

Autumn Term Newsletter



Welcome to our newsletter for the end of the half term

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the Autumn term. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are keen to learn. We have been busy with the school council elections, various workshops in school (Yr2 Great Fire of London, Yr5 Anglo-Saxons, Y3 Stone Age and Y6 classes visiting the local Gurdwara).

As we celebrate Harvest we remind children of the importance of being grateful and how fortunate we are to have food, clothes and warmth. Every year the school supports a local homeless shelter in Ilford called the Welcome Centre. We collect food and toiletries to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. There is still time to donate if you wish.

We are really excited to be able to run workshops and classes for parents this term as well as starting our parent and toddler group. For more information on how we can support parents please contact Mrs Oshnaike, the parent support advisor.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Rouf from her maternity leave. Mrs Rouf will be teaching in Jeffers class Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Hassan will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday.

Every term the whole school take part in a fire drill so that children have a clear understanding of what is expected of them in an event of a fire. In addition to fire drills the school takes part in a lockdown practice. In this instance the children need to be clear what to do if they need to keep safe whilst inside the school building. The children were amazing and responded really sensibly to practice we carried out recently.

‘Monday Munch’ takes on a weekly basis. One child from a class who is always making the right choices and has demonstrated the school values is selected by their class teacher to take part in the session. Children come to my office for a munch and a chat. This is a lovely time for the children to come together and a great way for me to listen to the views of the children. Each child is given a certificate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support with your child’s education. I hope you have an enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing you all next half term,

Mrs Davies

Collection for the Homeless

Many thanks to all those who have kindly given items for the Homeless Centre in Ilford.

They are always very grateful for the generosity shown by the families at Mayespark. The new school councillors will visit the Welcome Centre after half term to see where their donations have gone.



Packed lunches with a nutritional punch

If you're opting for packed lunches for your child, you'll want to make sure they meet your child's nutritional needs. After all, when children eat better at lunchtime, they do better in class in the afternoon. But research also shows that the vast majority of packed lunches aren't meeting the same healthy standards as school meals. The NHS has put together their top tips on what makes a healthy lunchbox.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

The majority of our children come to school with a balanced and healthy packed lunch. Please avoid providing your child with unsuitable food items, such as, left over burgers, chips, popcorn chicken, smiley faces, packs of biscuits, fizzy drinks etc. Let's strive to work together to make sure all children are fit and healthy. Please remember to put your child's name on their packed lunch box & NO nuts!!!

Reading at home

Your child will be **taught** skills for reading during lesson time with their class teacher, using books that the teacher has selected and chosen to support the learning target for your child. The home/school reading book is for your child to **practise** the fluency of reading with an adult and for the adult to ask questions to support understanding. The home/school book will be self selected by your child because they want to read it. These two approaches together enable children to become confident readers with a love for reading.

Please continue to encourage your child to take care of the books they take home.



Learning beyond the classroom

Mayespark is located within accessible distance to central London as well as the countryside where children have the opportunity for their learning to be enriched beyond the classroom. Our Big Pictures suggest activities which are linked to the curriculum in each year group. Over the half term holidays we would encourage parents to take their children out and about to the many free events taking place such as:

- Natural History Museum, science museum, London Docklands Museum, Maritime Museum, Imperial War Museum, British Museum, Young V&A
- Changing of the Guard, Buckingham Palace
- City farms (Wellgate, Mudchute, Hackney, Spitalfields, Stepney, Surrey Docks)
- Crystal Palace Dinosaurs, Kew Gardens, Golders Hill Park Zoo, Coram's Fields
- Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Hyde Park's Princess of Wales playground
- Sky Garden

Never pay full price for your London activities without having a good hunt around for the best offers! Lots of reward schemes and discount providers offer brilliant savings to make your city adventures more budget-friendly, so here are some other ways to save money on the pricier activities and attractions:

Tesco Clubcard points: Lots of London attractions are part of the Tesco reward scheme so save your points and you could visit for free!

National Rail 2-for-1 offers: If you're travelling by train you can get 1/3 off or 2 for 1 tickets on loads of London attractions when booked through the National Rail 2 for 1 scheme.

lovetovisit.co.uk: The 'Love to Visit' website offers discounted tickets for family-friendly days out with the children all over the UK – London included – so it's worth checking their current prices before you book. The **attraction tickets** are often so much cheaper than those bought directly from the attractions – the savings can be huge!

