

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week: The most important key to success is having the discipline to do what you know should be done even when you don't feel like doing it'.
(Mark Mountford)

Black History Month: Black History Month is a time to celebrate the contributions of Black people to the UK and highlights those unsung heroes making the world a better place for others. Such as Yvonne Witter, chair of Peak District Mosaic, who has been instrumental in engaging the black community with the Peak District or Dominique Palmer, a climate justice activist featured in the Forbes 100 UK Environmentalists List. Palmer's campaigning work has focused on climate change issues that intersect with social issues, much like Nobel Prize Winner, Wangari Maathi, whose Green Belt movement started to support women and to conserve the environment.

These women are part of a legacy that we are celebrating this month, a legacy that stretches back hundreds of years.

Mary Seacole, the British Jamaican nurse is best known for her tireless work in the Crimean war and for the discrimination she faced and overcame. However, less in focus is her extensive knowledge of medicinal herbs and plants which she was able to use to treat the sick. Yet, now in 2023 we can celebrate.

Professor Nox Makunga – an award-winning botanist and science communicator at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, who specialises in the study of medicinal plants and their use in a non-destructive and sustainable way. Makunga, like Seacole had to overcome challenges, she was the only Black female scientist working in her department, but her research into *Dodonaea viscosa* or the sand olive plant is focusing on the potentially life changing anti-cancer properties found in the plant.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

Headteacher's Award: Ronnie. B-CUBE for excellent effort with Writing and Maths & Timas. G-3R for good work

Gold Awards: Vlad. A, Meharan. N, Noor. A-6Y

Achievement Awards for RE: Arjun. R-1R, Eesa. H-1Y, Aqib. K-1G, Sulaiman. U-1B, Ismaeel. S-2R, Chimamanda. A-2Y, Anvi. C-2G, Aaira. A-2B, Antonia. D-3R, Zoya. A-3Y, Aryan. A-3G, Yousaf. U-3B, Olivia. R-4R, Alinne. B-4Y, Yaasir. A-4G, Aditya. K-4B, Amani. A-5R, Yusuf. S-5G, Amelia. A-5B, Yasin. R-6Y, Dario. S-6G, Chizaram. A-6R
Well done everyone!

Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils:

Please ensure that you visit the secondary school of your choice on the relevant open days/evenings over the next few weeks. Information is available on each school's website. Secondary School application forms should be completed online by logging on to www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions. An online tutorial explaining how to complete your application form can be accessed by

Year 6 parents will receive a Secondary School Transition Pack with a step by step guide to help you to complete your application. This will be available to view on the school website.

Please note: The deadline for the submission of applications, supporting documents and SIF Forms is the 31st October 2023.

For those parents requiring additional support, Cranbrook will be holding a series of workshops to assist parents to complete their applications online. The first workshop will take place on Monday 25th September and will be repeated on Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th October from 12 noon – 2.30pm in the Dance Studio. Please phone 0208 518 2562 to reserve a place as spaces are limited.

Please ensure that you bring the following items when attending the workshop: Your mobile phone, your email address, your username and password, Council Tax Number, Proof of Residency (e.g. A Utility bill dated within the last 3 months, Drivers Licence, TV Licence, Rent Book or Tenancy Agreement).

If your child has an EHC plan you will need to speak to the school SEND team or contact the Redbridge SEN team via email at: senteam@redbridge.gov.uk

Secondary School– Open Evenings:

Please note that there are open evenings at various Redbridge Secondary Schools, over the next few weeks. Our main feeder schools are Valentines, Wanstead and Beal High. All the dates and information are available on the Redbridge Council website. This is especially important for the current Year 6 pupils, who will be moving on at the end of the year.

Applications for Secondary School places for **September 2024** close at the end of **October 2023**. As usual, we will be offering sessions in school for parents who require support in completing the applications.

Attendance: Good attendance= good progress

Parent Meetings-Monday 30th October - 8.30am-3.30pm *appointments to be booked via School Ping

Please refer to the School Ping message which was sent yesterday to all parent/carers to book your appointment with the class teacher, to discuss your child's progress. This term we will offer face to face meetings on **Monday 30th October** from 8.30am-3.30pm.

