



Barley Lane Newsletter

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



Fireworks Spectacular

Despite the poor weather last weekend, we still managed to go ahead with our fireworks event. It was a huge success! There was plenty of food and neons for everyone on the night, and of course the brilliant fireworks display.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered over the weekend, from helping to set up to the big clear-up on Sunday. Everyone played a part in making the event such a success. Thanks to Mrs Saika Khan who made a fantastic fireworks cake for the evening that we were able to sell.

Events such as this would not be possible without our wonderful Friends' Association which unfortunately does not have the large membership which reflects our school population. Many of our volunteers are parents who no longer have pupils at Barley Lane. We really appreciate everyone's help.

In order for future events to take place, we are relying on more of our school community to volunteer. Every little helps!



Winter Clothing

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the time of year - they will still be spending some time in the playground, so will need warm outdoor clothing.



Year 5 Thames River Workshop

by Ziya, 5J

“At the Thames River workshop we learnt about the routes that people took when transporting goods by boat both now and in the past. This included the Tudors, and Victorians. We also learnt about how they used the Thames as a route for imports and exports.”

Thank you to our friends at the Thames Explorer Trust for delivering these exciting workshops to our Year 5 and Year 6 children.



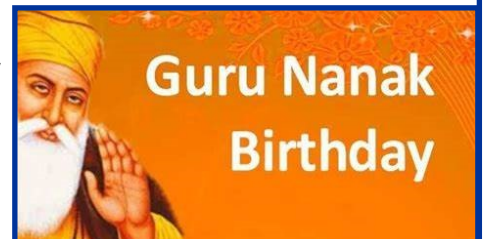
School Closed on Election Day

School will be closed to children on the 12th December.

Parent Phonics Workshop this afternoon!

Thank you to those parents who attended our phonics workshop for reception children yesterday afternoon. We will be holding a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents this afternoon at 3:45 in the Junior Hall. Please come along and experience how phonics is taught.

We wish our Sikh community a peaceful celebration on Tuesday.





Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Each year group will be dedicating some time to discuss the topic and create pieces of work which raise awareness. The winners of our poster competition will be announced.

More information about anti-bullying week can be found on this [website](#).

Trip Volunteers - Year 3

If you are able to spare some time, we would appreciate it if you could join us on the year 3 class trip to the Mandir by bus on 27th & 28th November. If you are able to help please speak to your child's class teacher.



Remembrance Day

We will be marking Remembrance Day next Monday with discussions in class.



Attendance

Week commencing 28/10/19 – **95.39%**

EYFS - Rec Yellow – 100%

KS2 – 4N – 100%

Welcome to the following children who have recently joined our school

Jannat	Adrolita
Roman	Balpreet
Nihira	Jeevan



Dates For Your Diary

November

- 13th Stone Age Workshop Year 3
- 14th 5R Class Assembly 9am
- 18th Globe Theatre Visit 5F & 5H
- 18th Bikeability Year 6
- 21st 4C Class Assembly 9am
- 22nd Globe Theatre Visit 5R & 5J
- 25th Hadleigh Country Park Visit 4N & 4C
- 26th Hadleigh Country Park Visit 4S & 4A
- 27th Mandir Visit - 3B & 3A
- 28th 5J Class Assembly 9am
- 28th Mandir Visit– 3H & 3G

December

- 5th 4S Class Assembly 9am
- 10th 1R & 1M Nativity 2pm
- 11th 1D & 1A Nativity 2pm
- 12th Election Day (school closed to children)**
- 13th Yellow Class Nativity 9:30
Blue Class Nativity 2:45
- 17th Green Class Nativity 9:30
Red Class Nativity 2:45
- 19th Nursery Nativities 11am and 2:45
- 20th Last Day of Term



Key Dates for Spring and Summer

January

- 6th INSET Day (school closed)

March

- 19th Parent consultations (school closes 13:45)

April

- 20th INSET Day (school closed)

May

- 8th Bank Holiday (school closed)

June

- 22nd Year 3 & 4 Sports day
- 23rd Year 1 & 2 Sports day
- 24th Year 5 & 6 Sports day
- 25th EYFS Sports day

July

- 9th Parent open evening 3:45 - 5pm
- 20th INSET Day (school closed).

Year 6 Library Trip

Year 6 are going to Redbridge Library and Museum next week please remember to sign and return the permission slip, payment for the trip can be made on Parentpay.



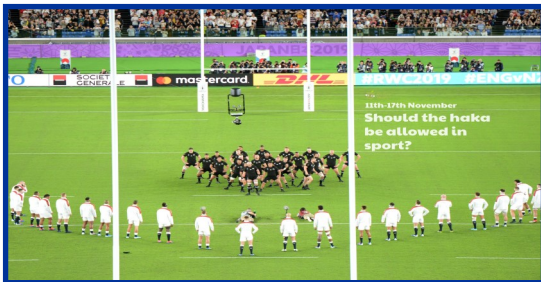
KS1 Reading Challenge

This week, children in KS1 and Foundation stage have started taking part in our Reading Challenge. In KS1 children must read 5 books to earn a sticker AND produce a short piece of work from home to prove they've read the book. In Foundation Stage children must read 3 books to earn a sticker. Parents must sign the Reading Record Log for every new book children have read.

In each class the child who has the most at the end of the term will win a prize. Good Luck!

This Week's Picture News!

Should the Haka be allowed in sport?



During the Rugby World Cup, the England rugby team were fined £2,000 for crossing the halfway line on the pitch as they lined up before the semi-final whilst the New Zealand team were performing the haka (a traditional Māori war dance). World Rugby rules state that teams must remain within their own half of the pitch to receive the haka. Welsh rugby writer, Stephen Jones, has called for the All Blacks to stop the haka altogether, saying it is a 'means of rank bullying on and off the field'. But the New Zealand team believe that performing the ritual of the haka unites the team.

Things to talk about at home...

Did you watch any of the Rugby World Cup this year?

Do you enjoy watching sport?

Have you heard or seen the 'haka' before?

Do you think that the New Zealand 'All Blacks' should be allowed to perform the haka at the start of a sports match?

Do you think the other team should be allowed to respond?



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.

The aims of the Barley Lane Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children
- share information, knowledge and skills
- meet in a mutually supportive environment
- further improve communications between parent/carers and the school

Meetings are informal and held each half term. They are a genuine opportunity for open discussion. They will be led by school staff, usually by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher and will last approximately 45 mins - 1 hour.

All parents are welcome to all or any of the meetings. Unfortunately no children are allowed, and crèche facilities will not be provided. Agendas will be shared the day prior to the meeting on the website and minutes of the meetings will be published on the school website.

If you wish to submit an agenda item, please e-mail our parentforum@barleylane.redbridge.sch.uk address prior to the meeting. This inbox will be accessible from December 1st and will only be monitored in the lead-up to a parent forum meeting in order to create the agenda. Please note that it is not for individual issues and emails will not be responded to individually.

Our Parent Forum dates for the year are as follows:

Fri 6th December: 09:15

Wed 5th February: 17:30

Wed 25th March: 09:15

Wed 20th May: 17:30

Wed 1st July 09:15

What the Parent Forum is not for:

If you have concerns or complaints relating to an individual children, family members, other parents or members of staff, then it is advised you take this to the school office. These cannot be discussed at Parent Forum.

The Parent Forum is designed to highlight parent views and ask the school to clarify matters, reconsider processes and take on new ideas that benefit our children. Its function is not to pressure the school for change or replace the function of the school governors. We hope that it will be a successful initiative and look forward to welcoming parents and carers on the 6th December!