



NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter which has some updates on the events which have happened in school recently and a report on the Year Six trip to France.

I had the privilege of doing assemblies in Anti-Bullying week last week which was very enjoyable. In KS2 we talked about the fact that all the children are heroes as they have the power to help others and protect them. We discussed a number of scenarios they may come across and how the children could help. Mostly the answers involved telling an adult as we all know we are a telling school. One answer in particular impressed me as it showed a great level of empathy and maturity - Ehsan in Sinan class said, "I would say kind things to the person being unkind so that they feel happier and don't want to make other people sad." What a lovely thing to say!

In our recent parent survey some parents mentioned that bullying was an issue and when I have had conversations with parents about this they have called one incident a bullying situation. I want to stress that not all unkind behaviour is bullying. The key characteristics that turn unkindness into bullying are:

- that it is repeated and goes on over time;
- that it is deliberate and not accidental;
- that it involves the person doing the bullying in having some sort of power over the person experiencing the bullying.

When we find bullying we deal with it swiftly and monitor the situation to ensure it does not continue. If you have any concerns please do speak to us.

Ms Davies



Top Tips for helping your child learn how to get dressed

When teaching a new skill we often start at the beginning. This can be challenging for children. The 'Backward Chaining' technique is particularly useful when learning self-care skills like dressing. So what is backward chaining? You start by breaking the task down into small steps. You complete all of the steps but ask your child to complete the final step so that they will enjoy the success that comes from completing a task. Once your child can do the last step you complete all the steps except for the last two. You teach your child the second from last step and they then complete the last step themselves. Even more success! Keep going until you are teaching the first step and your child is completing all the other steps.

Steps for Putting on Trousers

- Sit on floor, bed or chair
- Hold trouser waistband
- Lower trousers and lift one leg into hole
- Put other leg into the second hole
- Pull trousers up to knees
- Pull trousers up to waist.



Steps for Putting on a T-shirt

- Lay the t-shirt front side down with the bottom nearest
- Pick the back of the t-shirt up and place it over your head
- Push one arm through the sleeve
- Push the other arm through the sleeve
- Pull the t-shirt down





FRANCE '23

Just before half term, some of our Year 6 children went on a week's residential visit to France. During their time away, they visited many places including a goat's cheese farm where children had the opportunity to milk some goats, and visit a French market where they were challenged to speak French to purchase their own lunch! They also visited The Somme and saw the incredible sites of memorials and craters left from The Great War. And of course, a trip to France wouldn't be complete without sampling authentic French croissants, which the children did at a local bakery!

We are so pleased the children had a wonderful time and have returned with life-long memories. A massive thank to Mr Radmore, Mr Lawless and Madame Roberts, for giving up their time to take the children on this incredible visit. If you are in Year 5, watch out for information regarding next year's visit. This will be released next term!

My experience in France was absolutely amazing and I hope to go again. The best part of the trip was the free time as we could play football in the games room.



The France trip was fun! I really enjoyed making new friends and having the best time going to new places and trying new things. I also enjoyed trying the new traditions and food. Pardeep

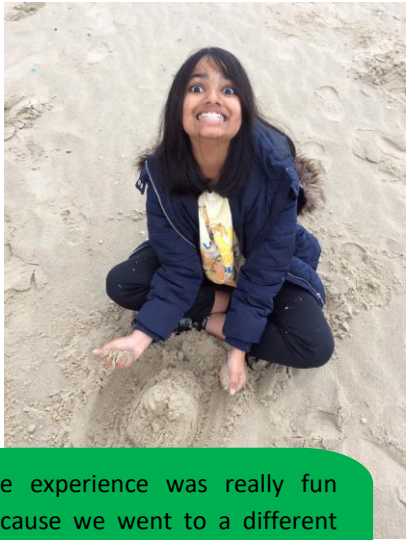




FRANCE '23



My experience was amazing! We went to lots of places and had a great time. My favourite trip was to the bakery as we got to try bread and the kind owner gave us free chocolate croissants! Aqil



France was a really good trip. I really liked being able to buy things using Euros and going to places I haven't been before. Ghaniyah

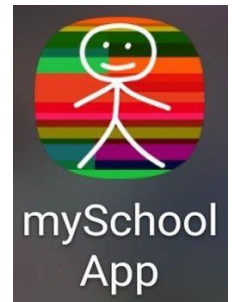
The experience was really fun because we went to a different county. The best part was when we went to the beach! Airidas





DIARY DATES

Below are dates for the coming months, please note that calendar dates are often added and can be amended. We therefore ask that all parents download MySchoolApp, where our most recent school calendar can be accessed throughout the year.



