

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and carers

The sun is here at last! Please make sure that you apply sun cream before school, especially for our pre-schoolers and Reception children who spend significant time outside. You may also want to send in a cap or hat and make sure your child has a named water bottle. Children should continue to wear their school shoes- open toed shoes or flip flops are no good for running and climbing.

### What's been happening in school? Lots!

Our book fayre was a great success and we have been able to buy £800 worth of books-many thanks for your support.



Riverhawks football team have just finished a six-week project with our girls' team and through working with them we have received balls and other resources. They are now starting an after-school club for our Year 1 children.

Our Drama group attended a performance of Peter and the Wolf at Bancroft's School in March. Our Year 6's have attended the Junior citizens event in Ilford. Year 3 once again did a great performance for the Hindu festival of Holi and Year 5 did their performance all about Eid, which was also fantastic.

Parents and carers have spent time with their children in Reception and Year 1 to find out more about phonics and how we teach it in school.

Our assigned Education Psychologist has been hosting coffee morning sessions which parents have found really useful.

The 'Bikeability' team have been back in school working with lots of children.

We have enjoyed some special moments as our duck eggs all hatched and grew really quickly. They have now returned to their home.

Soon our recorder group are off to play at the Redbridge Recorder Festival.

We've been very busy!

### Redbridge Education Awards

We have been notified that Manford had a number of nominations for different categories in the Redbridge Education Awards. Miss Clarke is a finalist in the 'Teacher of the Year' category- congratulations to her. The awards ceremony takes place towards the end of May.



Parent Governor

Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications from you to become a parent governor which is a shame. If you are interested in finding out more about this important voluntary work please get in touch via the school office or speak to me on the gate.

### End of Year assessments

Next week is test week (SATs) for our Year 6 pupils. They will come in and have breakfast with their friends each morning before their tests-we like to keep a close eye on them as some children get anxious so we do everything we can to reassure them. We're also coming up to the Year 4 times table check and the Year 1 phonics screening. Please make sure children are in school and on time.

### Dates for your diary

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs

17<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 and 2.00 tours for Reception 2024

21<sup>st</sup> May Recorder Festival

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 3.15pm School closes for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June School re-opens

3<sup>rd</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 Times Table Test

6<sup>th</sup> June Welcome meeting for Reception 2024 2pm and 4pm

10<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics Screening begins (2 weeks)

12<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 assembly

13<sup>th</sup> June Class photos

19<sup>th</sup> June [National Thank a Teacher day](#)

21<sup>st</sup> June Year 5 taster morning at Forest Academy

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June [National School Sports Week](#) (details to follow)

27<sup>th</sup> June Parent Meeting for Reception 2024

5<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Year 4 Zoo trip, details to follow

19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm- End of school year