions on the conflict. Any response to the children will be balanced, compassionate and educational. As a school we promote tolerance, equality and inclusion. We are here to support the children's understanding, including their awareness of differences of view.

In school, the conflict has been discussed through Assemblies with the Key Stage 2 children and in their classes when they may raise specific questions or concerns. The conflict has not been raised specifically with the EYFS and Key Stage 1 children, but if they do ask any questions these will be addressed in class by their teachers.

Our key messages from the school are:

- \* Our thoughts are with all those who have lost lives or been injured and with their families;
- \* We are concerned about the violence in Palestine and Israel and our thoughts are with all those who have been made to feel unsafe in their own homes, wherever they are;
- \* We hope for peace and an early resolution to the conflict;
- \* We remain a place of calm; we care for each other and will show tolerance and understanding;
- \* We have the shared belief in supporting the rights of every pupil and their families to live without fear of any form of discrimination or hate within our local community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please raise them with Mrs Ballantyne.

We wish you a peaceful weekend.

David Backhouse MBE  
Chair of Governors

Mrs V Ballantyne  
Acting Headteacher

## Odd Socks Day - Anti Bullying Week

As part of Anti-bullying week, the children took part in some workshops this week.

*'We had an Anti-bullying workshop today. The workshop was about two friends called Milly and Phillip. Milly was mean to Phillip and it made him very upset. We had to help Phillip stand up for himself in order to stop Milly from bullying him. He talked about this with a teacher who then spoke to Milly and helped them resolve their problems and become friends again.'*

*Syed-Ajer 5T*



It was a great workshop and we really enjoyed it! Thank you to Abbie for coming to our school and Miss Riaz for organising!

**Monday 13th November will be Odd Socks Day - come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique! Cost of the day is £1, please pay on ParentPay.com**



## 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](#).

## Dates For Your Diary

### November

Mon 13th - Anti Bullying Week Odd Socks Day

Tues 14th - Globe Theatre Trip Year 5

Wed 15th - Fluoride treatment for Reception

Mon 20th - Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Year 6

Mon 20th - Road Safety Week

Thur 23rd - Flu Vaccination Follow Up

Fri 24th - Toy Workshop - Year 1

Tue 28th - Cycle Training Level 1 Year 5

Thu 30th - Learn to Ride - Reception

### December

Mon 4th - Church Visit - Red & Blue Class 9.30-10.30am

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Wed 6th - Nativity 1B & 1A 9.30am

Thu 7th - Nativity 1G & 1W 9.30am

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 - Nativity Green Class 9.30am

Thu 14th - Nativity Yellow Class 2pm

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



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

### Recycle to Read - Recycling Batteries

We are still collecting AA,AAA, C,D,9V and button batteries for the Recycle to Read initiative; we received £30 worth of book vouchers last week for batteries we have already collected.

Please drop your old batteries into the recycling bin will be in the main foyer.

### Switch Off Fortnight

Next week is Switch Off Fortnight so we all need to be making an extra effort to switch off electrical appliances that are not in use. Each class has a green monitor and they will be making sure this happens.



## Parent Forum & Coffee Morning

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. Our next Parent Forum Meeting will be on Wednesday 29th November at 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](#).

Our next coffee morning will be on Friday 1st December 9am in the junior hall. Everyone is welcome, we hope you will join us!



## Prospective Parents Meeting

There will be a prospective parents meeting for parents who are looking for their children to join Reception next September. The meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November 9.15-10am and 5-5.45pm. No need to book, please enter through the school office.

## Headteacher Awards

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

Thivanni - 2T

Jannah -3R

Muensel - 2T

Hajrah - 2H

Abrish - 2T

Maria - 3A

Ethan - 2T

Mikaeel - 6C

Redwan - 2T

Eesa - 6N

Jaithri - 2T

Rayyan - 6F



**The weather is getting colder - please remember to send your child in with a coat or jacket.**



## PE Days

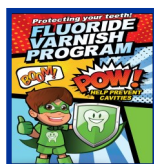
Your child's PE days may have changed, please check below;

Class	Day
Yellow,Blue,Red,Green	Tuesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)
1B,1W,1A	Wednesday (Indoor) Monday (Outdoor)
1G	Friday (Indoor) Monday (Outdoor)
2H, 2T	Monday (Indoor) Tuesday (Outdoor)
2A,2Q	Friday (Indoor) Tuesday (Outdoor)
3A	Monday (Indoor) Thursday (Outdoor)
3K, 3R	Wednesday (Indoor) Thursday (Outdoor)
3D	Tuesday (Indoor) Thursday (Outdoor)
4B,4BM	Tuesday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)
4F,4R	Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)
5B,5M	Thursday (Indoor) Wednesday (Indoor)
5HS,5T	Friday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)
6C,6F	Tuesday (Indoor) Thursday(Outdoor)
6J,6N	Wednesday (Indoor) Thursday (Outdoor)

## Fluoride Programme

You should have already received information regarding the Fluoride Programme for children in Nursery -Year 1. The sessions will be held on 15th November & 22nd November.

Please return the consent form to the school office as soon as possible.



## Reading Books - Reception

A reminder for Reception parents—please bring your child's folder/wallet back to school on time so they can change their reading book.



## Going for Gold!

We are delighted to have achieved a gold award for promoting active and sustainable travel and road safety activities in our school.

We hope you will continue to encourage your children to walk and cycle to school!

## Attendance & New Pupils

Welcome to **Suhayl** who has recently joined our school.

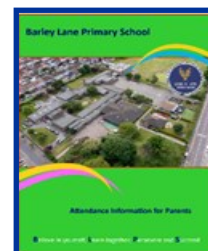


Best Attendance week beginning 30th October:

1B - 99%, 3A - 98%, 6C - 98%, 6J - 98%

### Attendance Information Leaflet for Parents

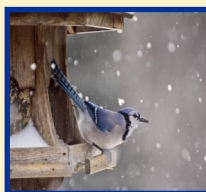
The school's attendance leaflet has been sent home with your child this week. Please do take the time to read through and familiarise yourself with the school procedures if your child is unable to attend school. The leaflet is also available on the school website.



### Nursery Vacancies

We have three nursery places available for the after-noon session (12.30pm -3.30pm). If you are interested in a nursery place for your child please contact Mr Phillips, Admissions Officer.

## Feed The Birds!



As the weather is getting colder its important that we look after our feathered friends.

No matter how large or small your outdoor space is, its easy to attract birds to your garden by putting out food and water. If you have a bit more space you could look to put up a feeder or add a bird table.

One thing to consider is that different birds like to feed in different ways. Birds such as House Sparrows are generally ground feeders, preferring to hop around on the ground and finches generally prefer to feed from hanging feeders.



For some top tips on feeding the birds have a look at the RSPB [website](#)

Redbridge Vision have some fun actives for children this autumn, look on their [website](#) for more details.

