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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020. I hope you all had a lovely break relaxing with family and friends and that the children are now returning to school refreshed and ready for the new term. The staff would like to say thank you for all the generous gifts and cards sent in to school. They are very much appreciated.

Reading Rocket Certificates

Year 6,

Bronze certificates are awarded to - Anjola, , Moeez,Khadijah, Ameenah, Adam, Safa, Enora, Zimar, Muhemmed, Tia, Eman, Havith, Alban, Khulud, Arrabhie, Zunairah, Uzair, Shabib, Rayan and Dorcas - all in class 6E.

Silver certificates are awarded to - Dorcas, Rayan, Shabib, Uzair, Zunairah, Arrabhie, Khulud, Havith, Tia, Muhemmed,Enora, Adam and Ameenah - all in class 6E.

Gold certificates are awarded to - Zunairah in class 6E.

A bronze merit is awarded to Owen in 6A.

A silver merit is awarded to Callum in 6A.

Eman in 6E is now a free reader.

Gold Reading Rocket Awards go to Darija, Umaymah and Sidra in 6A.

Silver Reading Rocket Award goes to Ryan in 6A.

Bronze Reading Rocket Awards go to Ismail and Owen in 6A.

Year 5

A bronze merit award goes to Sayana in 5W.

A silver merit award goes to Isa in 5W.

Gold merit awards go to - Renee, Ashviin, Donnell and Zulekha in 5W

Platinum merit awards go to - Vishay in 5W

Year 4

Bronze awards are awarded to - Zain, Theo, King, Harsha, Holly, Yahya and Sanjidan in 4A

Silver awards are awarded to - Ayaan, Maliha, Tiahna, Jasmine, Zain, Aadam, Sarah, Aden and George in 4A

Gold awards are awarded to - Ekaterina in 4A

Gold Reading Awards go to Halil and Jumaimah in 4A.

Silver Reading Awards go to Kevin and Osarhiemen in 4A.

Silver merit awards are awarded to Amelia, Jaynil, Osarhiemen, Sanjidan, Harshna, George and Jumairmah
A bronze Reading Certificate goes to Odri in 4M.
A bronze merit award goes to Iliya in 4M.

Year 3

Bronze Reading Rocket Awards go to Yusra and Elizabeth in 3C.
Silver Reading Rocket Awards go to Kleon, Casey, Ronnie, Dillon and Presha in 3C.
Gold Reading Rocket Award goes to Muhammad in 3C.

A bronze merit award goes to Dillon in 3C.
Silver merit awards go to Sky and Saleha in 3C.
Gold merit awards go to Abdullah and Riddhi in 3C.

Year 1

Silver Reading Rocket awards go to - Saijen in 1M
Gold Reading Rocket awards go to - Noor, and Ismael in 1M.
Bronze Merit Certificates go to Dylan, Momina, Olivia and Wasi in 1S.
Silver Merit Certificates go to Dayen, Leo, Oliver and Usman in 1S.

Star Award for 100 reads go to Trishpreet, Diyen, Hira, Eesa and Aahil in 1M

Times Table Rockstars Competition

A big well done and thank you to everyone who entered this competition. Well done to the following winners:

Jaiden in 4M
Odri in 4M
Eman in 6E
Abdullah in 3C and
Shqiptar in 4M.

Please see Mr Merchant for your prize. Please remember to continue to play Times Table Rockstars at home!

Please ensure that any money sent to the school office is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for.

School Dinner Arrears

At present our school dinner arrears have reached an unacceptable level of nearly £2000. As from Monday 3rd February any child who is not up to date with their dinner money will no longer be given a school dinner. If your child is in arrears for their school dinners and you are unable to clear the debt by the 3rd February please ensure you provide a packed lunch until the debt has been paid.

Please remember to provide your child with a bottle of water each day as hydration is essential for their well being.

On Wednesday 22nd January the School Councillors met with Mrs Hussain, Mrs Rose, the school cook, the Area Manager and Food Ambassador from ISS (our catering company) to explore their thoughts about school meals. During the meeting, an over-whelming number of pupils shared what they enjoy about their school meals and what food they look forward to. We then encouraged the children to think of ways their lunch time experience can be improved. It was a very productive meeting as children learnt about the nutritional content of the food they eat and what is allowed to be part of school meals and what is not allowed. The team at ISS have taken back the feedback from children and will continue to work with us. The team also met with two parent representatives and have suggested a food tasting session, where parents can come in and try a sample of the food available on our school menu. Watch this space for future updates on dates!!

