Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

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16th October 2026

Value of the month
Caring

Science in Year 2

Year 2 have taken to the skies in Science! Building on their History learning about pioneers of flight, the children designed and made their own paper aeroplanes using different types of paper. Before testing their creations, they predicted which planes would travel the furthest and explained their thinking. By carrying out a fair test, they were able to compare results and use their understanding of materials to explain what they discovered.



Year 1 Phonics Workshop

IMPORTANT

Mrs Osborne is inviting you into school to learn about our phonics lessons and exciting phonics scheme - Little Wandle.

Information will be given on the daily phonics lessons and you will also find out about reading practise sessions. You will also get to experience a mock phonics lesson taught by Mrs Osborne live!

The workshop is for all **Year 1** families will be on **Monday 19th October** at **9am**.

Philosophy Friday

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

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

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Parent Consultations
22nd October

PTA Cake Sale
22nd October from 3pm

Year 1 Phonics Workshop
19th October 9-10am

Half Term
26th October - 30th October

PTA Halloween Circus
23rd & 24th October

INSET Day
2nd November

Concert dates
Reception Concert (pm)
8th December & 10th December

Y1 Concert (am)
8th December & 9th December

Y2 Concert (am)
10th December & 11th December

Gardening Club



In Gardening club, we have been looking at environmental changes in our school garden and have noted which plants have perished due to scorching sun and extreme heat and which have thrived. The summer has had an impact on both plants and wildlife. Many of our seedlings and young plants suffered heat shock and did not bloom. Thankfully we have managed to protect our new trees.

It has been a challenge to keep the mini ponds healthy for our frogs, newts and birds. We have the minibeasts to consider also as they are part of the food chain for our biodiverse environment. It is important to continue to provide shade, shelter and water, therefore, we are having to rethink our planting and consider draught tolerant grasses and selected wild flowers that will survive our new summer weather.







Planting with Nursery

We have been planting spring bulbs in nursery. The children have been learning about what plants need to grow and we look forward to seeing our beautiful flowers in the spring!



Check-Treat-Complete: Head Lice

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.

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



Music Mark of Recognition

Churchfields Infants' School have been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for a second year in a row, this time for Ambition and Quality.

We are very proud of our music curriculum, which includes weekly lessons from the award winning Charanga music scheme, singing assemblies, fantastic productions, instrument lessons and live music performances from professional musicians.

This award recognises our strong music teaching and commitment to music for all children. Music Mark is the UK organisation for music education, working to make music learning accessible, enjoyable, and high quality for every child.













PTA Cake Sale- Next Week!



The PTA Halloween cake sale is being held **next Thursday from 3pm**. Please see Newsletter 06 (last week) for more information.

Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the Halloween Cake Sale. We know an incredible amount of hard work and organisation goes into these events and we appreciate everything you all do.

A helpful guide was sent out last week about the cake sale and parent conferences.

School Photos



The deadline for ordering prints of your child's school photo will be the **5th November 2026**. Please ensure you have placed your order by then if you wish to purchase.

Any orders after then will have an additional postage cost to your own address.

Attendance Bear



The Attendance for the week is as follows:

1st Octopus & Penguin & Turtle & Jaguar 99%
2nd Starfish & Giraffe 98%
3rd Panda & Koala 97%

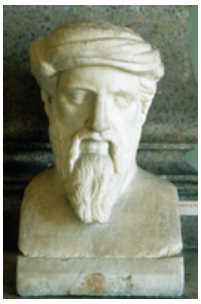
Well done everyone!

Inspiring Mathematicians and Scientists



13th October marked Ada Lovelace Day, and this week the children took part in a special assembly celebrating mathematicians and scientists. They learned how curiosity, creativity and problem-solving can lead to important discoveries and innovations.





The children learned about Ada Lovelace, whose ideas helped shape the future of computing. They also explored the work of Alan Turing in mathematics and computer science, David Blackwell's contributions to probability and statistics, and Professor Kathleen Adebola Okikiolu, whose perseverance and careful thinking led to her winning prizes in mathematics. Looking further back in history, the children also learned about Pythagoras and how his ideas continue to influence learning today.

