

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a busy few weeks in school. Year 6 have returned from residential and Year 4 and Year 5 have both been into London on school trips for their history work. Our Year 6 'Young Scholars' have started their literature project with their PhD tutor. Many thanks to you for coming out to parents' evenings-the turn out was high and teachers reported some great feedback. Along with the curriculum information you receive each term you should now have a clear picture of what your child is learning and what their next steps are. Our new pupil reward system is up and running and the winning house 'Sea' got their extra playtime before half term. There was a good turn out for the parent maths workshops with Ms Clarke- the next step will be an invitation for you to come and join in a maths lesson in class. Ms Clarke will be in touch with more information.



We had feedback from parents that they would like to see more extra-curricular 'fun' activities for children- we hope they all enjoyed their 'Glow Disco's'. We are planning further events after school in the future. The funds raised from the disco will be used to provide classroom resources-which I know some parents have asked if they can donate. As part of the 'glow' theme the children also had a road-safety lesson.

### School dinners

I have emailed and spoken to our catering area manager about organising the coffee morning and food tasting he promised but I haven't managed to get a date out of him yet. The new menu is great- especially the cherry pie and the lemon drizzle cake that we had this week. Now that we are telling children they must sit back down and finish more of their food before they go out to play, they do seem to be throwing less away which is great.

### Communication

Please remember to call the school (0208 500 2143) if your child is going to be absent-there is an answer service so that you can leave a message. Also please let us know if you change your address or telephone number, we need to make sure we have correct contact details in case of an emergency.

### Harvest

Thanks to year one for the energetic singing and information about Harvest in their assembly and to all of you for your generous donations. They were collected by the local foodbank.

### MHST project (Mental Health Support Team)

This week Miss Gibbings, Mrs Fowell and I met with 2 mental health support staff from Redbridge. Manford applied to be part of a project which identifies families who might benefit from some support with dealing with children's behaviour or understanding and helping children with emotions such as anxiety and anger. As part of their research, the team have asked me to send out this QR code link to their questionnaire. The full advert is at the end of this newsletter. The mental health support team will use the results to work with Manford to



improve the support we can offer. Already we have found out about services available to you that we were not aware of. One of these is open to all residents in Redbridge and is free. It's called [Talking Therapies](#) and you can self-refer. The team also want to hold some coffee mornings to share their expertise with you around all different aspects of supporting mental health with your children.

### Right to be safe week- Anti-Bullying



Our annual anti-bullying week is next week (11/11/24) and children will be taking part in special assemblies, lessons and activities. You can find out more [here](#). On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November children (and staff) are invited to wear odd socks to show that, just like our socks, we are all different! It's a celebration of individuality.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our parent Governors is coming to the end of their 4-year term of office. They are happy to continue in the role, however, we are required to reach out to all parents when there is a vacancy. If you would like more information about becoming a school governor you can find it [here](#). If you are interested in standing for election, please contact the school office and we'll arrange a time for you to come in and discuss the role. The applications will close on 1<sup>st</sup> December- please contact the school office by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November to arrange the discussion.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Tree Planting Workshops- Year 4

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November- School closed for pupils Staff INSET- Behaviour Policy training**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November- Phonics Parent Workshop- Infant hall 9am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- Coffee Morning- come and meet the Educational Psychologist

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November- Year 6 trip to Science Museum

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper day (£1)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December -children's Christmas dinner

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- End of Term-**School closes at 2pm** (No after school club)

**School re-opens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**