



Cranbrook Primary School Newsletter

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Thought of the week

"Equality is the soul of liberty; there is no liberty without it." (Frances Wright)

Message from the Headteacher: Celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas

Dear Parents/carers, as we embrace the diversity within our school, may the glow of Hanukkah candles and spirit of Christmas lights illuminate our hearts with warmth and joy. May this season of celebration bring unity, understanding and shared moments of happiness.

It has been a very busy but exciting term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and well wishes.

Wishing you a fantastic holiday and a happy healthy and successful New Year 2024!

Reception School Applications for September 2024:

If you have not already done so please complete your primary school application form online by logging on to:

www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions

An online tutorial explaining how to complete your application form can be accessed by visiting: www.eadmissions.gov.uk

Please note that proof of residency must be submitted with your application.

Proof of residency includes your Council tax reference number along with one other document from the following list: A drivers licence, TV licence, rent book, tenancy agreement or utility bill dated within the last 3 months (e.g. electricity, gas, water, broadband contract, or landline phone).

An additional SIF form must be completed if applying for a faith school or own admission authority school.

If your child has an EHC plan you will need to speak to the school Sendco or contact the Redbridge SEN team via email at:

senteam@redbridge.gov.uk

Further information can be found on the school website.

RIASS- Redbridge information, Advice and support services:

RIASS wanted to share with you their Drop in Surgeries and the Parent Information Sessions being for the Spring Term.

They will be at Loxford Engagement Hub every Monday and at Gearies Children Centre every Friday between 9.30am and 2.30pm. There are a few sessions on Friday's were we are not able to hold the surgery, please see the attached poster for these dates. The Parent Sessions are now on our website and will go live tomorrow (12th Dec 2023) for bookings. www.redbridgeiass.org.uk

During the Christmas break they will be testing their new Text Message Service. If you have not let them know that you would like to opt out of this service can you please do so by the end of this week or if you would like to opt in. You can opt out (or in) at any time in the future.

Key Dates

Term Dates for 2023-2024

Autumn Term:

Monday 4th September-Wednesday 20th December 2023

Christmas Sing along:

Yellow classes-Friday 15th December at 9.10am

Green classes-Friday 15th December at 2.15pm

Christmas Holidays:

21st December-3rd January 2024

Spring Term 2024:

Thursday 4th January Thursday 28th March 2024

Parent Info sessions for all Year Groups:

9th January- Year 6

10th January-Year 5

11th January- Year 4

12th January- Year 3

17th January-Year 2

18th January-Reception

19th January-Nursery

23rd January- Year 1

24th January-ARP

Half term break:

Monday 19th February-

Friday 23rd February 2024

Summer Term 2024:

Monday 15th April- to

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term break:

Monday 27th May to Friday

31st May 2024

Inset Days 2023-2024:

26th February 2024 (Parent Consultations)

3rd June 2024

EPT Coffee Morning-Friday 15th December 2023: EPT Coffee morning on Friday 15th December at Gearies Primary School, please see the leaflet attached for more information.

Courses for Parents/Carers in 2024: Cranbrook School are pleased to announce that we will resume running courses in partnership with the Redbridge Institute of Adult Education from 2024. Courses will be held at Cranbrook Primary School in the Dance studio on Mondays. Parents will be required to enrol for each course and a strict waiting list will be in operation. Courses are free to attend and a certificate will be awarded at the end of each course. Please note that there are no crèche facilities available for any of the courses.

To be eligible to enrol on a course, parents/carers will need to provide a UK/EU passport or a Biometric Residence Permit (for non UK/EU passport holders). Asylum seekers will need to provide their ARC card (which is issued by the Home Office whilst their application is being processed). If an individual does not possess an ARC card, then they must provide their Home Office letter, (with the date mentioned in the letter), to establish that they have lived in the UK for more than 6 months.

Time: 9am – 11am (Every Monday)

Location: Dance Studio

Learn to understand the National Curriculum and to help your child to improve their spelling, punctuation, grammar and SATS scores.

Keeping Up With the Children English Course: 6 Week Course

Course Dates: Monday 8th January 2024 – Monday 12th February 2024 (Including Enrolment Date)

Time: 9am – 11am (Every Monday) Location: Dance Studio

Learn to understand the National Curriculum and to help your child to improve their spelling, punctuation, grammar and SATS scores.

Keeping Up With the Children Maths Course: 4 Week Course

Dates: Monday 4th March 2024 – Monday 25th March 2024

Time: 9am – 11.30am (Every Monday)

Location: Dance Studio

(*Enrolments for the KUWTC Maths Course will take place on Monday 12th February at 9am)

Learn to understand the National Curriculum and learn tips and tricks to improve your child's maths skills.

To put your name down on the waiting lists for either course, please visit the school office or telephone 0208 518 2562. Please ensure that you have the relevant documents required to enrol on each course. Without the aforementioned documents you will be unable to join either course. Thank you.

Cranbrook Coats for Kids Scheme:

Cranbrook Primary School have launched a new initiative called 'Cranbrook Coats for Kids'. This is an initiative that was trialled last autumn with considerable success. This will be an annual programme to provide practical support to families who may need it during the autumn term.

As the cold weather approaches, we would like to ensure that all of our pupils have a winter coat to wear to school.

The Cranbrook Coats for Kids Scheme aims to provide a winter coat for pupils who attend Cranbrook School whose parents do not have the funds to purchase one. The coats will be new and of a satisfactory school standard.

We would therefore like to invite parents, carers, staff or members of the local community who are in a position to do so to make a small monetary donation.

As a school we can then purchase winter coats for those children whose family are unable to purchase one.

The Cranbrook Coats for Kids Scheme is a wonderful way to support our local community and to make a huge difference to the lives of many.