DSP Photographs-Friday 13th October & Tuesday 17th October 2023: Please remember that individual photographs will take place on

Friday 13th October 2023 and sibling photographs will take place on **Tuesday 17th October 2023** throughout the school day. The children should be in full school uniform.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term Disco-Wednesday 18th October 2023-Non-

uniform day: We will be hosting a half term disco to raise money for the school. It will be held on **Wednesday 18th October for Reception and years 1,2 and 3.** It will run from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm. Dismissal will be from the normal place.

The theme is ' **Be bright be seen**' and so we ask the children to wear bright clothing on the day. The cost of entry is **£5**, which will include a drink and a snack. Trinkets will also be available for sale for 50p and £1.

Payments to reserve your place can be made via School Ping under payments. The deadline for payments will be Monday 16th October 2023.

Flu Vaccinations on Friday 10th and Monday 27th November

2023: We have the following dates for the flu vaccination which will take place on **Friday 10th November and Monday 27th November 2023** for all the children from Reception through to year 6. Please find the link below for the E-consent form. Please note that the portal shuts 2 days before the session, so it is important parents complete the form as soon as possible. This year, your child will be offered the nasal spray as well as the gelatine free alternative which is an injection. The nasal spray is more effective for young people however, if any parent wishes for their child to receive the flu injection instead of the nasal spray, they will need to consent to the vaccination and then you will be given the option of nasal spray or injection. The use of e-consent means that parents are notified that their child has been vaccinated immediately at the point of care. Please use this link which you can copy and paste into your Google search field and click on "START HERE " this will take you to the form which you need to complete for your child <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/redbridge> If you have any questions please contact the Flu vaccination team on 0203 343 2400 option 3.

Online Safety, TikTok and Other Social Media Checklists:

While **cybersecurity** protects **devices** and **networks** from harm by third parties, Online Safety protects the **people** using them from harm by the devices and networks (and therefore third parties) through awareness, education, information and technology.

Online Safety is being aware of the nature of the possible threats a person could encounter whilst engaging in activity through the Internet, these could be security threats, protecting and managing personal data, online reputation management, and avoiding harmful or illegal content.

*Please create/go over some rules with your child/ren about online safety and screen time. Remind them of how important online safety is.

Internet Matters have a good range of guides that help parents with family pairing (where available), privacy settings, reporting and much more. This is a really helpful resource to support you to set parental controls. Please click on the link below

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>
Thank you for all your support.

Food Allergies: Please note, no food, cakes, sweets etc should be sent to school for any occasion due to food allergies. We have many children who have allergies and would therefore, respectfully ask that you do not provide birthday treats.

Missing Coat:

A Year 5 Blue navy Ted Baker coat has gone missing, if anyone has taken it accidentally, can they please return it to the school office.

Key Dates for this Term

Term Dates for 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Monday 4th September-
Wednesday 20th December 2023

Tuesday 17th October- Year 5B/5Y-Trip to London Zoo

Wednesday 18th October- Year 5G/5R-Trip to London Zoo

Friday 13th October 2023-DSP Individual Photographs

Tuesday 17th October 2023-DSP Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 18th October 2023-Half Term Disco- Reception-Year 3, from 3.30-4.30pm in school

Half term break: Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2023

Spring Term 2024: Thursday 4th January-
Thursday 28th March 2024

Half term break: Monday 19th February-
Friday 23rd February 2024

Summer Term 2024: Monday 15th April-
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term break: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Inset Days 2023-2024:

30th October 2023-Parent/Carer consultations from 8.30am-3.30pm in person

26th February 2024

3rd June 2024

Half term break: Monday 23rd October 2023-Friday 27th October 2023-Please note, the school will be closed on Inset days, but will be open for in person parent/carers consultations.

Cake Sale by Reception-Tuesday 17th October 2023

In reception, we will be raising money for our school. This autumn term, all the reception classes will be having a cake sale on Tuesday, 17th October after school, outside their classes. Please join us!

The children will be decorating the cakes for sale! Look forward to seeing you bring your family to buy cake!

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