Kids Pass: You can sign up to a trial for just £1 to access discounts on days out and eating out in the capital.

Supermarket promotions: Cereal brands like Kelloggs also often run promotions where you can find discounts or even free tickets (things like **2 for 1 tickets**) for some of the London attractions by purchasing specially-marked boxes so look out for these in the supermarket.

Blue Peter Badges: Blue Peter Badges are awesome because children can get in free at over 200 UK attractions – literally halving the cost of your family days out! In London, you can use them at ZSL London Zoo, The Tower of London, the HMS Belfast, The London Bridge Experience and Tombs, Battersea Park Children's Zoo and loads of other places – read more about it here: **[How can my child get a Blue Peter Badge?](#)**

Several London venues offer discounted entry for Universal Credit recipients, for example, the Tower of London, Kensington Palace, and Hampton Court Palace offering £1 tickets through **[Historic Royal Palaces](#)**. Other options include a £1 annual pass for the **[London Transport Museum](#)**, £2 entry to the Cartoon Museum and Cutty Sark, and free general admission at the Design Museum (paid exhibitions cost extra). The Horniman Museum and Kew Gardens (**[Kew Palace](#)**) have offers for £1 entry.



We will hold a silence in school on 11th November to remember all the people who served in the war, particularly those who came from other countries to support Britain. I hope you have seen the poppies at our school entrances. Children will be able to buy a poppy from the school after half term.

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child is sent to school wearing suitable clothing. They will need a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. The school has lots of preloved clothing families can have. Please ensure your child's **clothes have names** on them so we can reunite them with any lost property.



Beyond the homework set

There are many ways parents and carers can support their child's learning beyond the weekly homework given out by class teachers. Study guides are available to purchase at local bookshops and numerous website sites offer fun activities for children to engage with in their time spent at home. Our school website has links to websites such as MyMaths and BBC Bitesize to help parents to access further educational materials for the children. MyMaths is a website that provides a range of additional homework and games to help children practice their skills whereas BBC Education provides activities for all subjects.

There is guidance also guidance on our website for RWI (the phonic programme we follow in school), free access to Oxford Tree reading e-books, and many more activities to keep children continuously learning outside of school.

Dates for your diary

- 5th November - 5-6pm - Fireworks display at Mayespark run by Friends of Mayespark
- 7th November – Year 5 – Adopt a chef
- 10th November – 3.30-6pm - Parent & Carer consultation evening
- 11th November – 3.30-6pm - Parent & Carer consultation evening
- 13th November – 3.30-4pm – Bookfair starts – downstairs hall
- 14th November – Individual photographs
- 25th November - Year 4 – Educational visit to the Synagogue
- 27th November – Year 5 – Science workshop
- 28th November – Year 4 – Cultural capital trip – Bowling
- 4th December – Year 1 - Educational visit to the Young V&A Museum
- 12th December – Mayespark Maths Day
- 17th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December – Christmas parties
- 19th December – Staff panto (KS2 only)



Meet our new School Council!

**ARCH
MOZART**



Maryam

**YEAR 2
GREY**



Aiden

**YEAR 2
TAGORE**



Noah

**YEAR 2
KERR**

Mikail

**YEAR 3
SHARMAN**



Nathan

**YEAR 3
JEMISON**



Allyssa

**YEAR 3
COLEMAN**

Arafah

**YEAR 4
GOODALL**



Mustafa

**YEAR 4
ADERIN**



Amayah

**YEAR 4
KALAM**



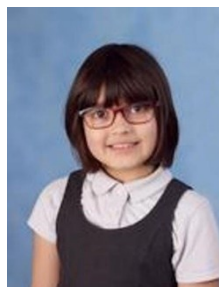
Yahya

**YEAR 5
HADID**



Nasir

**YEAR 5
SINAN**



Yashi

**YEAR 5
GAUDI**



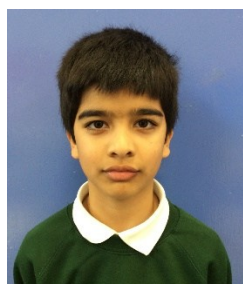
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**YEAR 6
YOUSAFZAI**



Hudhayfah

**YEAR 6
SINGH**



Ayaan

**YEAR 6
THUNBERG**



Yunus

School Visits and workshops

Learning experiences in addition to traditional lessons are really important for your child's education. We strive to ensure the children have a range of opportunities to develop their cultural and academic skills. We will be asking for a contribution to the cost of these additional opportunities as school budgets are very tight. We are working on ways to reduce the costs for both families and the school. We will shortly produce an estimate of the full cost of trips/workshops for the year so that you are aware and can budget effectively. Thank you for working with us to ensure children have the best experiences.