Please contact Beverley Boothe or the school office on 0208 518 2562 if you wish to make a donation. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Lost Property

We will always do our best to reunite pupils with their lost possessions. However, it would help if you could put your child's name and class on each item of clothing, book bags etc.

If your child has lost an item of clothing in school, please take a look at the **Lost Property Tubs**, which are located in the school playground by the green sheds.



Clubs: Spring clubs are due to start from Monday 15th January 2024. More information to follow via School Ping in the following week.

Christmas Sing-along-Friday 15th December in the Main Hall:

The Christmas Jumpers are to be brought to school and worn for the Sing along.

The Christmas sing-along will take place as below:

Yellow classes-Friday 15th December at 9.10am

Green classes-Friday 15th December at 2.15pm

Christmas Parties: Children may come into school in their festive outfits. The parties will be held as follows:

Christmas parties for Years 1, 2 and 3 will be held on Monday 18th December.

Christmas parties for Nursery, Reception, Years 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Tuesday 19th December.

After School Clubs: There will be no After school clubs on the last day of term, parents/carers please make arrangements for that day, if your child attends After school club.



Attendance Winners

Well done to Year 5 Green for achieving 99% attendance this week!

Remember: Good attendance= good progress

Email address to report an Absence:

Please report any absence for your child on the email address below:

absence@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk

Gold Awards: Emaan.A-2G, Eri. B, Joseph. S, Laila. S, Maaria.A, Martin.M, Maryam.C, Romana.P, Sadat M, Yusra. A-6R

Headteacher's Award:

Safa .S & Adam. A-4B

Star of the ARP:

Amari.W



Achievement Awards for Writing:

Name	Class
Damian.T	1R
Aminah	1Y
Halimah. N	1G
Rehan. A	1B
Ayaat. R	2R
Zainab.J	2Y
Amirah. H	2G
Shivay.K	2B
Alamin Uddin	3R
Antonela L	3Y
Hasan. S	3G
Kal-El.J	3B
Zoya. B	4R
Kanav. B	4Y
Muhammed. A	4G
Aiza. M	4B
Aaron. S	5R
Zuhayr. A	5Y
Ibrahim. J	5G
Haziq K	5B
Abdur-Rahman.R	6R
Alisha. C	6Y
Riley H	6G
Yaquob. A	6B

Well done everyone!

Food safety advice for children age 5 and under

-How to reduce the risk of choking

-Food preparation including packed lunches for school

- remove any stones and pips from fruit before serving
- cut small round foods, like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, lengthways and into quarters
- cut large fruits like melon, and hard fruit or vegetables like raw apple and carrot into slices instead of small chunks
- do not offer raisins as a snack to children under 12 months – although these can be chopped up as part of a meal
- soften hard fruit and vegetables (such as carrot and apple) and remove the skins when first given to babies from around 6 months
- sausages should be avoided due to their high salt content, but if offered to children these should be cut into thin strips rather than chunks and remove the skins
- remove bones from meat or fish
- do not give whole nuts to children under five years old
- do not give whole seeds to children under five years old
- cut cheese into strips rather than chunks
- do not give popcorn as a snack
- do not give children marshmallows or jelly cubes from a packet either to eat or as part of messy play activities as they can get stuck in the throat
- do not give children hard sweets

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-and-welfare/food-safety#food-safety-advice-for-children-age-5-and-under>

Dr. Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah



Celebrating Cultural Connections–Celebrating diversity across our school:

Dr Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah

Dr Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah was born and raised in Birmingham, England. His poetry is strongly influenced by the music and poetry of Jamaica and what he calls 'street politics'. His first real public performance was in church when he was 10 years old, by the time he was 15 he had developed a strong following in his home town of Handsworth where he had gained a reputation as a young poet who was capable of speaking on local and international issues.

He loved Handsworth, he called it the Jamaican capital of Europe but although his work had become popular within the African-Caribbean and Asian community he thought the town was too small, he was not satisfied preaching about the sufferings of Black people to Black people, so he sought a wider mainstream audience. At the age of 22 he headed south to London where his first book Pen Rhythm was published by Page One Books. This was a small, East London based publishing co-operative, keen on publishing poets who were rooted in their communities. They published Zephaniah when others failed to tune into the new poetry that was about to emerge. The book sold well going into 3 editions but it was in performance that the Dub (Reggae) Poet would cause a revolution, a revolution that injected new life into the British poetry scene and attracted the interest of many mainstream publishers, many of whom had sent refusal letters to him only 12 months earlier.

Young writers have said that the accessibility of his work has inspired them to take up writing, many record sleeves bare witness to the fact that he has inspired many of the new generation of rappers, and of all the performance poets that emerged in the late seventies and early eighties he is one of the few that is still going strong. He has sixteen honorary doctorates and the Ealing Hospital in West London has named a wing after him in recognition of his work. Zephaniah believes that working with human rights groups, animal rights groups and other political organisations means that he will never lack subject matter. He now spends much of his time in China, but he continues working throughout Asia, South America and Africa, and is as passionate about politics and poetry now as he has ever been.

Joan Armatrading, gave this tribute after hearing the news of his death: "I am in shock. Benjamin Zephaniah has died age 65. What a thoughtful, kind and caring man he was. The world has lost a poet, an intellectual and a cultural revolutionary. I have lost a great friend."

Family Maths Challenge:

Answer to last week's challenge: $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$

At a holiday market, the total cost for a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie is £1.80. If a cup of hot cocoa costs one pound more than a cookie. How much does a cup of hot cocoa cost?



Free Festive Community Event with REWT and EYPad-Friday 15th December at Cranbrook Childrens Centre

REWT and EYPad are joining forces to host a "Break the Stigma" Event. Please see the leaflet attached for more information.