

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Thoughtfulness

Trains with Nursery

As part of our topic on transport and journeys, the nursery children walked down to the railway bridge to see the trains. We waved to the trains as they went under the bridge and were very excited when the driver hooted in response! Many thanks to the parents who accompanied us.



Philosophy Friday

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

**Where would you choose to live?
Under the sea or in a rainforest?**

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Last Day of Term
13th February

Half Term
16th-20th February

First Day of Term
23rd February

**World Book Day &
Big Read (AM)**
5th March

Happy Lunar New Year!

Tuesday 17th February begins the holiday of Lunar New Year, which is celebrated by many families all over the world. In class, the children have made red paper lanterns, which symbolise letting go of the past, embracing the future with hope, and welcoming good fortune. In assembly, children displayed their lanterns whilst we sung a traditional song, 'Gung Hay Fat Choi'.



We want to wish a happy Lunar New Year to our families who celebrate. Keep an eye on the newsletter for some upcoming activities about the celebration.

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Koala 98%
- 2nd Giraffe & Penguin 97%
- 3rd Turtle 96%

Well done everyone!



Changes to PE Days – Year 1 & Year 2



As you may already be aware, children at Churchfields Infants' are lucky enough to benefit from the expertise of Coach Jai in some of their PE sessions. We keep this fair so that all year groups have the opportunity to work with him over the course of the year - so far, Year 1 have been lucky enough to enjoy basketball and football sessions supported by Coach Jai, and he will now be working with Year 2 on developing their hockey skills. Due to the days of our timetabled sessions with Coach Jai, we will change PE Days for Years 1 and 2, **starting when we return.**

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on the following day:

- Monday: Penguin and Starfish
- Tuesday: Koala and Panda
- Wednesday: Giraffe and Jaguar
- Thursday: Octopus and Turtle

We thank you for your support and look forward to showing you how the children are getting on in their PE sessions in the coming weeks!

Art in Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been inspired by the work of Clarice Cliff. We used paint creatively to create a plate in the style of her work "Circle Tree", which used concentric circles to build striking colour patterns. The children were able to explain the primary and secondary colours, and then use this knowledge to mix different colours to suit their design. All of the children applied their painting skills beautifully and we have some very striking plates as a result. Well done Year 1!



World Book Day- Big Read



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March** and are busy planning a range of exciting activities to promote a love of reading across the school.

As always, staff and children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas and join us for a special “Bookfast” from **9:00–9:30am**. Parents, carers and siblings are very welcome to join us - pyjamas for families are optional (but encouraged!).

Nursery will host a **‘Stay and Play’** session (with children also wearing pyjamas!) which will include time for reading. The times are as follows:



Morning session 8:45 – 10:00 am



Afternoon session 1:00 – 2:00 pm

(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)

Why pyjamas?

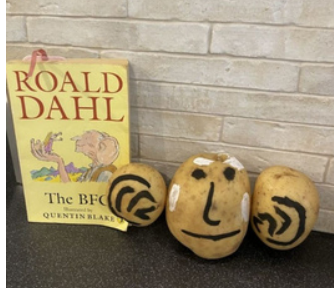
- They are inclusive – all children have them.
- They are comfortable and cosy, unlike many fancy-dress costumes.
- They help us highlight the importance of bedtime reading, which we know is becoming less common.

World Book Day vouchers

Vouchers can be used in shops from Thursday 12th February, so your child will bring their voucher home today, ready to use over half term.

Reading Potato

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will bring home a potato on Friday 27th February. They are invited to decorate it as a book character or to represent a favourite story, then return it to school. We will create a whole-school display for everyone to enjoy when they enter school on World Book Day. Have a think over half term about your design – plan your potato!



We are also organising lots of other fun activities to inspire reading, including a “Rate That Read” assembly, poetry performances, and a visit from a local author Natalie Newman (author of the Lark the Shark book series), who will also be selling and signing her books in the playground from 3:15pm. The school will provide a copy for children entitled to Pupil Premium Funding.

We are looking forward to all the fun events we have planned!



