

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Peace

A Mystery in Reception!

This week in Reception we have been hearing the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three bears'. We pretended to be detectives and looked for clues in our 'crime scene'. We found foot prints and porridge everywhere and we discussed who might have made the mess. The children were able to discuss their theories and come up with a plan to catch the culprit. We played with porridge and created lots of bear art.

Philosophy Friday

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

Aeroplanes are better than boats. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Y2 Cenotaph Trip
w/b 10th November

Day Glow Day
21st November

Book Fayre
20th November &
21st November

Jolly Jumper Day
3rd December

Festive Big Read
3rd December PM

PTA Winter Fayre
6th December

Concerts
w/b 8th December

Class Parties
15th December

Last Day of Term
19th December

Half Term
22nd December- 2nd
January

First Day of Term
5th January



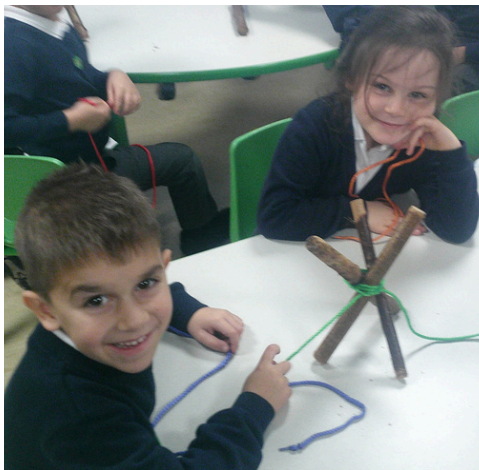
Year 2 Writing

This week, Year 2 have been learning about World War 1. They have explored the experiences of soldiers during this time and found out about what life in the trenches would have been like. Children then wrote their own poetry entitled 'I Remember', where they used their 5 senses to describe in detail what a WW1 soldier would most remember. This learning will be further consolidated during visits to London next week - part of the trip will involve visiting The Cenotaph.



History & R.S.H.E with Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot as part of their history curriculum. This is one of several events beyond living memory that are significant nationally which we will cover this year! The children learnt about the story, the characters involved, created a chronological storyboard together and rehearsed a rhyme to help them remember the events of November 5th 1605. We then also linked this learning to our RSHE for this week, which is all about safety around Bonfire Night and fireworks. We were all very impressed with how seriously the children took their RSHE learning and how engaged they were with the historical events underpinning the 5th of November celebrations! Well done Year 1.



Nursery's First Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at our first nursery 'stay and play' session of the year. We will be holding these sessions every half term, to give you the chance to come and see what your child is doing in nursery - our next session will be on Tuesday 13th January.



New Value- Peace

For the month of November we will be thinking about the value 'peace'. We will be focusing on empathy, conflict resolution and cooperation alongside having respect for diversity, friendship and having an understanding of those around us. We will think about how we can learn to calm ourselves, manage our emotions and resolve disagreements respectfully with our peers. What can you do at home to demonstrate 'peace'?



School Photos

The deadline for ordering prints of your child's school photo is **tonight**. Please ensure you have placed your order if you wish to purchase.



Book Fair!

We are hosting a Book Fair on **Thursday 20th** and **Friday 21st November** from **3.00-4.00pm**.

You can **collect your child from 3pm** on these days and come and choose from a wide selection of lovely books.



We will also be opening on **Friday 21st from 8.55-9.30am** for **adults only browsing and buying**. This is a perfect chance to stock up on Christmas gifts without your child(ren). Books make wonderful presents for all ages!

Children who receive pupil premium will be eligible for a £5 book voucher.

Take a look at the poster below for more info about our book fair, including a chance to win a voucher to spend at the book fair!

Day Glow Day

On **Friday 21st 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!



Nursery Tours

We are hosting tours in our Nursery so you can see the nursery in action during the day. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 20th November at 10am
Thursday 4th December at 10am
Thursday 8th January at 10am
Thursday 22th January at 10am

Please contact the school office to book a place on 0208 505 0386 or email admin@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk. Further information about our Nursery and an application form can be found on the school website [here](#).

Christmas Concerts – 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 young 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 2 gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

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

Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm - YR Ladybird and Hedgehog

Wednesday 10th December at 9:15am - Y1 Octopus and Turtle

Thursday 11th December at 9:15am - Y2 Giraffe and Jaguar

Thursday 11th December at 2:30pm - YR Butterfly and Squirrel

Friday 12th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Panda

Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year - more information will be given on the day. We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.



Parking Reminder

A reminder to all families who drive to school to please park considerately and safely at pick-up and drop-off times.

The London Borough of Redbridge has revised its decision to allow free parking on Derby Road, so please check local parking restrictions and avoid blocking any driveways or access points.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Starfish, Jaguar & Panda 97%
- 2nd** Turtle 96%
- 3rd** Giraffe 95%

Well done everyone!



As we have just passed the half term point, our Attendance Officer, Mrs Panayi, will be writing to all parents next week whose child's attendance is currently below 90% for this academic year. Please note, this a routine process which we are required to carry out by the Local Authority in line with the attendance strategy, and we are required to notify parents regardless of the reasons why the attendance has fallen below this threshold e.g. childhood illnesses. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Panayi.

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Choose a favourite teddy bear or soft toy. Hold it in one hand. Now hold it in the other hand. Feel how heavy it is.

Can you find three pieces of fruit or vegetables which are heavier than your toy?

Hold your toy in one hand and the piece of fruit in the other to feel the difference.

Can you find three which are lighter than your toy?



Years 1 and 2

Find the coins that will buy the fireworks.

Choose two fireworks and see how much they will cost altogether.

Do this again with different fireworks.



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

Did you know that our school earns **FREE** books for every book sold at the fair? So this is a great opportunity to stick up our classrooms with brand new resources.

Please note that this is a **CASH ONLY** event.

Book Fair Voucher Competition:

Would you like the chance to win either a £10 or £5 voucher to be used at our book fair?

Please create a poster advertising the fair and encouraging others to attend. We are looking for the children's own work, they can draw, collage or paint. The more creative the better!

Please hand posters into the office by **Monday 10th November**. Winners will be notified before the book fair.



C.I.S PTA



Cake Sale News!

Following on from our last newsletter, and the fantastic success of the PTA Halloween cake sale, we are please to announce that both Junior and Infants cake sales combined raised an impressive **£1,072.50**. A huge well done to everyone involved for helping to achieve such a brilliant total!



Winter Fayre

A note from the PTA regarding the upcoming Winter Fayre:

🎄 Dear Parents and Carers 🎄

Our annual Churchfields Winter Fayre will be held on **Sat 6th Dec**. As part of the PTA fundraising efforts, Stow Brothers Estate Agents are kindly sponsoring the school £10 for each advertising board put up in the local area.

We are looking to raise £1,000 sponsorship through this effort.

If you can support us by having a board placed in front of your house for a few weeks, please fill in this short questionnaire (will only take a minute!):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFdG5EyVvF-7424qQmX2pGVXXIfuCz-QYH0ZnmjMEzZICALw/viewform?usp=header>

All funds will go directly to our school to help purchase extra equipment, books and supplies for the children's benefit.

We thank you for your continued support!

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