



# Barley Lane Newsletter

21st May 2021 - Issue 17



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

## Indian Dance Workshop - Year 3 & 4

Today is the United Nations' Cultural Diversity Day, and we have been celebrating the cultures of the children in our classes and the fact we are all unique and special. Year 3 & 4 enjoyed Indian dance workshops this week. Naysha 4N wrote:



‘We really loved the Indian dancing. It was so much fun. The lightbulb move was my favourite! The lady teaching was professional which was why we had such a great time. We moved our hands everywhere which loosened our hands and arms’



## Bikeability - Year 5

Some of our year 5 pupils recently achieved their Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Certificate.

By the end of the course they were able to signal, manoeuvre and use gears and brakes safely and correctly. Some of the children were even able to go out on roads within the local area. The instructors commented on how determined and well behaved the children were throughout.

Well done everyone!



## Safety Alert

An elderly man has been offering sweets to families on Wellwood and Blythswood Road during school drop-off time. Please warn your children about not accepting sweets. The incidents have been reported to the police and the Local Authority.

## Term Dates

You can find the term dates for 2021/22 [here](#). Please note one further INSET day will be set in due course.

## Blue The Dog

We had a very special furry visitor to school this week - Blue the dog! Blue is a 7 month old Dogue de Bordeaux who belongs to Mrs Landa, and she kindly brought him in so he could listen to some of our children read to him. The children loved spending time with him, and showing him round. We are looking forward to him visiting again next week!



# Family Learning Festival of Learning



29 May - 4 June 2021

Free half term holiday family learning workshops

### Let's bake cookies

Online via Google Meet  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
10:30 - 12:30

### Let's create a mask using paper mache

Online via Google Meet  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 10:30 - 12:30

### Digital Family Quiz

Online via Google Meet  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 14:00 - 15:00  
You will need a device like a smart phone, laptop or a PC with internet connection to join the session.  
Everyone who takes part in Digital Family Quiz will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a £20 voucher (in partnership with ParentZone)

### Let's code with Microbit

Redbridge Institute at Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill, IG2 6TD  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
13:30 - 14:30 (Group A)  
15:00 - 16:00 (Group B)  
COVID safety measures apply.  
Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. One table per family.

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### Let's create a mask using paper mache

Online via Google Meet  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
10:30 - 12:30

### Tomorrow's engineers - designing planes and building bridges

Online via Google Meet  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
10:30 - 12:30

### Coding Challenge

Online via Google Meet  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
14:00 - 16:00

Book online at:  
<https://forms.gle/L4Zs9KkQ1tLSACcv6>  
or click here to book online

For more information email:  
[Familylearning@redbridge-iae.ac.uk](mailto:Familylearning@redbridge-iae.ac.uk)

For the safety of the children, a parent/carer must be with the child(ren) supervising throughout the online session.



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## Parking Incident

We have noticed an increase in the number of parking-related incidents and complaints this term. Last week, a local disabled resident was verbally abused by a Barley Lane parent who had parked illegally in his disabled space. Earlier this term, another parent got a puncture whilst parked illegally across a resident's dropped kerb and verbally abused him when asked to move her car along the road. There is also a constant flow of cars parking illegally on the Barley Lane zig zag lines at the beginning and end of the school day, which puts our children in danger.

We do our best to keep your children safe at school and our leadership team would rather focus on teaching and learning than directing traffic and responding to resident complaints. We urge parents to park considerately around the school and not to park across residents driveways or in disabled bays.

We also urge you to model our core values of respect and compassion to your children when interacting with members of the public.



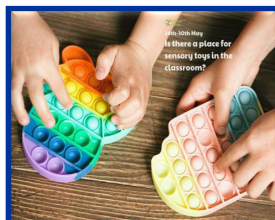
## Is there a place for sensory toys in the classroom?



The newest toy craze sweeping schools called Pop-its have replaced the fidget spinner as the must have items in the hands of both young and old. TikTok exposure is behind their rapid popularity increase, with the hashtag #popit' gaining over two and a half billion views! Pop-Its are the newest sensory fidget toy where users repeatedly pop dimples in and out in the same way you may pop bubble wrap. Pop-it style toys were originally created to be used as a stress reliever to help some children concentrate in school. But in some schools, they have been thought of as a classroom distraction. (They are currently not allowed at Barley Lane)

### Things to discuss at home:

Have you used or seen anyone using a Pop-It? Why are they so popular?  
Have you ever used any other sensory toys? E.g. fidget spinners



## Dates For Your Diary

### May

31st - 4th June Half Term

### June

8th Historical Handwriting Workshop Year 6

28th Art Week

### July

5th - 9th Sports Week

13th Class Assembly 6R & 6C

14th Class Assembly 6J & 6M

9th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Activity Day



## School Council News

10–16th May was Mental Health Awareness Week and school council got involved in raising awareness, asking their class and friends and school to join together and take on the 31 miles challenge.

Well done to all the classes in KS2 for achieving the 31 miles and more! Thank you Student Council for taking the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.



### Royal Mail Heroes Stamp design Competition

This week Student Council are asking their classmates to get involved in an exciting competition. Children aged 4 - 14 years are invited to design a postage stamp. The stamp design will be based on their hero or heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

- Eight designs will be chosen for this stamp series from Royal Mail.
- One of the designs could be theirs.
- Her Majesty The Queen will approve the winning stamp designs before they are printed and issued.
- There are 120 great prizes on offer for area winners and runners up.
- Plus, cash prizes for the winning schools too.