December 2022	
5 th	Christmas card post box opens
5 th	Reception parents' coffee morning (phonics)
7 th	Our Space visit to the pantomime
8 th	Flu vaccinations – 1 st jab
12 th	Nursery parents' coffee morning (curriculum)
12 th	Class Singh visit to Gurdwara
13 th	Year 1 Nativity – 2:30pm
13 th	Class Thunberg visit to Gurdwara
14 th	Year 1 visit to the pantomime
15 th	Flu vaccinations – 2 nd jab
15 th	Class Yousafzai to Gurdwara
15 th	Christmas Dinner
16 th	After school clubs finish for the term
16 th	Year 5 trip to the theatre
16 th	Music concert – children receiving instrumental lessons
19 th	Reception Christmas sing song
20 th	Christmas jumper day / Christmas parties
20 th	Children break up for half term

January 2023	
5 th	Children return to school
9 th	Reception parents' coffee morning
12 th	Year 1 visit V&A Museum of Childhood
13 th	Nursery parents' coffee morning (maths)



February 2023	
6 th	Reception parents' coffee morning (maths)
7 th	Yr 4 Roman Workshop
8 th	Parents' Evening
9 th	Parents' Evening
10 th	Children break up for half term
20 th	INSET DAY – School closed for children
21 st	Children return to school



READING

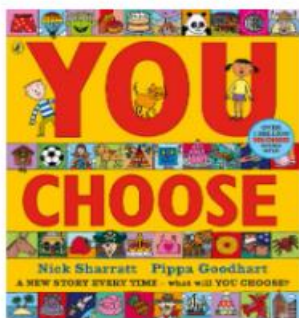


Mayespark is a reading school! Whether you are new to our school or have been a part of our community for a number of years, we hope you have received the message! **Reading regularly makes a fundamental difference to a child's achievement.**

At Mayespark we assign children a book band level and they are able to choose books to read within that band. We do, however, recognise that it is good for children to read a wide range of books and so have compiled a list of recommended books for each year group. Children may find these texts in their reading corner or in our local library. Below is a book from year group's list - we hope you will check out the full list via the following link: [Support for Parents - Mayespark Primary School](#)

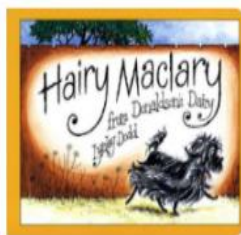
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You Choose! by Pippa Goodhart



