



Barley Lane Newsletter

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Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed

Need to Know

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer term! It was fantastic to see so many of you around the school yesterday for Parent Consultations and on a personal note, to have so many asking how I am. It really meant a lot. Thank you also for the positive comments about your children's progress and teachers. We are pleased that after so many years of online meetings, you can celebrate with us on the school site this year.

Now that I am officially back in the Headteacher role, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Ballantyne for stepping up during my absence and recovery period. She did a fantastic job. Also, a huge thanks to Mrs Knight who took on many extra responsibilities, and to the rest of the school leadership team. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff team.

Best wishes for the summer term!
Mr Henry

Pick Up & Drop Off

Pick up and drop off times are very busy outside school. Parking inconsiderately can put children and adults in danger. Please make sure you park properly and do not allow your child to exit cars from the middle of the road. If you can, walk to school - the weather is getting better!



Parent Forum



Thank you those who attended our two parent forum meetings last week. The meetings were arranged in response to our parent survey to gather some more information and ideas relating to parental engagement and communication from the school. Although we were somewhat disappointed with a very low turnout, we are grateful to those who contributed and we will endeavour to address the issues based on the survey feedback itself. Meeting minutes can be found [here](#) in the coming days.

Dates For Your Diary

April

Tue 30: 5B Class Assembly 9.15am (parents invited)

May

Wed 1: Year 6 Football Match V Roding School 4pm

Thu 2: Polling Day (school closed)

Fri 3: Road Safety Workshop Year 4&5

Mon 6: Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Tue 7: Trip to Mosque Year 5



Thu 9: 4F Class Assembly

Fri 10: SEN Coffee Morning 9-10am

Mon 13: Year 6 SATs week

Wed 15: Year 6 Football Match V Chadwell School 4pm



Tue 21: Parent Forum Meeting Junior Hall 5pm

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Fri 24: Last day of term

Half term 27th - 31st May



June

Tue 4: Olympic Park Trip Year 5

Wed 5: World Environment Day



Fri 7: Vocabulary Parade (non uniform day)

Fri 7: Geography Bee - some year 5 children

Mon 10: Trip to RIBA - 2A

Mon 10: Hearing & Vision Check - Reception

Wed 12: Trip to RIBA - 2T



Thu 13: Trip to RIBA - 2H

Mon 17: Class Photographs

Tue 18: Trip to RIBA - 2Q

Mon 24: Health & Fitness Week

Mon 24: Sports Day Reception & Nursery

Tue 25: Sports day Year 4 & 6

Wed 26: Sports Day Year 1 & 2

Thu 27: Sports Day Year 3 & 5



July

Mon 1: Parent Forum Online 5pm

Tue 2: British Museum Trip Year 4

Tue 23: INSET Day School Closed



Free School Meal Funding

Scan the QR code to sign up to the Free School Meal checking service run by Redbridge council. If your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals, school will receive extra funding.

Nice to Know

Bailey The Beagle



On Wednesday Bailey the beagle joined a key stage 2 library session. He seemed to enjoy being with the children and they certainly enjoyed having him there to share their books with him. Bailey will be a regular visitor to school.



Basketball Competition

Some of our year 3 and 4 children went to a basketball competition last week. The day was very exciting at Chadwell Heath Academy, the sports leaders did an amazing job.

Taranraj, Owais, Malika, Elsa, Lia, Naveedah, Francis, Gurtljot, Jayadev, Aasiyah, Mishelle and Laith performed to their best ability and made Barley Lane proud. Elsa from year 3 won a prize for outstanding effort throughout the day. Well done to all the children that went and played with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Landa for organising.



Zoopa Doopa Road Safety Show

This week Year 1 and 2 enjoyed an informative road safety workshop which taught them how to cross roads safely at designated crossing points such as at zebra crossings and pelican crossings. When walking



to school or in the local area, encourage your child to hold hands, stop, look, listen and think before crossing roads.

Headteacher Awards

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

Rafay - Green	Samrathveer - Red	
Lina - Yellow	Maryam - Yellow	
Hannah - Yellow	Vivaan - Blue	
Sailojan - Blue	Zayd - 1B	
Musa - 1B	Aiza - 1B	
Maryam - 1B	Rihansh - 2H	Izzah - 4B
Jaithri - 2T	Suhana - 3R	Manmeet - 4B
Aarav - 4BM	Dylan - 5HS	Rohan - 5HS



Eco News

On Monday it was Earth Day, an annual event to focus on the environmental issues we have across our planet and to highlight the efforts being made to protect it. This year the theme was 'Planet versus plastics' with a call to try and achieve a 60% reduction in the use of plastics by 2040.



In Barley Lane we are working hard to become a more sustainable school. Most of our children now bring to school a re-usable water bottle rather than a single use plastic one. We have some re-usable water bottles that can be bought from our school office if you still have to make the change.

Now that spring is here we can think about helping the bees that visit our gardens and outdoor spaces.

Thanks to the rich diversity of plants and flowers, gardens are some of the best habitats for pollinators. There is always space though for more pollinators in our gardens.

The best ways to encourage bees and other pollinators into your garden is by providing nectar- and pollen-rich flowers throughout the year. Creating suitable nest sites in your garden is another excellent way to provide for them.

