





OCTOBER 25TH 2024

# CRANBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

It is the end of the autumn half term... and time flies when you are having fun.

We have had many exciting times across the school. Our young learners in Nursery and Reception have settled very well into their routines. Our new families equally have felt welcomed into the Cranbrook Family. I would like to thank you, our parents/carers, our children and the staff at Cranbrook for the great effort in making Cranbrook a great place to be.

You would have noticed the swimming pool in the gated Pavilion Car Park. This is a new initiative to provide our children with more intensive support for their swimming through small group sizes allowing for more instructional support. This initiative also eliminates the need to travel via public transport. The children seem to be enjoy the swimming. For our younger children, please let them know that their turn will be coming when they are in year 4 or 5.

The Governors and SLT have worked tirelessly to ensure that our car parks are a safe space. Thank you to all our families who follow the parking rules and the guidance and instructions from our staff. You have been made aware that a third party company will now be taking control of the traffic enforcement in the main (large) car park. Please read the detailed email sent out through School Ping.

The two Glow parties that were held recently have been a great success. Thank you for supporting us in raising funds to be used for much needed school projects. The previous funds enabled us to get more outdoor equipment and games for the children – including the table tennis board. Its always special to see the children enjoying these extra, much needed provisions and we appreciate whenever your support in providing a better experience for our children

See you at parent consultations on the 4th November and 6th November, we hope you find them informative, guiding and encouraging.

Happy Diwali to all our Hindu and Sikh families who are celebrating the festival of lights and Rosh Hashanah to our Jewish families who celebrated their New year and Yom Kippur.

Finally, I wish all a safe and restful half term break.

### **TERM DATES**

Autumn Term:

Monday 2nd Sept - Friday 20th December, 2024

Half Term: Mon: 28/10/2024 - Fri: 01/11/2024

Spring Term:

Monday 6th January - Friday 4th April, 2025 Half Term: Mon: 17/02/2025 - Fri: 21/02/2025

Summer Term:

Monday 6th January - Friday 4th April, 2025 Half Term: Mon: 17/02/2025 - Fri: 21/02/2025

Bank Holidays:

Monday 5th May & Monday 26th May, 2025

Inset Days:

Monday 4th November 2024 Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22nd July 2025

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



- PARENTS' MEETINGS
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- LITTER PICKING EVENT
- REDBRIDGE 'BREAK THE STIGMA' EVENT
- CAR PARK CHANGES
- TERM DATES

### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

One of the most sincere form of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."





### **Secondary School Applications 2025**

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers

Your Secondary School application form should be completed by logging onto www.redbridge.gov.uk/eadmissions

The deadline for secondary school place applications is 31 October

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The deadline for submission of all applications, supporting documents and SIF forms is the 31st October. Further guidance can be found on the school website. Please note that proof of residency must be submitted with your application.

An additional SIF form must also be completed if applying for Faith schools or own admission authority schools. The deadline for submission of all applications, supporting documents and SIF forms is the 31st October.

If you are unable to attach your supporting documents whilst making the application, please email electronic copies of proof of residency to: admissions@redbridge.gov.uk

Please ensure that your child's name, date of birth and application reference number are included in your email to admissions which must be submitted by the 31st October.

Ilf 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

Thank you.



### **ONLINE-SAFETY**

#### **MY FAMILY'S DIGITAL TOOLKIT:**

There are so many really good resources out there for parents/carers about how to help keeping children safe online, but it can quickly become really overwhelming.

Internet Matters has a really great resource for parents called **My Family's Digital Toolkit**. This is a personalised resource which gives agespecificadvice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more.

Click on this link to get more information:

<a href="https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/">https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/</a>



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### ATTENDANCE UPDATES

The Department for Education (DfE) has introduced new guidance for managing attendance, including a national framework for penalty notices. These changes take effect from 19 August 2024. At Cranbrook Primary School, we adhere to the Redbridge Attendance Strategy and Code of Conduct.

Please be aware of the following key points:

Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued when a student has:

1.5 Consecutive days of term time leave

2.10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

#### First Offence:

The first time a Penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave of Irregular attendance the amount will be

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

#### Second Offence (Within 3 years):

• The second time a penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave of Irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years):

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Full details of the changes are available on the Government's webpage: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance</a>

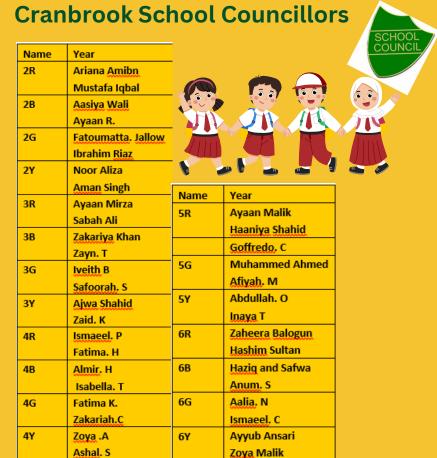


### Email address to report an absence:

absence@cranbrookprimary. redbridge.sch.uk

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





#### Frenford Foodbank Visit

Our lovely Year 1 children collected and delivered donations to Frenford Foodbank at the beginning of the month and learnt about the valuable work being done by the Foodbank, an invaluable service for many of vulnerable families.