Children can get an official entry form from their class student rep or teacher. **The deadline for the competition at Barley Lane is 3pm, Tuesday 25th May.** The entries will then be all gathered and posted in time to meet the competition deadline on Friday 28th May, 5pm.

Please do encourage your child to get involved. We can't wait to see all of the amazing designs from talented children across Barley Lane!

London Borough of **Redbridge**

## FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR OUR REDBRIDGE PARENTS

**We are back!** Redbridge Educational Wellbeing Team (REWT)

REWT are continuing to deliver **free ONLINE** workshops to parents in Redbridge.

**This term we are offering two workshops**

1. Understanding and supporting bereavement and loss
2. Listening to the voices of our Redbridge parents

**Please register your attendance** by either scanning the **QR code** with your smart phone or visiting our **website**: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/educational-psychology-service/>

**Understanding and supporting bereavement and loss**

There are limited spaces for this session.

During this session we will explore the **difference between bereavement and loss**, the psychology behind the **grieving process** and **how you can support yourself and others** during these difficult times. This session has been adapted to meet the needs of **parent with children or young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)**.

**Date: Friday 18th June 2021**  
**Time: 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Listening to the voices of our Redbridge parents**

There are limited spaces for this session.

This session will entail an **introduction to the role of an Educational Psychologist** and how we support families and schools. Followed by a **safe space** for parents to share any **worries, concerns or to ask questions**. This will also provide you with a space to **connect with other Redbridge parents**. This session will be tailored for **parents with children or young people with SEND**.

Please come with some questions in mind. It would be great if you could email us your questions beforehand at [REW@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:REW@redbridge.gov.uk)

**Date: Monday 21st June 2021**  
**Time: 1:30pm-2:30pm**

Twitter: [Redbridge\\_aep](https://twitter.com/Redbridge_aep)  
Email: [REW@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:REW@redbridge.gov.uk)

A polite reminder.....please continue to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child. Thank you.



## Headteachers Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award from Mr Henry

Araf	3B
Viktoria	6R
Maya	1M
Nathan	1M
Samreen	2B
Reet	2M
Maria	2M
Zoya	1M
Samaira	4C
Veeraj	2M
Porsha	2M
Dawood	2M
Raffey	6C



## Punctuality

The number of children arriving late has increased this term. Please ensure your child arrives into school on time. You are reminded that **nursery, years 2,4 & 6 start at 8.45am and years 1,3 & 5 start at 9.00am. Reception start at 9.15am.**

If your child does arrive late please ensure they sign in through the school office so they can be registered. This is to ensure the safety of your child in the event of a fire evacuation. Medical appointments should be made out of school hours. If this is not possible then advance notice and evidence of the appointment must be given to the school office. Please do not notify the office when you are on route to collect your child as this may mean that you are required to wait longer then necessary which may result in you being late for your appointment.

## SRE and RHE Survey

We recently sent out a parent survey asking for your opinions on our RHE curriculum. If you have not yet completed it you can do so by following this [link](#). The deadline is Monday 7th June. You can find information on our SRE parent zoom meetings and the consultation process for next year's RHE curriculum [here](#).

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## COVID-19: Restrictions in England

From 17 May

**STEP 3**

<b>MEETING OTHERS</b> You can meet outdoors in groups of up to 30 people. You can meet indoors in groups of up to six people or two households. You don't have to stay 2m apart from friends and family, but consider the risks to you and those you are with.	<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> Domestic overnight stays are allowed in groups of up to six people or 2 households.	<b>EDUCATION</b> Schools, colleges and universities fully open. Regular testing provided.	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> You should continue to work from home if you can.
<b>RETAIL AND PERSONAL CARE</b> Open.	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> Open. Groups of up to six people or two households allowed indoors. Groups of up to 30 allowed outdoors.	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> All holiday accommodation open, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs.	<b>LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES</b> Open indoors and outdoors, including gyms, indoor sports facilities, swimming pools, saunas and steam rooms. Organised sport and group exercises allowed.
<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> Open indoors and outdoors, including cinemas, bowling alleys, zoos and theme parks.	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> Events, including live performances, business events and sporting events can proceed with capacity limits, indoors and outdoors.	<b>DOMESTIC TRAVEL</b> Travel safely. Plan ahead and avoid the busiest times and routes if you can.	<b>OVERSEAS TRAVEL</b> Check whether your destination is on the red, amber or green list. You should not travel to red and amber countries. If you are travelling to a green country, check the rules in your destination as testing or quarantine requirements may be in place.
<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> Open. You can attend in groups of 6 people or 2 households.	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> Weddings, receptions, life events and wakes can take place with up to 30 attendees, indoors in a COVID-secure venue, or outdoors. No limit on funeral attendees, subject to how many the venue can safely accommodate with social distancing.	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> People who live in a care home can have 'low risk' visits out of the home without the need to isolate when they get back. Residents can also name up to five visitors.	<b>SHIELDING</b> If you are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) you do not need to shield, but should continue to take extra precautions such as shopping at quieter times of the day. You can follow the same advice on meeting friends and family as everyone else.

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

COVID-19 Let's take the next step, safely.

