



# NEWSLETTER

July 2023

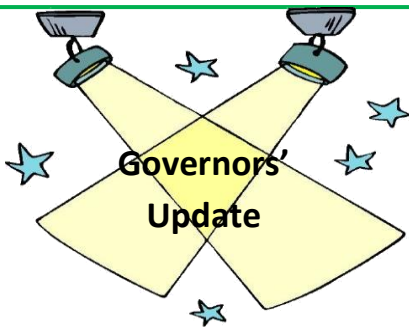


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to celebrate the successes we have had across the school in our statutory tests. Children have achieved very well and, in many cases, have exceeded the national averages. Our data will be updated on our website next term where you will be able to see the details but we have improved on last years results in almost every sense.

In addition to this we also have three children who will be going to grammar schools so there is much to be proud of, on top of sports days, end of year performances and some rockstars in the making! Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to seeing most of you on 6<sup>th</sup> September. For those leaving I wish you every success!

Ms Davies  
Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have reached the end of another academic year! We have continued to make much progress on the Governing Board. Numerous Governor Link Visits have been undertaken during the summer Term, focusing on different areas of our School Development Plan. Writing was a key area we targeted, ensuring progress is being made towards the goals set out during the year. We also focused on pupils with Special Educational Needs, ensuring those students have equal opportunities and appropriate access to the curriculum. In addition to this we met with the Safeguarding Lead of the school to review policies and procedures in line with legislation.

During July, we participated in our Annual Governors' Day. The day started with lesson observations across the school, where it was apparent that the curriculum is relevant, purposeful and inclusive to every child. We conducted book checks and carried out a Pupil Voice. This was followed with a Governing Board Meeting which focused on strategic planning for next year, the financial position of the school and curriculum presentations from subject leaders. We concluded the day with exit interviews with some staff members and met with the School Council to hear about their role in the school this year.

Great progress has been made towards the school improvement plan and we are so proud of the achievements of our Mayespark community. Thank you so much to parents and carers for continuing to support the school and for helping our children thrive. Staff have worked so hard this year to deliver excellent standards for pupils and this has been reflected in our KS2 SATs results this year. We are so pleased with this achievement in what has been a challenging year, both financially for schools and still feeling some impact to learning post pandemic. Wishing you all a fantastic summer break.

Co-Chairs of Governors Daisy and Derryck



# SUMMER FAYRE

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre. Although the fayre was initially postponed due to the rain, we eventually had a wonderful time celebrating the end of the school year! Bouncy castles, candy floss, face painting, BBQ, various parent stalls, class stalls such as hook-a-duck, guess-the-teacher, cake decorating, the list goes on but we have to also mention the bravery of the teachers who ventured into the stocks! We wouldn't be able to run such events without volunteers, particularly the Friends of Mayespark Committee – thank you!





# FAMILY CAMPING

Last month, Friends of Mayespark organised their first family camping event. Everyone enjoyed an evening of activities including: soft archery, board games, badminton, a BBQ and marshmallows around the campfire! It was late before everyone got to sleep, however, in the morning, the children still had energy for a tug-of-war and a water fight! A massive thank you to the Friends of Mayespark Committee for making this event happen.



Camping was great fun as I made new friends.



There were so many different activities, I would give camping 10/10!

I loved camping! The hot chocolate and water fight were my highlights!







# SPORTS EVENTS

All of our sports days were energetic and full of great team spirit! Well done to all of the children (and adults) who took part!



A couple of weeks ago, James Dasaolu (former Great Britain sprinter) visited us from Sport for Champions, to inspire us to make healthy lifestyle choices. During an assembly with the children, he also encouraged us to be determined in whatever we choose to do. Whilst here, each class did a fitness workout with James. Lots of children kindly sponsored to take part and some were lucky enough to meet James for a photo. Altogether, the children raised £531.25!





# RECENT VISITS

## Reception visit to Clacton-on-Sea

Our Reception children had a wonderful time building sand castles on the beach. The weather was perfect and so they were all able to enjoy an ice-cream before coming back to school!