Here's how you can do more to support pollinators in your garden, outside space or community:

Fill gardens with [RHS Plants for Pollinators](#) plants

1. Allow lawn 'weeds' to flower by cutting less often
2. Provide water for pollinators
3. Avoid using pesticides wherever possible and never spray open flowers
4. Provide nest sites for wild bees

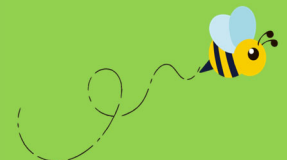
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Nice to Know

Attendance & New Pupils

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

Best attendance week beginning 15/4/24

3A - 100%, 3R - 99%, 5B - 99%

Attendance & Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives into school on time each day. Soft start from 8.45am and registration from 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am they must report to the school office where you can sign them in. All arrivals after 8.55am will be recorded in the register as a late mark.

Absences

All absences must be reported by 9.30am (If your child attends the nursery afternoon session then please report the absence by 1pm). Please call the absence line Tel: 020 590 8474 (option 1). Please state your child's name, class and reason for absence. If your child has a temperature, diarrhoea or vomiting they will be required to return to school once they have been clear of the symptoms for 48hrs.

All requests for holidays or emergencies abroad must be made in advance to the school office

admin@barleyleane.redbridge.sch.uk. These requests will be recorded as unauthorised absences. All unauthorised absences may be liable to a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority resulting in a **£120 fine per parent, per child** (reducing to £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days).

For further advice please speak with Mrs Kennedy, Attendance Officer in the school office.

All appointments should be made outside of the school day. If this is unavoidable then we ask that you inform the school office of any appointments in advance (booking a lunch option if your child has school dinners) ensuring you provide the appointment card/letter or text. Children should attend school either before or after their appointment where possible (appointments will not always be authorised for a full day without evidence or consultation with the school office).

Reminder Year 5 Parents -11+ Entrance Exam

The 11 plus exam for 2025 entrance will be held on **Friday 20 September 2024** – this is the second year that Redbridge are testing on a weekday as last year was a success, children who sit the test will be given an **authorised absence for this day only**.

Registration will open on **1 May and will close at 5pm on 15 June 2024**- this is a strict deadline. It is not possible to register before or after these dates.

Parents must register their child when they are in Year 5 during the above registration dates on the following link, children will sit this exam when they are in Year 6:

[Redbridge - Redbridge 11 Plus.](#)

Year 6 Football Match

Diaymar, Arvin, Munsib, Sadad, Azmain, Ishaq, Taggal, Zain, Kaharni, Yusuf, Benjamin, Aston, Carlso, Ahyaan, and Jordan played in the first league game of the season against Downshall Primary School, Barley Lane



played with great skill and teamwork. The end result was 5-5. Thanks to Coach Abs for training with the team on Mondays and coaching for the matches.

SEN Coffee Morning

We hope you will be able to join us for refreshments on Friday 10th May for the SEN Coffee Morning. The focus will be 'Vocabulary - How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?'

We will be sharing different strategies and techniques to help support your child. We look forward to seeing you then.



Nursery Spaces September 2024



We have limited Nursery places for September 2024. If your child was born between 1st September 2020–31st August 2021, and you are interested in a Nursery place, please contact Mr Phillips at the school office.

A pair of pink glasses with multi coloured arms have been handed in. Please collect them from the school office if they belong to your child.



Special Achievements

Congratulations to Jaithri, 2T and Jathin, Blue class who recently participated in a marathon at Lee Valley Velopark.

Jaithri completed a mile in 11.45 minutes, and Jathin participated in the children's mile.



If your child has a special achievement you'd like to share with us, please email us at:

admin@barleyleane.redbridge.sch.uk

Nice to Know

Wizard Words Of The Week



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Nursery

Word:

coral

Definition: Coral is an animal that lives in tropical water, stays in one place, lives in groups and attaches itself to rock.

Sentence: Corals can be very colourful underwater.



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Reception

Word:

traditional

Definition: Based on a way of thinking, behaving, or doing something that has been used by people for a long time. Traditional can describe anything that follows tradition or a usual way of doing things.

Sentence: We read a traditional story in story time.

Synonym: established, well known



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Year 1

Word:

botanist

Definition: A botanist is a scientist who studies plants, including flowering plants.

Sentence: In the afternoon there is a wildflower walk with a local botanist.

Synonym: phytologist, plant scientist



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Year 2

Word:

culture

Definition: Culture is a pattern of behaviour shared by a society, or group of people. Many different things make up a society's culture. These things include food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts and beliefs.

Sentence: Each culture is unique.

Synonym: customs



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Year 3

Word:

odyssey

Definition: A long and eventful journey.

Sentence: He embarked upon an odyssey charted out for him by others.

Synonym: voyage, adventure



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Year 4

Word:

runes

Definition: Runes are very old letters which Germanic people used before they started using Latin letters in the Middle Ages.

Sentence: The children wrote their letters in Viking runes.

Synonym: signs, symbols, marks



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Year 5

Word:

devour

Definition: To eat something eagerly and in large amounts so that nothing is left.

Sentence: The lions devoured their prey.

Synonym: consume, eat



Word Wizard



Date: 22/4/24

Year Group: Year 6

Word:

ideology

Definition: A collection of ideas or beliefs shared by a group of people.

Sentence: His conservative ideology, however, did not suit all tastes.

Synonym: beliefs, ideas