You can find out more about the foodbank by visiting their website: https://www.frenfordclubs.org/promotions





### **HOCKEY CLUB**

The children have been enjoying the hockey club with great enthusiasm this term. Hockey is an excellent sport for enhancing social and communication skills. Through teamwork, players learn to collaborate and build relationships.

The sport promotes leadership skills as players often take on roles that require decision-making and motivation. Hockey also contributes to improve fitness levels, It also boosts resilience and selfconfidence.





### LITTER PICKING

Many pupils and adults have noticed an unwelcome increase in the amount of litter in and around the school grounds. In order to combat this issue, we have organised a litter picking event this Saturday 26th October from 9.30-11.30am. If you wish to come along please respond to the Ping sent out a few days ago. Thank you!









### GARDENING CLUB IN THE SENSORY GARDEN

We have had a very successful year with the Gardening Club, planting tomatoes, chillies and squash, as well as plenty of flowers. The garden looked fabulous in summer and many of us enjoyed the fruits of our labour. We are hoping to resume Gardening Club in January. With the support of the Outdoor Learning Team, we are hoping for an even better year!













### **Positive Parenting Course**

Cranbrook School will be hosting a free parenting of course for parents/carers. The course will teach you new techniques and strategies to address everyday issues and manage challenging behaviours displayed by your children using positive discipline.

This is an outstanding course taught in a supportive nurturing environment. Refreshments will be provided each week and practical resources and a certificate will be awarded at the end of the course. The course will take place from 12.30pm – 3pm every Monday starting on Monday 11th November until Monday 16th December. Places are limited.

To reserve a place please visit the school office or phone 0208 518 2562.





# AUTUMN TERM PARENTS MEETINGS-MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER & WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2024

Please note, the Autumn Term Parent's meetings will take place on Monday 4th November from 12.30pm-4.30pm and on Wednesday 6th November from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Please select your slot using our parent/carers meeting booking via School Ping. If you have problem in booking then please contact the school office.

Year 1 Red, Year 4 Red and Year 4 Blue will have their parents meetings different days near the end of November, please look out for messages on School Ping regarding this.

# REDBRIDGE EDUCATIONALWELLBEING TEAM (REWT)& MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST) EVENT

REWT & MHST are organising a well-being event called "Break the Stigma".

The event will take place on Thursday 31st October 2024 from 2pm-5pm at Ilford Exchange 112 High

For more information, please see the flyer attached.

### **Book Fair**

The book fair is returning to Cranbrook Primary once again. From the 6th to the 12th on November, our book fair will be available in the small hall from 3-3:30.

There will be a wide selection of books available for ages 3+. Cash is preferred, however we will also have a QR code for online card payments, although you may need the card present to be able to process the payment.

Please find attached a mini catalogue detailing a small selection of the books we will have available at the fair, as well as a competition opportunity to win one of five £5 book tokens to spend at the fair.



## CHANGES IN THE CAR PARK MANAGEMENT



As we mentioned last term the shared car park will be managed by UK CPM as a 'No Charge Car Park'. This will hopefully mean we will see a reduction in the negative behaviours and unsafe/dangerous use of the car park that we have seen until now.

We can now confirm this will commence from Monday 4th November, 2024.

At drop off and collection times, you do not need to register your car at any of the kiosks, so please use the car park as normal.

Outside of drop off and collection times, your car must be registered using one of the kiosks.

Please look out for the letter being sent via School Ping, outlining all the changes.

We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with these changes and hope they will bring much needed order and positivity to the parking arrangements.

### **GLOW PARTY**

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our lovely parents and staff members for all their support in making our Glow party at school, a fantastic success.

It was a joy to see the children light up, they all had an amazing time.

Thank you once again to all of you as we look forward to many more successful events together.

# UPCOMING SCHOOL TRIPS/EVENTS



Year 3 Green/3 Blue

Trip to Natural History museum

Wednesday 21st November 2024

Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3

The Snow Queen Show

Wednesday 27th November Thursday 28th November 2024- in school

Year 3 Red/3 Yellow

Trip to Natural History museum

Tuesday 5th December 2024

Year 5 Red/5Green

Trip to Tower of London

Tuesday 10th December 2024

Year 5 Blue/5 Yellow

Trip to Tower of London



### WINTER NIGHTS - STAY SAFE





Stay Safe now the night are getting darker.

Please take a look at the following websites for advice and tips.

https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe-in-dark/



