



Churchfields Infants' School Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Kindness

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

The Big Read

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the adults who attended our Big Read today. The children accessed lots of fun sharing books and enjoyed these outside in the sunshine. We promote a love of reading within school and it is so valuable to model this at home too.

We are also pleased that so many of you are using our Telephone Box Lending Library. Happy reading everyone!

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather hear the world's best song or story?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

Year 2 - 4th October
Nursery - 5th October

PTA AGM

12th October

Parent Workshop

Reception and Year 1
13th October - 2:15pm

Parent Consultations

W/C 16th October
To be confirmed

Flu Vaccinations

20th October

Hero Day

20th October

Half Term

23rd - 27th October

Stay & Play

8th November

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



PTA Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning. It was lovely to see all of you and to recruit new members to our wonderful PTA.

Please see below for further information about the PTA's upcoming Annual General Meeting.



Science In Year 1

What are objects made out of?

Year 1 children talked about what a material is and then listed as many different materials as they could think of.

Then sorted some every-day objects according to the material they are made from. They had a hoop for wood, a hoop for plastic, one for metal and one for glass. This way of sorting is called a Venn diagram.



Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 18th September are:

1st Panda 99%

2nd Koala and Starfish 98%

3rd Octopus and Penguin 97%

Well done everyone, all classes had improved attendance this week.



Check-Treat-Complete

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys of parents found that nearly 1 in 10 primary school children have lice at any one time. If you're a parent then you probably know what a hassle it can be to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head. Parents, you've got the power to stop head lice in their tracks! By following a simple three step process, Check-Treat-Complete, you can fight back. Please do ensure that long hair is tied back for school, and view the links below if you'd like any further guidance or support:



<https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

<https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/downloads/oawtap-parents-leaflet.pdf>

Our Outdoor Learning Area

We are entering into the second phase of planning our Outdoor Area, with a vision to create a biodiversity environment for our children to be part of and enjoy. We wish to support wildlife and habitats by introducing mini ponds, bug hotels and small wildflower areas. We shall receive a delivery of shrubs and trees from the Wildlife Trust in November which will need planting. After a dark winter, we all think of spring, so now is the time for us to start planting bulbs as autumn slowly arrives.

We have kindly received donations from Waitrose and Wickes to help with purchasing plants but we are in need of building material such as logs, palettes, stone and pebbles to help create these spaces. We would very much appreciate any donations from work you may have had done and materials that are no longer needed. Please ask family and friends.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Please look out for dates when the planting will begin and we will be providing further updates very soon.



Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. We would like to invite you to our popular workshops which provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Last year we held this virtually in the autumn term and in school in the spring term. Listening to your feedback and looking at the attendance figures from last year, we have decided to hold these meetings virtually so as many of you can attend as possible. Dates are as follows:

Year 2 – 4th October.

Nursery – 5th October.

Workshops will begin at **5pm**. Links have been emailed to Year 2 and Nursery.

Churchfields PTA's AGM

The Annual General Meeting is a chance for the PTA to report on the events held over the last academic year and provide an update on the funds raised. It is open to all parents across both schools. Please email pta.churchfields@gmail.com if you'd like to attend the meeting, which will be held on Google Meet. Links will be sent out on the morning of **12th October**. Meeting begins at **8pm**.

The Churchfields PTA are a volunteer group of parents and carers. We organise a wide range of events each year to raise vital funds for the school. We are always looking for volunteers to help us organise and run these events which include discos, cake sales, quiz nights and more. It is a great way to meet other parents and become a larger part of your child's school life. If you'd like to find out more about joining the committee, or just to get involved to a small degree, please get in contact. We'll add you to our WhatsApp group which we use to circulate information and generate help and interest in the events.

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Osborne is inviting you into school to learn about our exciting Phonics Scheme - Little Wandle. Information will be given on the daily phonics lessons and you will also find out about the practice reading sessions.



The workshop is for all Reception parents and any new families in Year 1. It will be on **Friday 13th October at 2:15pm**. Doors open 2:05pm for a prompt start at 2:15pm.

Following on from the Year 1 workshop, Mrs Osborne will now be hosting a Year 1 phonics refresher workshop. This refresher will be held on **Friday 13th October 9:00-9:30am in the hall**.

Hero Day

In school, we celebrate the lives of many heroes through our wider curriculum. Significant individuals looked at include Rosa Parks, Sir David Attenborough, Roald Dahl and also members of our own families.

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 and we will send home a postcard for children to complete, explaining who their hero is and why.

As always with our special dress up days, it is a time to be creative, make simple props and raid the dressing up box. We do not wish families to buy anything special for the occasion so please do not feel the pressure to buy new clothes. Please also make sure that your child's clothing is safe, sensible and practical for school.

Certificates will be awarded for the most persuasive thoughts and ideas.

For Nursery children, we are hosting a non-uniform day.

Our charity of the year is Churchfields Infants' School. As you may be aware, funding and income for schools has been hugely impacted in recent years and is currently at an all time low. With this in mind, and with our commitment to giving your children the best possible experience in school, we would like to develop certain areas of the grounds and purchase curriculum resources with any additional funding.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful ideas.



Stay And Play!

Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Thursday 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

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.



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!

Online Challenges

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous.

Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them.

We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child: <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-forparents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-youngpeople/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/>



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