



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

**Value of the
month
*Cooperation***

Our Outdoor Learning Area

Mrs Pert and the children have begun the exciting journey of enhancing our Outdoor Learning Area.

This week, every child at Churchfields stepped into the role of an assistant gardener. They've discovered the wonders of bulbs and mastered the art of planting them. The children have truly relished their time learning outdoors. We're all eagerly anticipating the vibrant blooms that spring will bring.



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown up!

Horses are better than cows. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Parent Consultations
W/C 16th October

PTA Cake Sale
19th October

Flu Vaccinations
20th October

Hero Day
20th October

PTA Halloween Disco
21st October

Half Term
23rd - 27th October

INSET Day
30th October

Stay & Play
8th November

Key Stage 1 Computing

In computing, Year 1 have been learning what an algorithm is and programming a bluebot using the commands forwards, backwards and a turn (left or right). They've used 'treasure maps' to instruct their bluebots to get from one place to another (to find 'treasure'!) Next, they'll learn how to test an algorithm and debug it if they find any mistakes.

Year 2 have moved on from their learning last year and are learning to program sprites on Scratch Jr. So far, they have been working on controlling a sprite's movement by clicking different command blocks together. They have also been adding text and their own recorded sounds to help their rocket sprite to take off into space! Next they will be learning how to control more than one sprite at the same time and enable them to send messages to each other.

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.



Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all those who attended our Phonics Workshops.

A big thank you to Mrs Osborne for running, not one but two phonics workshops today.



Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing! There are many items including jumpers, cardigans and even coats that are not named so we are unable to reunite these items with their owners. There are a number of items that are named but the ink has faded so we cannot identify the name.

Please check the names on your child's clothing to make sure the name is clear to read. We will place lost property items on a table outside the office next week. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

We will be hosting our individual parent consultations the **week beginning 16th October**.

You would have received an email with details of how to book a time slot. If you have not booked your appointment, please make sure you do so today. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 2nd October are:

1st Giraffe, Starfish and Panda 98%

2nd Penguin, Turtle, Koala and Jaguar 97%

3rd Octopus 96%

Well done everyone, amazing attendance!



PTA's Halloween Cake Sale

Calling all bakers! We need your help.

The PTA are organising a Halloween cake sale on the **19th October from 3pm**.

Please include an ingredients list with your homemade donations and ensure that all cakes are NUT-FREE. For further information, please see the flyer from the PTA.



Hero Day - Reminder!

On **Friday 20th October**, we are asking children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (and staff) to come to school dressed as an inspiring, real-life hero. Children will spend the day discussing why their hero is important to them. Nursery children are hosting a non-uniform day.

Please look out for the postcard in your child's book bag today. We are asking all children to complete, explaining who their hero is and why.

Please see last weeks newsletter for more information about Hero Day.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful ideas.



PTA's Halloween Disco

Our PTA will be holding a Halloween fancy dress disco on **Saturday 21st October** in Churchfields Junior School hall.

Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased via our online ticketing system www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields.

Session 1 - **1:00pm - Nursery & Infants only.**

Session 2 - **2:30pm - Infants only.**

Session 3 - **4:00pm - Juniors only.**



Stay And Play!

Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Wednesday 8th November**. Younger children are welcome to join but must be kept with you at all times.

Morning session 8:45 – 10.00am

Afternoon session 12:45 – 2.00pm Full time children 1.00pm - 2:00pm

Full time parents can attend either session but if you come in the afternoon, please come at 1:00 pm to allow for the full time children to have their group time.

Spend some time playing with your child in nursery. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.

Nursery Tours

We will be hosting two tours in our Nursery. This is so you can see the nursery in action during the day - on **Thursday 9th and Thursday 30th November at 10am.**

Please contact the school office to book a place on 020 8505 0386 or email admin.ChurchfieldsInfants@redbridge.gov.uk.

Further information about our Nursery and an application form can be found on the school website under Nursery Admissions.



Book Fair & Book Competition

We are hosting a book fair on **Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November from 3:00-4:00pm.** Please feel free to collect your child from 3pm and choose from a wide selection of lovely books.

Taking into account the rising cost of living, our planet and the need to recycle, we will also be selling second hand books for a small donation.

Would you like the chance to win a £5 book voucher to be used at our book fair? Please create a front cover to a book. We are looking for children's own work, illustrations and interesting titles. Please hand posters into the office by Friday November 17th. More information to follow.

School Admissions 2024

If your child is starting Reception, transferring from infant to junior school, or transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2024, you must apply online at www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissions/.

Application rounds are now open and must be **submitted by 15th January 2024.**

Details of tour dates for Reception 2024 are now on our website, **HERE**.

E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Start a conversation with your child/ren about using the internet safely. Perhaps you could use these question prompts below:

How do you stay safe online?

What tips do you have and where did you learn them?

Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?

What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?

What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?



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