Attendance

We would like to remind parents that it is vital that children attend school every day. Every lesson missed can lead to a gap in learning. We reward attendance in the following ways:

- A cup is awarded to the class with the best attendance each week
- The classes with the highest attendance within the Friday assembly group also earn a £2 coin which they can spend at the end of term
- Classes with 100% attendance have an extra playtime with Mrs Davies
- A child can receive a medal at the end of each term for 100% attendance

This year a new reward has been offered. The class with the highest attendance for the term will win a class trip to the cinema!!!

Punctuality

When your child arrives late ...

- They have missed the instructions, so may not know or understand what the learning is for the lesson.
- They feel uncomfortable as their friends are all settled and enjoying their learning.
- They may be unsure where to sit/what to do.
- In some year groups, the children move to other classrooms to do their learning in groups or sets so the class will be in another part of the building.
- They have to wait for the teacher to come and help them to get started on their work rather than being independent and starting their learning immediately.
- They lose learning time.

Spare room feeling empty?

Foster for Redbridge Council

020 8708 6068

www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering

Redbridge Council are looking for foster carers who can provide a safe, stable and nurturing home to children who need to spend time in foster care.

🏠 Is your spare room feeling empty? Do you miss conversations after school around the dinner table? Miss helping with homework and seeing that lightbulb moment when they understand something they have been struggling with? And although you repeated yourself hundreds of times to tidy things away, are you now, ever so slightly, missing the mess? Bring conversation, laughter and love into your life and provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment for our most vulnerable babies, children and young people that they can call home.

If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, please visit the [web-site](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering) or call 020 8708 6068.



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👉 Find out if you're eligible at www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

To book Shine Clubs sessions, visit www.shine-clubs.com

Attendance winners

At the end of the Autumn term the class with the highest attendance will go on a class trip to the cinema. The top three classes so far are: Kerr, Goodall and Sinan.

Who will be the winners? Over the next 8 weeks anything could change...

R	Adnan – 95.9%	Kapoor – 93.37%	
1	Jeffers – 95.05%	Hughes - 91.47%	Harrison - 89.63%
2	Kerr – 97.83%	Grey – 96.02%	Tagore – 93.77%
3	Sharman – 96.41%	Coleman – 94.35%	Jemison – 94.35%
4	Goodall – 97.25%	Kalam – 95.77%	Aderin – 93.69%
5	Sinan – 97.17%	Goodall – 95.77%	Hadid – 94.13%
6	Yousafzai – 96.63%	Thunberg - 96.23%	Singh – 95.8%

Polite Reminder: Please Do Not Park on Zigzag Lines

We would kindly remind all families **not to park on the zigzag lines** outside the school gates on Goodmayes Lane or Trenance Gardens. These markings are there for an important reason – to help keep our pupils safe. Unfortunately, we've noticed several instances where vehicles have been parked directly on or too close to the zigzag lines outside the school entrance. These situations create unnecessary risks – and we know that's something none of us want.

Why is this important?

- **Child Safety Comes First** Parking on zigzag lines blocks the view for children trying to cross the road safely. It also makes it harder for drivers to see pedestrians.
- **Legal Restrictions** It is **against the law** to park on these lines during the school day, and doing so may result in a **fine**.
- **Emergency Access Must Be Kept Clear** Emergency vehicles need to access the school quickly if needed. Parked cars on zigzag lines can delay this access.
- **Be a Role Model** Children are watching and learning. Let's set a positive example by following the rules and showing consideration for others.

What You Can Do Instead

- Use designated parking areas or side streets where it is safe and legal to park.
- Consider walking or "park and stride" a short distance from the school to reduce congestion.
- Follow the guidance of staff or volunteers helping with drop-off and pick-up.

We sincerely thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Together, we can help make our school a safer place for everyone.