Safer Internet Day

This week, we had a special assembly all about Safer Internet Day, which is a day to think about any worries we might have about using technology and the internet, but also about celebrating all the fantastic things technology can help us with. Each year there is a different focus to Safer Internet Day and this year's focus is 'exploring the safe and responsible use of AI (Artificial Intelligence)'.

We learnt what AI is and how we might use it at home, like asking Alexa questions or to play music or create a story.

To understand the creative power of AI, we were shown three photographs of sunflowers. Two were real and one was AI-generated. Have a look at the photos. Can you tell which are real and which one is fake?



Which of these three photographs of a sunflower was created by AI?

Towards the end of the assembly, we thought about how sometimes when using AI – or any technology – something might happen that makes us feel unsure, upset or worried, and that that is why it is important to always have a trusted adult nearby.

Foster for Redbridge

Redbridge Council need more foster carers who can make happy, lasting memories for a child or young person.

We often take some things for granted. Taking our children to the park or to a playground; jumping in puddles; getting your wellies stuck in thick mud. Many children in Redbridge, however, have never experienced these fun and free activities.

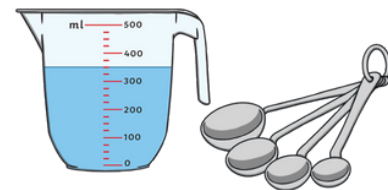


If you would like to create happy memories for our most vulnerable children and are considering fostering for Redbridge Council, please call us on 020 8708 6068 or visit our website [here](https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering) to book onto one of our virtual information sessions.

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

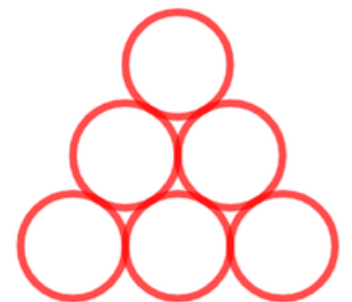
This week, we have been exploring capacity. Can you look at different containers and predict which has the greatest capacity? Can you then see how many cups of water it takes to fill each container? Your challenge could then be to order the containers from the smallest to the greatest capacity.



Years 1 and 2

Place the numbers 1 to 6 in the circles so that each number is the difference between the two numbers just below it.

1	4
2	5
3	6



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>



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Redbridge Music Service Clubs Clubs Tryout Week 2026

Monday 23rd - Saturday 28th February 2026
John Savage Centre, Hainault, IG6 2NB

Exciting musical opportunities for young musicians in Redbridge (Beginner - Grade 3)

Sign up to our clubs using the website or QR code below to attend a range of taster sessions during our Clubs Tryout week!

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Clubs Tryout Week Schedule

Monday 23rd - Saturday 28th February 2026

Open access clubs:

Singing Club	Yr. 2+ (No experience needed)	Monday 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Percussion Club	Yr. 3+ (No experience needed)	Thursday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Gamelan Club	Yr. 3+ (No experience needed)	Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Recorder Club	Yr. 2+ (No experience needed)	Thursday 4:00pm - 4:30pm OR Thursday 5:00pm - 5:30pm

The clubs below are open to students who are already having lessons on an instrument they own/hire. Standards are listed below:

Mini Brass	Yr. 3+ (Play 5 notes)	Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am
Brass Club	Yr. 4+ (Grade 1+)	Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Mini Strings	Yr. 2+ (Beginners with lessons in school and an instrument)	Friday 4:30pm - 5:15pm
Midi Strings	Yr. 3+ (Pre-Grade 1)	Friday 4:30pm - 5:15pm
Maxi Strings	Yr. 3+ (Grade 1+)	Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
String Club	Yr. 3+ (Grade 2+)	Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Mini Winds	Yr. 3+ (Play 5 notes)	Tuesday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Guitar Club	Yr. 3+ (Grade 1+)	Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

For more information, please contact us at:

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SAVE THE DATE

14TH MARCH 2026

SEE THE WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP TROPHY

10AM - 12PM



WOODFORD RUGBY CLUB

A FUN DAY OF RUGBY ACTIVITIES!

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE TROPHY!