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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bike and Scooter Week

Thank you and well done to everyone who came to school on their bikes and scooters this week. As the number of children cycling to school has increased, we have plans to install a new bike shelter at the back of the school. Watch this space!

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Friday 9th October is World Mental Health Day.

We will be taking part in the **#HelloYellow** campaign to raise funds for the important services that Young Minds provide.

Wear something yellow on 9th and make a donation to Young Minds.

#HelloYellow

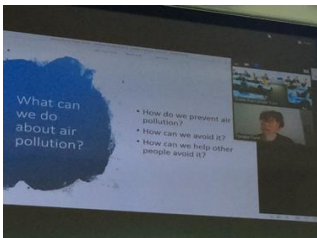


The charity Young Minds provides a free helpline for parents:

0800 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am-4pm, free from all mobiles and landlines)

You will be able to speak to a team of experienced staff and counsellors who can provide help and support in a crisis.

Idling workshop for Year 5



Year 5s had the opportunity to attend an Engine Idling Workshop presented by Natalie Curd, an Air Quality expert. They discussed the various types of pollution, and focused on the various causes of air pollution. This work was a part of our Campaign for Clean Air which we began two years ago. Year 5s would like to politely remind all parents to ensure they ***do not leave their engines idling when they park to pick or drop off their children.***

Natalie was very impressed with both classes as they provided very thoughtful ways on how human beings can work together to ensure that we minimise air pollution. The children will be creating posters this week which will go up on a banner outside the school at a later date.

Year 2- Great fire of London

Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666. In order to show the children how quickly the fire spread through London, Miss Yildiz and Ms Rana recreated the burning of ‘the bakery’ and other houses on our playground. The children lined up and carefully watched as Miss Yildiz lit our oven in the ‘bakery’. The fire very quickly spread to the next house and it wasn’t long before the fire was moving through the row of houses, turning them to ash in a matter of minutes.

A risk assessment was carried out and there was a fire extinguisher and buckets of water ready to put the fire out when necessary. This was hugely exciting and we were all desperate to see what would happen to the houses! The children are creating some emotive writing for this unit of work.



National Poetry Day

We are extremely excited about celebrating National Poetry Day today, Thursday 1st October. To coincide with the theme of 'vision' this year, Year 6 are expressing their views of the forest as part of a poetry project with Jonny Walker. Year 5 will be memorising poetry and performing it in class. Across the school, we will be discovering, sharing and enjoying poetry along with participating in the '5 minute poetry challenge.' Teachers will also be sharing their all-time favourite poem. Children in Years 1-3 are sharing poems and rhymes daily during DEAR sessions. In Reception children are learning the Gruffalo poem and are going to perform it. In Nursery children are learning different rhymes.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. This year our theme is 'We are the World'

Years 1 and 2, alongside Reception and Nursery will focus on the craft side of things. From mask making, building their own African drums to simple printing of African fabrics. Years 3-6 will concentrate on influential figures in science, literacy, computing etc. and UKS2 will learn about Windrush.



This year we will be holding a virtual exhibition with each class putting on a display in their classes. This will then be uploaded onto the school website so that other classes, as well as parents/carers will be able to view how we have been marking the month.

UKS2 workshop on Extremism and Radicalisation



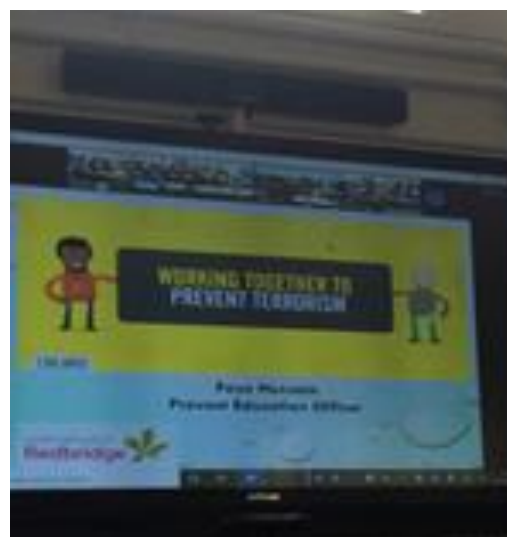
The school organised a Prevent Workshop (over Zoom) for the children in UKS2 last week. Faye Hussain, the Prevent Education Officer for Redbridge schools, spoke with the children about the issues of extremism, terrorism and radicalisation and how extremism was a threat to democracy. She reminded children that respect, friendship, love and safety were the most important things in life. The children learnt how certain people may have extremist views and plan to carry out terror attacks (Ms Hussain began by discussing the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 and then went on to more current events). The meaning of radicalisation and how children can be affected was the focus of the discussion.

