



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

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1st December 2023

Value of the
month
Hope

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Computing in Reception

Recently, our Reception children have been familiarising themselves with Chromebooks in school. They have been talking with an adult about how we can keep ourselves safe when using devices and working online. They have also started using a programme called 'Canvas', learning how to draw / paint, change colour and erase to create a picture of choice.



Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather
be a butterfly or a
ladybird?**

Why?

DIARY DATES:

PTA Christmas Fayre

2nd December
12:00 - 4:00 pm

Reception Visit

4th & 12th December

Jolly Jumper Day

6th December
Details to follow

Festive Read

8th December

Nursery Tours

14th December 10:00
11th January 10:00

Reception Tour

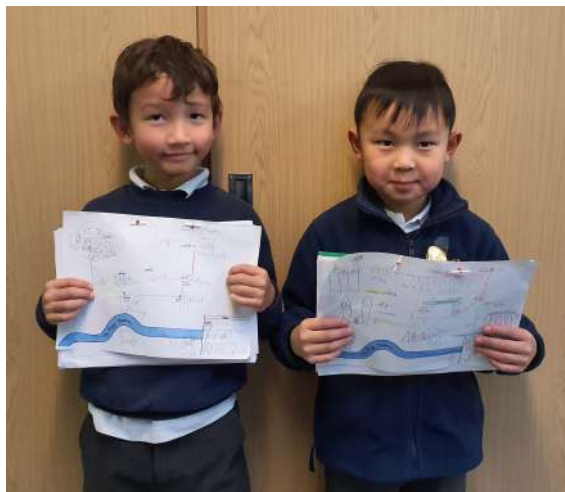
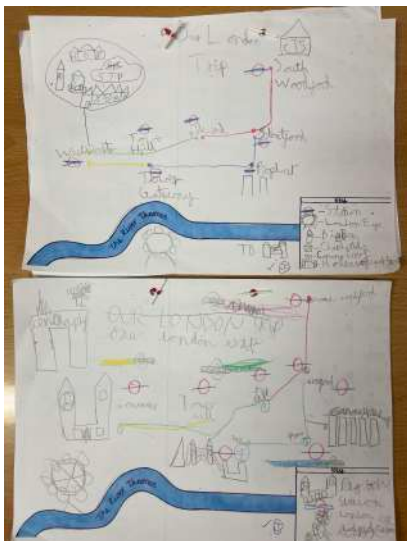
5th January at 9:15 am

Nursery Open Evening

10th January 5-6pm

Year 2 Geography

Children in Year 2 were awarded Golden Headteacher Awards for their exceptional geography work. We developed our geographical skills to create a map outlining our journey to central London. We explored reasons why maps are useful and what features must be included on a map. We now understand the importance of a 'key' and 'symbols' on maps and used our observational skills to decide the most important features to include.



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

The Book Review Scrapbooks

The Book Review Scrapbooks are continuing to be a huge success. The children are producing beautiful reviews and are really enjoying sharing their recommendations with their peers.



Exploring In Nursery

The children were excited to see the frost today, they found pieces of ice in the garden and learnt about why and how frost is created.

Remember to wrap up warm in this weather!



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all families who donated chocolate and sweets for our stall at the Fayre. We have plenty for our game to be lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the PTA on pta.churchfields@gmail.com.

Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 20th November are:

1st Jaguar 99%

2nd Penguin 97%

3rd Turtle and Giraffe - 95%

Well done everyone!





Festive Read

You are invited to our Festive Read on **Friday 8th December at 9 am**. This time, Nursery will also join in. This will be a lovely start to the day for the children and for you.

We would love for you (parents/carers) to wear something festive and bring a favourite festive book to read with your child/ren. Please make sure you put your name in all books you bring with you. As always, we will also provide a wide selection of books for you to enjoy.



Christmas Concert - A Reminder

We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the year two gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

Tuesday 12th December at 9:15am - Y1 Penguin and Starfish

Wednesday 13th December at 9:15am - Y1 Turtle and Octopus

Wednesday 13th December at 2:30pm - YR Hedgehog and Butterfly

Thursday 14th December at 9:15am - Y2 Panda and Giraffe

Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm - YR Squirrel and Ladybird

Friday 15th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Jaguar

We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.

Reception Tour

We would like to invite you to our Reception Tour on **Friday 5th January at 9:15am**. This tour is for parents and carers who will be applying for Reception in September 2024. Please email admissions@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk **before 7th December** to be added to the waiting list.

Nursery Open Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers to an open evening on **Wednesday 10th January** when you can come and view the nursery, chat to the nursery teachers and ask any questions you might have.

Feel free to drop in between **5 and 6 pm** - no need to book.



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!

Family Agreement

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

To support parents in creating a family agreement, Child Net have put together some free advice and a family agreement template:

www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement/



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