## Nursery visit to Goodmayes Library

A few weeks ago our Nursery children went on their first visit to our local library. This was the first of many visits they will make during their time at Mayespark and they had a fantastic time! As a school we look to nurture a love of reading even amongst our youngest children.



## Year 2 visit to Goodmayes Baptist Church



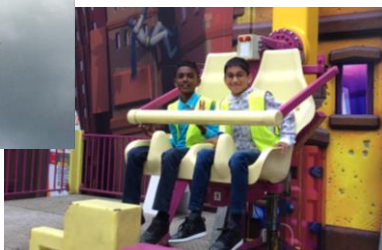
On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June the children in Year 2 walked up to Goodmayes Baptist Church to look at the different features inside. The church was different to All Saints which they had visited in Year 1. It was a small church which represents a number of different church groups. The children commented on the similarities and differences of the two churches and identified common features such as crosses, an altar, lectern and pulpit. The children enjoyed seeing the pool where the baptisms happen. It was a very informative trip and the children had some really good questions for the leaders.





# SOUTHEND

A couple of weeks ago, our Year 6 children enjoyed a well-deserved reward after working really hard for their SATs. They ventured to Southend and had a day at Adventure Island!





# LEARNING IS FUN!

## French Language Day

Children in KS2 had a lot of fun on French Language Day, discovering some of the countries around the world where French is spoken. Year 3 enjoyed a French breakfast and took part in a virtual tour of Paris before learning the popular French bowling game Petanque. Year 4 were fascinated by the mountains, cuckoo clocks and delicious chocolate of Switzerland and explored the works of Swiss artist Paul Klee. Year 5 focussed on Senegal learning to describe traditional clothing. They showed off their dance moves with some fabulous west African dancing and made art work based on the artist Souleymane Keita. In Year 6 students discovered the geography of Mali and the story of Sundiata Keita, founder of the Mali Empire. They learned about the artist Abdoulaye Konate and recreated one of his pieces using wax, paint and paper. Magnifique!



## Year 4 Climbing Wall

Last month, all Year 4 classes participated in a climbing wall activity. Children demonstrated our school values of Determination and Courage, showing resilience by not giving up and overcoming their fear of heights.

All children had an amazing time and were able to reflect on the progress which they made in one day and how they could enhance these newly learned skills in preparation for the PGL trip in Year 5. The wonderful weather was like a cherry on the top!





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## Bikeability

A number of children across Years 3 and 4 recently took part in Bikeability training Level 1. This course is a structured and standardised programme designed to make children more competent cyclists and prepare them for eventually cycling on road. The children worked on how to prepare their bike for a journey, checking tyre pressure, brakes and wheels. Over the two day course the children practised how to start and stop, looking over their shoulders for hazards, signalling before turning left or right, snaking and sharing space with other cyclists. Well done to all of the children who participated.



## Fancy developing your cycling skills?

1:1 cycle sessions at Valentines Park can be booked using the link below. Bikes can be provided and up to three people (adults or children) can attend a session.

<https://cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-redbridge/>

Doctor Bike sessions and all other Redbridge holiday cycle events can be found here: <https://cycleconfident.com/>

Information regarding TFL online cycle training can also be found here: [Cycle Skills course - Transport for London - Login \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)




# DATES & OTHER NEWS

July 2023	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Performance (afternoon)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre
18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Graduation
18 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Performance (afternoon and evening)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Piano recital – 10am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Picnic
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 BBQ
20 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Assemblies
20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

September 2023	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school




Congratulations to Miss Zehra and also to Miss Rouf who will both be getting married over the summer!



**Essex Fire Museum Open Days**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
 (10.30am to 4.00pm)





Visits must be pre-booked via:  
[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,  
 Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

**Are you caring for a child who is not yours?**

Private fostering is when someone who is not a close relative cares for another person's child under the age of 16 for 28 days or more.

A close relative is considered to be an aunt, uncle, grandparent, step parent or siblings. Friends of the family and other family members are not classed as close relatives for the purposes of Private Fostering.

You need to legally notify Redbridge Children's Services of any private fostering arrangements in Redbridge to ensure the child is safe.

Contact details:  
 Tel: 020 8708 3885  
 email: [CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk)  
 For more information please visit our website: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering>

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