



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

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3rd November 2023

Value of the
month
Peace

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

String Quartet

Redbridge Music Service came to school. A quartet of string musicians taught the children about their instruments, how they can be played and the different sounds they can make. They also performed some pieces of music for the children to listen to.

This was especially exciting for some of our Year 2 children who are learning how to play the violin themselves.

Thank you to the Redbridge Music Service for a wonderful afternoon.



Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather
be a fireman or a
doctor?**

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Stay & Play
8th November

Individual Photos
8th November

Year 2 Visit
W/C 13th November
Details to follow

Day-Glow Day
17th November

Community Day
17th November
Details to follow

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

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.

Mathematics In Year 2

Year Two have been looking at 2D shapes and thinking about their properties (eg. how many sides/corners they have). Children made pictures, patterns and sequences with their shapes.

When they had finished, they were able to talk, using mathematical language, about what they had done and described the position of different shapes and if they had turned any of them clockwise or anti-clockwise to fit their picture/pattern/sequence.



Individual School Photos

Individual photos will take place on Wednesday 8th November.

If your child has PE, please bring their PE kit in a bag and make sure they come to school in uniform.

Day-Glow Day!

On 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!



The Sleep Charity

Please see the following information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.



At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

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.



Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 16th October are:

1st Starfish 99%

2nd Panda 98% 3rd Penguin 97%

Well done everyone, amazing attendance!



Food On School Site

Please could we take this opportunity to remind you that unless your child is bringing in a packed lunch as their meal option for the day, they do not need to bring other snacks / edible items into school. We have a number of allergies across school, so we therefore need to be considerate of this. With this in mind, please can we also ask that if you bring a snack along for your child to enjoy at home time or after a club, they do not consume this until they are out of the school gates for the same reason.

Thank you for your support with this.

Stay And Play!

Spend some time playing with your child in nursery. 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 8:45am – 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.

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 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!

Swiggle

Swiggle has been designed to support young children when searching for images or content online. Generic search engines can throw up a host of difficulties and embarrassing incidents when children stumble across inappropriate content (either accidentally or deliberately). Please see this link for more information <https://swiggle.org.uk/parents>.

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