The children reflected on their own strengths and discussed the many ways maths and science feature in everyday life. We finished by wondering whether there might be some future inspiring mathematicians here at Churchfields right now!

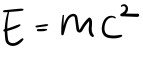












Reminder: Vomiting and Diarrhoea Guidance

At our school, keeping everyone safe and healthy is very important. We ask that all families follow the government guidance and NHS guidance if your child has any period of sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea.

The guidance/policy states that:

- Children must stay home for **48 hours after their last episode** of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- If your child is sick again during this time, the **48 hours starts again**.

Why this matters:

- Sickness and diarrhoea spreads rapidly in schools, even with the health and safety measures taken.
- The guidance protects other children, staff and families.
- There may be a number of vulnerable individuals in our school community who could become very unwell if they catch these bugs.

Please note:

- If a member of staff informs or reminds you about the 48-hour rule, we ask that you follow it carefully.
- This is not only school policy, but part of national health guidance.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy.

Lending Library Reminder



Please be mindful of the books you are returning to the lending library. Class book must not be returned to the lending Library (see photo).

Mrs Osborne is continually rescuing books that belong in the classrooms, some of which are part of our phonics scheme.

Please also do not add donations in yourself- hand them to the office as all books need to be checked for suitability. Any books/magazines that are donated should be clean and of a good quality.

Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges. If you'd like to share any pictures of your child/ren completing these, please send them to the school admin email address. We'd love to feature some of these on next week's newsletter!

Reception

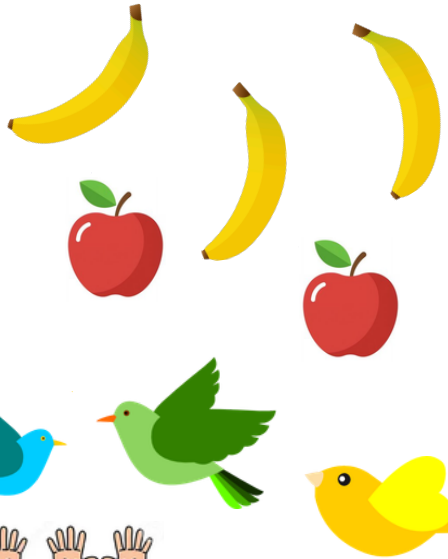
Play a game of bingo together.
Copy the grid to the right for each person.
Take it in turns to roll a die. If you roll a number shown on your card, you may colour or cover it. Only the person rolling can colour or cover that number.
Who has coloured or covered all their numbers first?

4	1	5
6	2	3

Years 1 and 2

Maths is all around us! Can you spot any examples of maths in your house and write a maths story using some numbers? Here are some ideas:

- 6 birds came to our garden to eat; 3 flew away so there were 3 left.
- I had 25 pieces of building bricks to build a house. I only used 14 so I put 11 back in the box.
- There are 5 pieces of fruit in the bowl. 3 are bananas and the rest are apples – how many apples?



Have some fun with some funny stories using numbers!



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Internet Matters

Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world:

www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/

Phone: 0208 505 0386
Website: www.churchfieldsinfant.com
E-mail: admin@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk



COMING SOON: THE NEW SEND LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE

We're relaunching our Local Offer in November!

We're inviting families, young people, parents & carers, schools and services to help us shape the new Local Offer. If you're unable attend the sessions but would still like to contribute, please email: **localoffer@redbridge.gov.uk**

DATES TO ATTEND

Monday 12th October
Wednesday 14th October
Monday 19th October
Wednesday 21st October

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Where can you find us?

Engagement sessions will be held within the Engagement Hubs at :

Redbridge Institute for Adult Education (RIAE)
Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill
Ilford, IG2 6TD

Time:

10am-4pm

How can the Local Offer help you?

- Find clear SEND advice, support, and guidance
- Search for local services, organisations, and support networks
- Access specialist support for children and young people with additional needs
- Discover activities, clubs, and leisure opportunities
- Explore information on education, health, wellbeing, and financial assistance
- Learn about travel and transport support and how to apply
- Find childcare and early years education options
- Explore post-16 opportunities and support for adult life
- The SEND Local Offer brings together help, support, advice and information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

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Redbridge SEND Local Offer