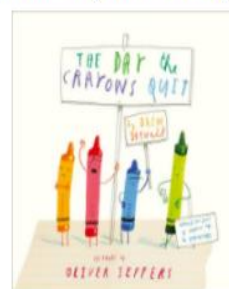
Year 1

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd



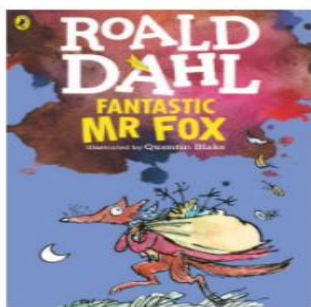
Year 2

The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt



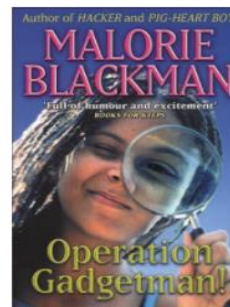
Year 3

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl



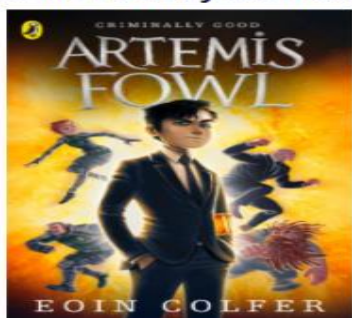
Year 4

Operation Gadgetman! by Malorie Blackman



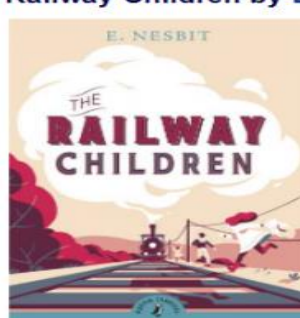
Year 5

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer



Year 6

The Railway Children by E Nesbit





CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done Mayespark! Together we raised an incredible £964.73 for Children in Need. The classes who raised the most are as follows: Mozart, Sinan and Thunberg.



Gurshaan

A special mention to Gurshaan in Mozart Class who raised an incredible £150!



OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS



I am sure you have heard through the media that school budgets are incredibly tight, partly due to the rise in energy costs which are not being fully funded. Please help us as a school to be financially astute by supporting the following fundraising projects:

Easy Fundraising

Believe it or not, there are shops which will give us money when you buy something. Easy Fundraising has raised millions of pounds for schools so please consider signing up. It will not cost you a penny but will result in us being given money. [Fundraising | Charity Fundraising Online | You Spend Online, Brands Donate | Easyfundraising](#)

Asda Green Tokens

Each year, Asda's charity, the Asda Foundation, invests £1million into local communities through Green Token Giving, supporting thousands of local good causes. You can now vote online for Friends of Mayespark (by selecting the Barking store) and support us in our strive to set up an outstanding secondhand uniform store. You can vote every 7 days, which will really help us to receive £500 for first place! [Green Tokens - Vote | Asda](#)

easyfundraising
feel good shopping

Raise free funds for us every time you shop online

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Argos Booking.com DEBENHAMS next SCREWFIX
Sainsbury's OSOS Viking moonpig JUST EAT

ASDA foundation
Green Token Giving

Vote for your favourite local cause!

1st Place = £500
2nd & 3rd Place = £200 each

Visit asda.com/green-tokens for more info

MOVIE NIGHT

9th December
3:15- 5:15pm

Tickets are available on the back playground before and after school until 2nd December

Our Christmas card post box opens on Monday 5th December

My name is Daisy Miah. I am a parent governor at Mayespark and have been recently elected as co-chair. Aside from this, I work as a qualified secondary school teacher in a large comprehensive school in Redbridge. Prior to teaching, I spent several years working as a Forensic Scientist, managing a large team and overseeing the strategic planning of operations. I am committed to ensuring every child at Mayespark has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

This term we have been in to Mayespark to carry out visits with members of staff linked to the areas in which we are responsible. During our meetings we monitor progress against the school improvement plan. We are committed to raising standards and ensuring Mayespark remains an inclusive, happy school where children thrive.



My name is Derryck Blackman. I have lived within the local community for the past 40 years and have a child who currently attends the School. I have worked within Credit Insurance for over 15 years and enjoy making the most of everything culturally London has to offer. I have been a Co-Opted Governor at Mayespark School for the past four years and have recently been elected as Co-Chairperson. I am thrilled to be taking on this challenging role and to help elevate the status of the School within the Borough.



Children attending after school club are allowed to bring a healthy snack to eat after school. Please ensure this does not contain nuts and that your child knows that they are unable to share their snack with friends.

If you drop your child off at breakfast club, please park in one of our parking bays and not in front of the green gate!
Thank you



Please remember that our classroom doors open at 8:40am and close at 8:45am every day. To ensure safety and fairness, if you are late to school, please enter via the school office. Thank you



Please be reminded that only children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. For children in Years 3 to 6 school meals cost £2 a day, unless you qualify and have applied for free school meals. The website to make payment is: [Feeding Hungry Minds](https://parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/login)
<https://parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/login>

If payment is not made you must supply your child with a packed lunch. If you have not yet applied for free school meals, find out if you are entitled by applying online to: Redbridge [Redbridge - Free school meals](https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/free-school-meals/)
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