

### What's been happening in school?

INSET (Teacher Training) Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June was a full day of professional development for the teaching staff. We had some training on supporting children to improve attendance, safeguarding and curriculum review. These non-pupil days are invaluable for school improvement.

There were no nominations for the vacant parent governor role. However, since the deadline I have met with a parent who is interested in the role and the Governing Body are keen to move forward so that we have a parent voice and perspective on the Governing Body.

On Wednesday our link Educational Psychologist Marco spent the day in school as part of the Race and Equality Awareness project. He held a coffee morning for parents, assemblies for the children and provided training for staff after school. This is a great project which we have been involved in all year.

Earlier today we carried out an in vacuation practice. This means making sure that staff and children know what to do if there is a threat in the school grounds. When talking to children about this we use scenarios like the swarm of bees on the playground last year, or an angry dog on the playground meaning we all have to stay indoors. Children were very sensible and understanding, although they may talk to you about the experience today.

Before the half term break, we held a parent information session to share our curriculum and resources for the Summer Term PHSE 'Changing Me' unit which covers relationships and age-appropriate teaching about puberty and growing up. If you missed the session most of the information is available [here](#) on our website. Mrs James is the curriculum contact for this should you need more information. Parents who attended said that the information was clear and informative, one parent wrote:

*Really informative  
Great way of showing everyone from different  
cultures that it is a very simple/basic  
way of introducing sex education to the  
children from an early age without scaring  
them.*



Our school choir, led by Miss Khan joined a St George's Day celebration at Hainault library. Their next performance is a cross-school Arts Celebration at Coppice Primary.

## Playground Developments

You have probably noticed new features in our playground which we expected to be installed at half term and ready for use. Unfortunately, the weather and some issues with the sub-surfaces have meant that the work is not complete. Due to the rain forecast this week they've had to delay completion until next week. Disappointing but worth the wait! All of the fundraising and a chunk of our Sports Premium funding has paid for the upgrade so thank you for your efforts.



## Racial literacy Training-Hemisphere

We're delighted to announce that we have become a Hemisphere Partner School. [Hemisphere Education](#) is a brain-training platform that disrupts bias, improves racial literacy and builds belonging in schools. We'll be working with Hemisphere to further our work to create an equitable school environment where every child can thrive. It will help staff to identify acts of exclusion that can impact on wellbeing and outcomes, and introduce positive behaviours.

"Hemisphere gives us the tools and confidence to have meaningful conversations about race. The training gives everyone an opportunity to reflect on their own practice, and to change behaviours in a way that makes a positive impact for everyone: our staff, our children and our community." Debbie Wiles, Secretary of Redbridge Education Partnership.

You asked for an extra after school opportunity on a Tuesday and more opportunities for younger children-I'm pleased to say we've agreed these with our partners '[The PE Specialists](#)'.



Our increased trips and visits have continued with Reception visiting Hertfordshire Zoo and Y2 visiting the Islamic Centre in Ilford. We've also had an animal day for Year 1 and 'Little City' for early years. Year 4 went to London Zoo. Year 5 had really informative visits to The British Museum for a workshop about 'The Empire Windrush'.

## Parent Opportunity-Maths

After our really successful English course earlier this year, we have agreed with Redbridge Institute of Adult Education to run a Maths version. This is a 5-week course and enrolment is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact the school office for more information or if you would like to join.



## Music Opportunities

We have been working with Focus Music this year and have found the teachers to be very talented - the children having lessons in guitar and piano have made good progress. Focus Music provide lessons for children from Reception age and are able to offer other instruments and vocal coaching for aspiring singers. Information can be found on their website [www.focus-music.co.uk](http://www.focus-music.co.uk), although I am hoping to invite Focus to do a 'meet and greet' on the playground so that you can go and say hello and ask any questions you may have about music lessons.

## HAF Summer 2026

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in our hope to be able to extend the [HAF programme](#) for two weeks in the Summer. Information will be available from the providers soon.

## Dates for your diary

W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Checks and Year 4 Times Table Checks

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Whole Class Photos

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - A Y5 team is taking part in an inter-school Geography competition

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Forum with Mrs Prasad (9am)

W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Bikeability Lessons start – Year 4, 5 & 6 (continues w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> June)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Choir performing at Summer Arts Festival-Coppice Primary

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Sale for Someone Special

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Drama Workshops for Preschool, Reception, Years 1 and 2

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Meet the teachers - for New Reception 2026 parents (2pm and 4pm)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Counter Hate workshops for Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Mental Health Support Team- parent coffee morning-support with behaviour

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Transport for London Workshop

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Secondary school transitions day (parents to confirm with each individual school)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - picnic for new Reception parents

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Week - details to follow