



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

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10th November 2023

Value of the
month
Peace

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Stay & Play

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our nursery stay and play sessions on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed showing the grown ups how they play in nursery - and explaining the rules too! Our next stay and play session will be on **Tuesday 30th January**.



We Now Have A Choir!

Mrs Beck met with the 45 children, who are going to be in our choir, this afternoon for our first rehearsal.

Unfortunately, some children were a little sad that they couldn't join. Mrs Beck said, "Don't worry!" we are going to have a swap around in February 2024 so other children have the chance to participate.



Salway Church Visit

On Thursday this week, the Year 1 classes visited Salway Evangelical Church on Forest Approach. The children have been learning about different ways we can belong to different groups and how we show this (for example wearing a uniform). They have also really enjoyed finding out about how people from different beliefs welcome new babies. Ann from Salway discussed this with the children and showed them the baptism pool and the font that is used to welcome new babies.



Philosophy Friday

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

Spring is better than winter.
Do you agree or disagree?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Year 2 Visit

W/C 13th November
Details to follow

PTA Winter Auction

17th November - 8pm

Community Day

17th November
Details to follow

Book Fayre

23rd & 24th November
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Day-Glow Day

24th November

Flu Vaccinations

29th November

Jolly Jumper Day

6th December
Details to follow

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

Cinema Visit

This week we were very lucky to secure some tickets for the Into Film Festival for a group of Y2 children. We watched *Superworm* and *The Smeds and the Smoos*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the films and have collected lots of ideas for their writing back in school. The films shared important messages about diversity, friendship, inclusion, bravery and adventure. It was lovely to hear the children talk about the stories in such detail, including character traits, settings and relating the story to their own personal experience. Their behaviour on public transport and at the cinema was exemplary. We look forward to the other visits we have planned across the year.



Happy Diwali!

On 12th November, millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains around the world will celebrate Diwali, the festival of light. Diwali is celebrated for 5 days and remembers the story of Rama and Sita, the spiritual victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Many people celebrate by lighting oil and candle diyas. They also decorate their hands with mehndi patterns in many different designs. The children at Churchfields have made diyas to celebrate the diversity of our school's community.



Reception's Mystery

Something mysterious happened in the reception classrooms! Mr Joseph must have forgotten to lock the doors overnight. The children investigated and looked for clues. They designed traps and wanted posters to catch the mystery porridge eater.



Community Day

After the success of our last community day in the summer and following feedback we are very excited to invite you to phase two! We will hold sessions during the school day and would love volunteers to help us plant some trees around the school grounds. Invites and further information will follow but please save the date - **17th November**.



Day-Glow Day!

On **Friday 24th November** (not Friday 17th November) we will be celebrating Day Glow Day as part of Road Safety Week.

Day Glow Day reminds us to '**Be Bright, Be Seen**'. Please do not feel pressured to buy your child new clothes - simply find your brightest, loudest clothes in your wardrobe or dress up box and remember the brighter, the better! Small prizes and certificates will be awarded for the brightest outfits in each year group!



Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 30th October are:

1st Penguin 99%

2nd Panda 98%

3rd Starfish and Koala 97%

Well done everyone!



Scooters

We love that our children are enjoying riding scooters to school and keeping fit and healthy. Installing our scooter rack has really encouraged families to walk and scoot to school.

A gentle reminder that this is for **scooters only** to maximise the space. **Please do not leave bikes**. Scooters and bikes **must not** be left in the the junior school car park.



Nursery Tours

We will be hosting a tour in our Nursery. This is so you can see the nursery in action during the day - on **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 Fayre

We are hosting a book fayre 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.



Book Competition

Would you like the chance to win a £5 book voucher to be used at our book fair?

~~Don't~~ Judge A Book By Its Cover!

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. Winners will be notified before the book fair.

We look forward to seeing the children's own creative designs and hearing their wonderful stories.

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**.

The deadline for parents and carers to apply for primary school places for children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 is on **15th January 2024**. Please note that where parents are intending to request deferred entry for their summer-born children, they still need to apply by this deadline.

Further information on applying for primary school, as well as the link to the e-Admissions portal, can be found at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>.

E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Setting Boundaries

It's never too early to start setting rules about when, and for how long, your child can use devices; you can start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a shared space like a lounge or kitchen. Make sure to keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so that children can't go online without asking you first. It's also a good idea to have tech-free mealtimes and not to allow children to have devices in their bedrooms at this age.



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WINTER AUCTION

It's time for this year's PTA Winter auction! Bag yourself some fantastic Christmas gifts for friends, family, or yourself!

We've been working hard contacting local businesses and asking them to donate prizes for you to snap up. Make sure you log in and place your bids on an amazing range of items including...

- Belsit £80 meal voucher
- Village Indiya £20 voucher
- T&G nails voucher
- Sophia Webster gift
- Odeon Cinema Tickets
- Pizza Express meal
- Wood Oven meal
- Toni's Fish & Chips voucher
- Sunglasses Frames from Bayfields Opticians and lots more...



The auction opens online on 17th November at 8pm, and promises not to disappoint. Visit www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields to check out the full list of items and to place your bids! All the money raised goes towards much needed resources for the School.

Good luck!

