



Barley Lane Newsletter

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

Good morning everyone

We hope you are having a good week, despite today's wet and windy weather. We were delighted to welcome all reception children to school this week. They settled in beautifully. It is unfortunate that Reception children now have to self-isolate until October 12th. However, the safety of the school community is our priority and school had to follow the advice of the Department for Education and Public Health England.

For more information on the procedures we must take when there is a confirmed covid case, please see our [‘Questions and Answers’](#) page. It includes an outline of what we do as a school when a confirmed case is brought to our attention. There are also questions and answers posted relating to each case we have. These questions have come directly from parents.

We are working with the Friends' Association to create a solution for parents who are experiencing difficulties with drop-off and collection due to self-isolation; somewhere they can ask for the help of our community. Please watch this space!

Wishing you a cosy and peaceful weekend.

Mr Henry

Parent Forum

We are reviewing our system of engagement with parents during this time of reduced contact. We aim to host some [parent forum](#) meetings in the second half of this term. In the meantime, our Parent Forum inbox is open for suggestions and queries parentforum@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk.

National Poetry Day



KS2 children took part in a zoom assembly for National Poetry Day in which the Poet Laureate competition was explained and some of the teacher's read some of their favourite poems. Deadline date for entries for Poet Laureate competition is the 8th of October and the theme is 'Vision'. Entries can be uploaded to Purple Mash!

Parent/Child Issues

Please could we remind parents that if you have an issue with another parent or child, please do not approach them in the playground. Please speak to your child's class teacher so any issues can be dealt with via the school.

Black History Month



October is Black History Month. We will be celebrating the month this year through class discussions, lessons, storytime books and a wider, long-term project relating to diversity within our BLPS curriculum, which will be on our School Development Plan this year.

Some children in Year 6 have enjoyed studying the poem [‘Portable Paradise’](#) by [Roger Robinson](#) (pictured) this week. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

Uniform Sales



Unfortunately due to the current situation we have been unable to open the Uniform Shop this half term. You can purchase from our supplier [Mapac online](#) . Alternatively, Rupens at 98-100 Meads Lane IG3 8QN stock our uniform.



Fireworks Event

The Barley Lane Friends' Association have informed us that they are unable to go ahead with our firework extravaganza this year. We fully support their decision to cancel the event. Thank you to the Friends Association for the preparations and effort they had already made towards the event.

We hope that next year we will be even bigger and better!

Our Curriculum

Our autumn topic webs and curriculum overviews for the year are available on our [website](#)

Windows

Our school building has been transformed by our new window installation and they are looking very smart. Year 2 have recently had their windows replaced and we hope the work will be completed soon.



Early Birds

We still have places for Early Birds which runs every morning from 8am until the start of school. Cost is £4 per day. If you would like your child to join please ring the office a week in advance to book your place.



Music Tuition—Violin

We have some spaces for violin lessons for children in Years 3-6. If your child would like to join, please leave your details at the office.



Online Family Learning

Parents in Reception, Year 1 & 2 - Places still available

Keeping Up with the Children Maths



@ BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Online course provided by Redbridge Institute

- Do you want to learn how to support your child with maths?
- You will increase and improve your own knowledge and understanding of how and what children learn in numeracy lessons at school.
- You will also have the opportunity to refresh your own numeracy skills and knowledge.

Thursday
8 October 2020

11 weeks

9.30am-11.30am*

*online class start and finish time can be adjusted to cater for school drop off and pick up.



Please click on the link to book: [OR2904 KUWTC Maths](#)



Should you always report those who aren't following rules?

It has been announced by Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, that Covid marshals will be introduced in towns and city centres, in parts of the UK, to help ensure social distancing rules are followed. He believes that the public want to see 'stronger enforcement' of the rules. The government said marshals can either be volunteers or existing members of council staff from local governments

Things to talk about at home with your children:

Talk through some of the news rules you have encountered in school and in clubs or shops.



Have there been any times where you didn't know what the rules were, or you found they had changed?

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for online secondary school applications for current year 6's is 31st October 2020. For more information about how to apply go to:

<http://www.barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk/parents/year-7-transition/>

Free Training

Skills for Life and Work

Barking & Dagenham College are able to offer parents and carers a wide range of free classes, which can be delivered online and in risk assessed, safe classroom settings. Starting with a 12-hour course, Understanding Mindset, this programme provides encouragement and supports individuals to regain confidence and independence; empowering those taking part to help themselves and work out their next steps.

We will support parents to understand and develop the essential skills required to survive and thrive in life.

This course fits within the Council's Step Up Stay safe offer for schools.

Delivered by Barking & Dagenham College to address the needs of Parents/Carers and ultimately pupils.

Barking & Dagenham College and Robert Clack School have recently been working together to pilot this programme as part of a targeted approach to support

parents in the understanding of developing a positive mindset, focussing on self-reflection and improved self-esteem. Enabling and empowering parents to address life and parenting skills. The impact has been evidenced by the very positive responses received from parents and carers.

If you would like to discuss this free opportunity for the parents within your school, please contact Jackie Hadley:

Jackie.hadley@bdc.ac.uk

I cannot thank Barking & Dagenham College enough for assisting and enabling an enhanced collaborative partnership between parents and carers. Whilst it is to be acknowledged that the course content is excellent I believe the effectiveness of it is greatly enhanced by Mick Griffin's unconditional positive regard.

Christine Simmonds
Family Engagement Lead/ Attendance Officer
Robert Clack School



Barking & Dagenham College

School Closure Parent Consultations 22nd October

School will be closed for a half day on 22nd October so that parent consultations can take place via zoom. The children will be going home after lunch. Times and booking details will be sent by letter in due course.

Covid Symptoms

If someone in your household is experiencing covid symptoms, the **ENTIRE** household must self isolate until a test has been done and results are received. Please do not send your child to school.

GANGS & EXPLOITATION AWARENESS

3 WEEK ONLINE
PROGRAMME
FOR PARENTS/
CARERS



DC ANOUSHKA DUNIC – MET POLICE
EAST AREA GANGS UNIT

Free Online Safeguarding Course for Parents

This commended FREE course is now available online for ALL parents and carers in Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge! The course is 3 weeks long, with a 2 hour ONLINE session per week.

This will be delivered on Microsoft Teams (This App can be downloaded on phones, tablets or laptops).

The dates for this course are **THURSDAYS 8th, 15th and 22nd at 7:30-9:30pm** (all sessions to be attended)

Gangs & Exploitation Awareness Training for Parents and Carers– We will be discussing the following topics-

- *What street gangs are and what they do.
- *To understand some of the language/social media used by gangs and young people.
- *Looking into the term “county lines”
- *The different stages of exploitation and recognise some of the signs and symptoms of children who may have been exploited.” *Stress responses and behaviour.
- *Some of the reasons children may be more vulnerable to exploitation by gangs and the link to childhood trauma.
- *The trauma experienced by children and young people involved in gang lifestyles.
- *“Attachment” and the need for strong, nurturing attachments between parent/caregiver and child.
- *Resilience in children. *Parenting tools.
- *Why our children may resist help/support from services.



To book your space please email Anoushka.Dunic@met.police.uk or text/call direct on 07741686764. You can remain anonymous and be as interactive as you feel comfortable with.