

# **Barley Lane Newsletter**

20th December 2023 - Issue 8

Believe in yourself, Learn together, Persevere and Succeed



Today is the last day of term. School will reopen to children on Friday 5th January.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of a long and busy term! Many events have taken place this half term, including local trips, visits into London and workshops in school. The children enjoyed



Christmas dinner last week and it was great to see them dressed in their Christmas jumpers. It was also good to see so many parents attend the nativities and I hope you enjoyed the performances.

Next term, meetings will take place to share information about your child's learning next term – details are in this newsletter. We will also be pleased to welcome Mr Henry back to school in the new year.

Unfortunately, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Aguerralde, our music teacher. She has worked with the school for 7 years and has decided to return to Argentina to spend time with her family. We would like to say a huge thankyou for all of her hard work at Barley Lane and for her commitment to spreading the love and joy of music across the school. We also thank her for her dedication to the choir, taking them on many musical trips including the O2 and the Royal Albert Hall to perform their songs.

Thank you for your good wishes and gifts for staff this week – they are much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term and wish you a peaceful holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

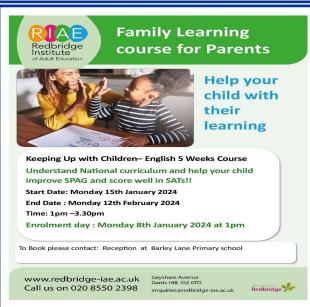
Mrs Ballantyne

**Acting Headteacher** 

## **Outdoor Gym Grand Opening**

We had the Grand Opening of our outdoor gym last week and it has made a valuable addition to the playground. Children in KS2 have had fun using the new equipment and keeping fit.





# **Parent Curriculum Meetings**

Dates for the spring curriculum meeting are below:

Mon 8th Jan - Year 6 Fri 12th Jan - Nursery

Tues 9th Jan - Year 2 Mon 15th Jan - Reception

Wed 10th Jan - Year 3 Tue 16th Jan - Year 5

Thu 11th Jan - Year 1 Thu 18th Jan - Year 4

The meetings will be on Zoom at 4pm. Log in details will be sent by email.

### **Mobile Phones**

Parents, please could you avoid using your phone on school premises during the teaching day, especially whilst walking up the path to the office. When people are talking on the phone, this can be disruptive for the children's learning. Filming and taking photographs is not permitted without the school's consent.



If you need help and support with the cost of living, find information on help with your income here.

#### **Parent Forum**

The next Parent Forum meeting is on Wednesday 10th January 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

You can find more information about the parent forum here.



# **Reading Challenge**

Well done to this term's reading challenge winners in EYFS and KS1. The reading challenge will restart next term. Please remember library and reading books should be brought into school each week on your child's allocated days in order to access a range of books to read.



#### **House Point Winners**

Well done to **The Shard** who were the house point winners this term with **879 points!** 



Buckingham Palace - 801,London Eye -800, Houses of Parliament -770

## **Headteacher Awards**

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

Maya - 1A Evelina - 3K Caleb - 3R

Eesa - 1A Maria - 3A

Salima - 2Q Jannat - 3R

Dylan - 3K Abyan - 3R





# **New Menu - January**

The new menu will start after the holidays - it will start on week 1.



## **Christmas Bake Sale**

We hope you enjoyed last weeks bake sale! It was very successful, we raised approx. £280! Thanks to Qamar Ghafoor who organised the event and to Sanam Sheikh, Sumana Ali, Teresa Service, Nizhat Azam & school council

pupils who also gave up their time at the end of the school day to help. We also had generous donations from Morrisons and Asda, thank you very much!

# **Attendance & New Pupils**

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

Best attendance week beginning 11/12/23:

4BM - 99%,6N - 98%,2Q - 96%,5T - 97%



## **Holiday Science STEM Challenge Activity**

Watch the story, The lighthouse keeper's lunch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46wCRq50Wwg

Design a way of getting lighthouse keeper back to the mainland from a lighthouse based on a small island 200 metres from the nearest land. The design will need to use a zip line to carry the keeper safely across the waves which can be high during storms. Think about how to warn people the keeper is transferring to the mainland or that the transfer system is being returned to the lighthouse and how it could operate safely in dark and stormy conditions. Your prototype must include at least one electric circuit.

You could plan and draw your ideas or even build a zipline safe enough for the lighthouse keeper to use. We look forward to seeing photos, drawings or even models of your zip line design.

Free School



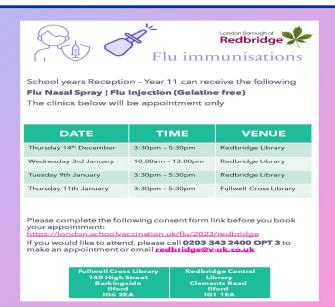
# **Free School Meals Survey**

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 <a href="here.">here.</a>







#### **Healthy Lifestyle Session**

School: Barley Lane Primary

Date: Wednesday 10th January 2024

Time: 8:55am or as soon as you drop the children

For parents/carers of Reception and Year 6 children—please join us for a healthy eating/lifestyle workshop at your child's school, once you have dropped them off in the morning. This workshop will last approx. 35-40 minutes

- Get tips on leading a Healthier Lifestyle
- Learn more about Healthy Eating: Healthy Breakfast options Healthy vs Unhealthy snacks Sugary Drinks
- The importance of Sleep, Exercise and Oral Health
- Find out what activities and support is available in Redbridge for you and your family.









Any queries, please call and request a member of the Health Improvement Team, on 0300 300 1579 (Option 1) or email us on: RedbridgeHITreferrals@nelft.nhs.uk

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS SESSION, PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS.

# **Dates For Your Diary**

#### January

Thu 4th - INSET Day School Closed

Fri 5th - Start of Spring Term

Mon 29th - Bikeability Level 1 - Year 4&5

Tue 30th - Young Voices Concert

Wed 31st - Learn to Ride - Reception

#### **February**

Thu 1st - Class Assembly 4B,9.15am (parents invited)

Mon 5th - Children's Mental Health Week

Tue 6th - Safer Internet Day

Thu 8th - Class Assembly 3A, 9.15am (parents invited)

Tue 13th - Science Museum Trip - Year 5

Thu 15th - Class Assembly 3R, 9.15am (parents invited)

Fri 16th - Last Day of Half Term

#### **TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND HERE**