



May 2022



**Congratulations to Miss Roulton who gave birth to a baby boy. Mother and baby are doing very well.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see below, we are going to be expanding our school day in September. Doors will open at 8:40am and close at 8:45am. This will allow the children to make the most of their time at school and comply with the government's guidance to schools.

We are very much looking forward to our Jubilee celebrations and I hope to see many of you at the fayre after school.

I hope you are following the school's Facebook page to see all the fabulous work shared with me each week.

Thank you for your continued support.

See you on the playground!



Mrs Davies  
Headteacher

## School Start Times

Please note the following changes from September:

- 8:35am: gates will open
- 8:40am: doors will open
- 8:45am: doors will close and lessons will start



### WHAT'S INSIDE?

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# CURRICULUM NEWS

Our children have had lots of wonderful learning opportunities over the past few weeks. Below are some of the highlights:

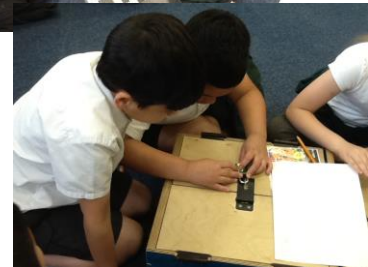
## Early Years

As part of their Food and Growing topic this term, children in Early Years have been tasting fruit and vegetables. What fruit and vegetables can you spot in the photos?



## Year 3

Year 3 classes participated in Maths Escape Room. They were presented with a layered treasure box with numbered locks. To open the locks children had to use their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and crack codes. Children demonstrated the school values of determination, courage and unity whilst working together as teams. There were bags full of opened locks by the end of each session. Well done all the Year 3 code crackers!



## Year 4

Children in Year 4 have had the opportunity to take part in climbing wall activities. Their teachers were really pleased with how they demonstrated our school values. They showed courage and determination to get to the top or to improve how far they climbed on each attempt. They cheered each other on which was lovely to see. Plus, they were active and tried a new sport even if it looked a bit scary! Well done Year 4!



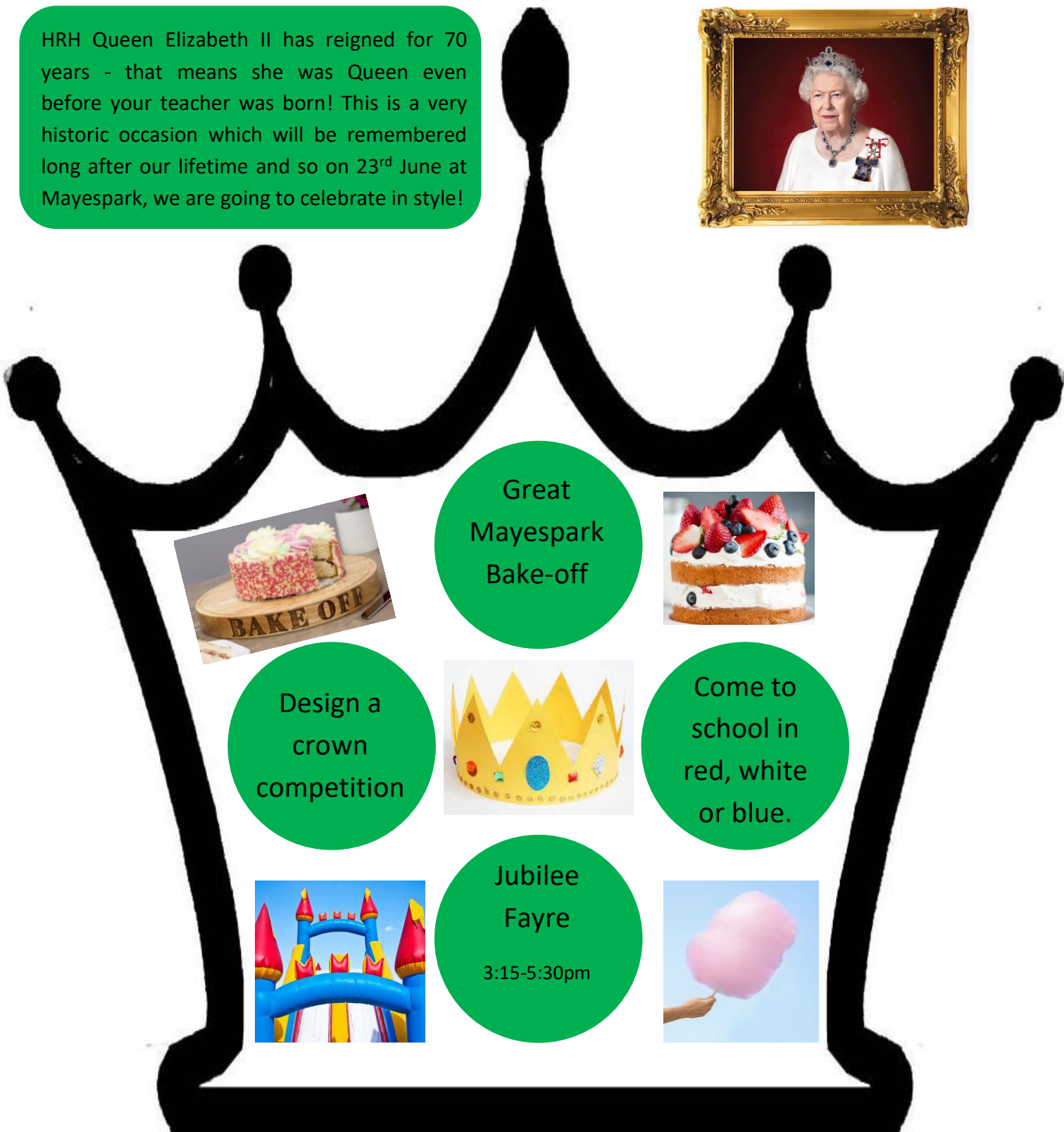




# THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE



HRH Queen Elizabeth II has reigned for 70 years - that means she was Queen even before your teacher was born! This is a very historic occasion which will be remembered long after our lifetime and so on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Mayespark, we are going to celebrate in style!