Forest Area

Some work has recently been carried out in the forest area of the school grounds. Pathways have been cleared to make the area more accessible to children and staff. Children will now be able to experience a wider range of outdoor learning opportunities.

Playstreets

Playstreets on Harewood Drive will take place from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm on Sunday 2nd February (weather permitting).

Could parents please -

1. Consult year group Whatsapp Groups for cancellation updates.
2. Encourage your child to bring their bike, scooter, ball, skipping rope etc.
3. Ensure any snacks they bring for the shared food table are suitable for vegetarians and contain no nuts
4. Please note parents are responsible for supervising their children.

See you on Sunday - Miss Craggs

Sun Book Tokens

Please ensure all tokens are in school by Friday 31st January so that we can meet the application deadline.

Learning Outside of the Classroom

Please ensure that children have their wellies and a suitable weatherproof coat with them at all times as all classes will be participating in lessons outside on a regular basis.

Where's Wally? Fun Run

West Ham United Premier League Primary Stars have a close partnership with the National Literacy Trust and we love it when they are offering free books!!!

Where's Wally? Fun Run is offering just that. Join in the fun on Sunday 15th March 2020 at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, for the Where's Wally? Fun Run on a 5km or 10km races (for ages 8 and over) to win trophies and books for your local school! The whole family can get involved with 1km races for the little legs (under 12) and family friendly throughout the day.

For further information on this event please collect an information sheet from the school office.

Cricket Umpiring Course

This course is run by an external provider and will take place on Thursday 23rd April at the County Ground at Beckenham and will cost £95. If you are interested please ask the school office for further details.

Winter Wheelers : 10th - 14th February 2020

To encourage smarter and more active travel to school by our students and parents we are taking part in the Redbridge Winter Wheelers Challenge. This challenge will run from 10th to 14th February, during which time we want to encourage as many students as possible to travel to school by bicycle or scooter.

Every day your child cycles or scoots in during the challenge they will be given a raffle ticket which will enter them into a prize draw at the end of the day. More cycling or scooting trips mean more raffle tickets and an increased chance of winning a prize.

On top of this, a surprise golden ribbon will be awarded to one bicycle and one scooter in the bike shed at the end of each day. This can be exchanged in the school office for a prize. There will also be free hot chocolate available on Friday morning for those who have participated. Feel free to bring your own eco-friendly drinking cup! Let's get wheeling and see how many journeys to school we can make by bike and scooter!

TfL STARS Top School

We were invited to the TfL STARS Top Schools event at City Hall on Tuesday 7th January where we won the Regional Excellence Award for our achievements in active and safer travel initiatives, including our work with the Air Action project last year. As one of only three Redbridge primary and secondary schools invited, we were very proud to win. Moeez in 6E and Claudia in 5W accompanied Ms Ellis and Mrs Jain as representatives of the Article 12 group who worked hard on the Air Action project. Congratulations also to our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA's) who work consistently throughout the year to ensure that we are all travelling actively, safely and sustainably to school.

Afternoon Tea

The following children had afternoon tea with Mrs Hussain in January:

Imiyah 1M, Riya 2Y, Osarhieman 4A, Zakariyyaa 5W and Callumdeep 6A.

The children proudly shared their work including poetry, newspaper recount, showing characters thoughts and feelings, estimating answers in maths, Islamic prayer mats cross stitched linking to the history topic and techniques of drawing in art sketchbooks. As a group children discussed what they love about their school and explored things they would like to improve. Children shared their future career goals - it is interesting how many of them said they wanted to be YouTube bloggers!!

Australian Bushfires

The Article 12 Group would like to thank you all for your generous donations for the Australian Bushfire Cause to help children who have been affected by this tragic event. Overall, the school has managed to raise £590 which will be sent over to Australia to help them pay the firefighters for working, or used to repair some of the damage that has been caused.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Dates for your Diary

We have arranged some workshops for parents.

Tuesday 4th February at 2.30pm - Parent Zone - Exploring challenges and opportunities of digital life for children and families.

Wednesday 5th February at 2.00pm - Prevent Engagement Officer - To explore how to prevent young people from potential risk of grooming and/or extremism.

Inside Out Day - Thursday 6th February. As part of children's mental health week we are asking children to wear an item of clothing inside out to remind them to always be kind as we don't know how our friends are feeling on the inside.