Ms Hussain explained the importance of blocking and reporting any suspicious messages on the internet and the children understood how essential it was to speak to parents, carers and / or teachers if they ever heard or received extremist messages while on the internet. The presentation ended with a discussion about the positive contribution of many immigrants who have helped to shape and build the country.

The children had many relevant questions and comments during and after the presentation and they all fed back to their teachers as to how useful they had found this session.

More information on safeguarding young people from radicalisation can be found on the Redbridge Local Safeguarding Children Board website <https://www.redbridgescp.org.uk/>

Information has also been produced by the NSPCC or can be found on the Educate against Hate website <https://educateagainsthate.com/>



World Week of Languages 2020



Inspired by European Day of Languages (26th September), last week we celebrated the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our school and community and held our first 'World Week of Languages'. The children shared their wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for languages and immersed themselves in a variety of speaking and listening activities and language learning experiences.



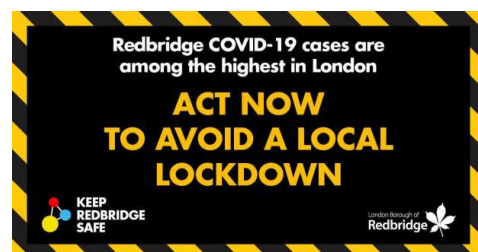
RHS Level 2

The Garden Club are pleased to announce that they have been successful in achieving the Royal Horticultural Society Level 2 award and would like to thank those that supported us with this. A special thank you to Ms Miah and those key worker children that kept our garden alive during lockdown, it would not have been possible without you, thank you all. We are currently working to achieve our Level 3 RHS award.

Act now to avoid local lockdown

When dropping off or picking your child/children up from school gates, please remember to keep your distance from other parents. Staying at least 2 metres apart from other parents can help limit your risk of getting Coronavirus. **Please wear a face covering** at drop off/pick up to help reduce the spread of germs/infections. We have noticed a number of parents are not doing this.

Once the children leave the school premises at the end of the day, they are not allowed to return until the following day.



Attendance

We want all children to have the best possible attendance at school to enable each and every child to reach their full potential.

| | WB 7.09.20 | WB 14.09.20 | WB 21.09.20 |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nursery | | 92.59% | 84.01% |
| Reception | | 93.46% | 87.33% |
| Year 1 | 97.07% | 91.03% | 94.83% |
| Year 2 | 93.88% | 89.16% | 95.97% |
| Year 3 | 93.39% | 88.93% | 91.37% |
| Year 4 | 97.37% | 93.90% | 94.30% |
| Year 5 | 96.96% | 89.13% | 90.50% |
| Year 6 | 96.84% | 95.73% | 94.35% |
| Whole school % | 95.84% | 91.52% | 92.55% |

There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results for children. Children who frequently miss school may fall behind in their work which may affect their future prospects. I would like to share our recent attendance data with you. I appreciate that it is the season of cold and flu and where symptoms may be confused with that of Covid 19, we are taking additional precautions, and therefore our attendance is lower than this time last year.

Our target remains to reach **96% whole school attendance**.



Bronze Awards

Well done to the following children for achieving their bronze award.

Shuaib in 3C
Veer in 3R
Elizabeth in 4D

Stars of the week

Well done to this week's 'Stars of the week':

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery am - Khadijah M | Nursery pm- Nehan |
| RH- Millie | RM- Denitsa |
| 1P- Alessia | 1M- Anaye |
| 2R- Leo | 2Y- Eesa |
| 3C- Aneeqa | 3R- Anaaya |
| 4D- Melina | 4A- Nancy |
| 5J- Remas | 5S- Harsha |
| 6A- Maisha | 6E- Nora |

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