Great Mayespark Bake-off



Design a crown competition



Come to school in red, white or blue.



Jubilee Fayre

3:15-5:30pm





# CITIZENS UK

As a school, we are proud to be members of Redbridge Citizens, which is part of Citizens UK. This alliance of over 450 member organisations unites communities to act together for power, social justice and the common good. Its diverse membership includes schools, churches, mosques, synagogues, parents' groups, charities and trade unions.

The aim of Citizens is to participate in public life. Members work hard to hold politicians and other decision-makers to account on the issues that matter in order to win victories that change lives and transform communities. For example, founded by Citizens UK in 2001, the Living Wage Movement has won over £1.3 billion of additional wages, lifting over 180,000 people out of working poverty. Some of the current national campaigns include: affordable homes and renters rights, refugee resettlement, better mental health access and affordable routes to citizenship for migrants.



# citizens UK



Our Year 5 pupils have been discussing youth safety and thinking about changes they would like to see in our local area. A couple of weeks ago a number of children had the honour of presenting their views to the Labour and Conservative electoral candidates at a Citizen's event held at Palmer Catholic Academy. They asked Councillor Jas Athwal and Has Ahmed, to commit to ensuring:

- improved opportunities for workshops in all schools on 'how to keep safe'
- consultation with schools to improve transport availability at key times of the day
- continuation of the provision for young people in Redbridge

Needless to say, our pupils were inspirational and we are very proud of them!







# REFLECTION AREA

At Mayespark, we love to listen to your ideas regarding how we can make our school even better! Some time ago, our School Councillors requested a prayer room. When discussing this matter with our school council we identified that a prayer room would require a staff member to supervise. The children also recognised the difficulty around accommodating all religions. Although a wonderful idea, after careful consideration we have settled on creating an outside reflection area. We are very pleased to announce that, thanks to Mrs Assenjee, plans for this are well underway. If you have any thoughts on how to improve our school, why not talk to your school council representation? You never know, your idea might also become a reality - we are listening!



We don't yet know exactly what our reflection garden will look like but it will be a place of peace and contemplation, helping children maintain a sense of wellbeing. It will be accessible during playtime and lunchtime and will become somewhere precious to care for and nurture, whilst extending learning and understanding.

As a school we are looking to raise money for this project, if you would like to donate, please do so via the school office. On 27<sup>th</sup> May we are having a 'Sponsor an adult day'. This means children will be able to raise money in order to get a particular adult to do something. I wonder how much money we could raise in order to get Mr Radmore to dye his beard blue?!





# DIARY DATES



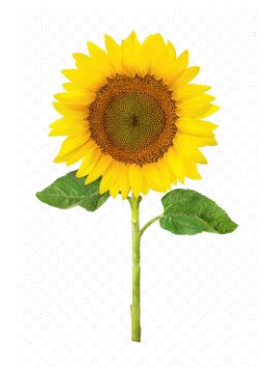
- 25<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 visit Kidzania
- 25<sup>th</sup> Parent Gym
- 26<sup>th</sup> School Closed for Polling
- 27<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 First Aid training
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sponsor an adult day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of half term



- 6<sup>th</sup> Children return to school
- 8<sup>th</sup> Reception visit to Clacton-on-Sea
- 9<sup>th</sup> Parent Gym course
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nursery Stay and Play
- 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 visit from Mayfield Secondary School
- 14<sup>th</sup> Trainee teachers visiting from Ohio
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kerr class assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> New Reception intake meeting AM
- 15<sup>th</sup> New Nursery intake meeting PM
- 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Gym course
- 21<sup>st</sup> Grey class assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Queens' Jubilee Celebration
- 24<sup>th</sup> School closed – Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 28<sup>th</sup> Governors' Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tagore's class assembly
- 30<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 visit to Science Museum
- 30<sup>th</sup> Parent Gym course



- 4<sup>th</sup> Yr 5&6 Sports Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 3&4 Sports Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 1&2 Sports Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nursery Stay and Play
- 7<sup>th</sup> EYFS Sports Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 visit Southend
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 BBQ
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic
- 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Presentation evening
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nursery Graduation
- 20<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Presentation evening last day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of school





# OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS

## Online Maths Homework

Please remember to complete your homework on Numbots (Yr 1&2) and Times Tables Rock Stars (Yr 3-6). There are weekly competitions – who can you beat next week?



## Easter reading competition

Congratulations to the winners:

Simret (Gaudi)

Izma (Carle)

Moosa (Goodall)

Eva (Grey)



*You are invited to celebrate our  
Queens' Platinum Jubilee*

*23<sup>rd</sup> June*

*3:15 - 5:30pm*

We are looking for volunteers to help run this event, please let the school office know if you are able to help



Every Friday Morning

8:45 - 9am

Yr R-Yr 3

We hope to see you there!

Local Elections

2022



**Due to polling  
we shall be  
closed on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
May**

## We need your junk!

cardboard, wood, fabric, bottle tops

please hand in at the school office



**The Mayespark Jubilee Bank  
Holiday is on 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**How will you spend the day?**

