

# Hunters Hall Primary School Spinnets

# Snippets

Issue: 10 November 2023

# Dates for the Diary

#### **Autumn Term**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Jumper Swap Shop Coffee Morning 9:00-10:00am

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – 6E Museum of London Dockland visit

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – 6D Museum of London Dockland visit

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – 6AM Museum of London Dockland visit

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper Day

**Thursday 21st December** – Last day of Autumn Term

#### SEE IMPORTANT CHOIR DATES ON POSTER BELOW.

#### **Spring Term**

**Tuesday 9th January 2024** – First day back for children 8:30am

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Parent/Carer Evening – individual appointment slots.

### Attendance Matters

#### Congratulations to:

RR in EYFS with 100%, 2D in Key Stage 1 with 97.41% and 6AM in Key Stage 2 with 99.04%

Class	%
Class RR	100.00
Class 6AM	99.04
Class 5H	98.66
Class 3G	98.28
Class 2D	97.41
Class 3R	95.69
Class 4G	95.69
Class 5A	95.50
Class 6D	95.19
Class 2W	94.83
Class 5N	94.71
Class 2K	94.20
Class 3Z	94.12
Class 1KS	93.75
Class 4N	93.52
Class 1L	92.86
Class 1H	92.24
Class 4T	91.96
Class 6E	91.07
Class FT Nursery	90.91
Class RH	90.76
Class RB	90.10
Class AM NURSERY	77.78
Class PM NURSERY	66.67

ATTENDANCE MATTERS Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking all parents & carers who attended our re-scheduled Autumn Term open evening on Wednesday. From the positive feedback that we received on the day, we know that you were able to find out how your child has settled into their new class and year group. Please remember that there will be a new way of selecting your child's meals from 4<sup>th</sup> December. So, check your ParentPay account and whether you can see your child appears, and there is the option to book lunches.

In February, you will be able to have an individual sit-down appointment with your child's teacher and look at the progress within their books and other work. In the interim, please continue to listen to your children read, and help them to practise their number facts.

Where possible, we like to give you as much notice as we can. Therefore, for our Reading for Pleasure feature after Christmas, we are asking for you to share with us books from your childhood. To do this, please send a photo of the front cover to <a href="mailto:office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk">office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk</a> We are planning to produce a display linking these books to country of origin on a large world map.

Our staff volunteer their time to run clubs after school, in order to be able to offer some clubs such as football, which has a large number of children wanting a space, we are looking for a parent/carer to volunteer their time on a Monday 3pm to 4pm. If you hold a FA coaching qualification, we can assist you to get a DBS. Please contact me by either seeing me at the gate or sending an email via the office email address.

As you know, this week has also been devoted to anti-bullying. The week commenced with pupils, staff and some parents wearing odd socks as a symbol of being unique. The week has culminated in today's "Break the Rules" event with all £1 donations going to BBC Children in Need.

Please have an enjoyable and safe weekend. Don't forget to tune into BBC One tonight at 7pm to watch the appeal show, which is always fun packed.



Michael Kaitell Headteacher

# Year 3 Homework Reminder

Please ensure that your child in Year 3 is completing their weekly MyMaths homework online. Paper copies are given out to those who need them. If you need their log-in details reprinted, please contact the class teacher.



Children need to read at home to their Parents/Carers and for an adult to sign their reading log once they have heard them read.



Thank you
Year 3 Staff

# Selection Box Appeal

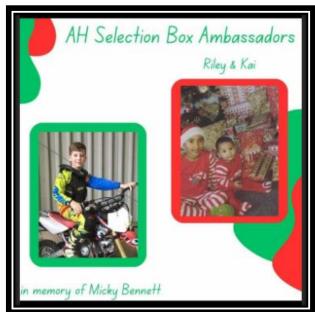
This year Riley & Kai Ali-Purkis have become selection box ambassadors. Which means they will need to collect **AS MANY** selection boxes as they can. This is for Queen's Hospital cancer ward in memory of Mickey Bennett.

Feel free to donate any selection box savoury/sweet and drop them off before the 1<sup>st</sup> of December as that's the deadline.

All children will get a certificate and will be asked to come to an event on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive it. The event will be free for them. The person who donates the most will be crowned Little Miss/Mr

Selection Box Queen/King ♥ thank you to Amber also known as Miss Teen Galaxy for letting Riley and Kai be a part of this. Hunters hall will try our hardest to get as many as we can.





# **Team Points**

TEAM POINTS			
	Tigers	538	
	Bears	383	
	Wolves	647	
	Sharks	790	
	Komodo Dragon	759	

# We want your views.



Please scan the QR Code and give us your opinion so that we can make Hunters Hall even better than it is already.

# Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

# **Gold Award Recipients**

Name	Class
Suzan Sein	RB
Herkus Seilius	RB

### School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every other Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. **Dates up to Christmas are: 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



# Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



- 1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
- 2. Create yourself an account.
- 3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

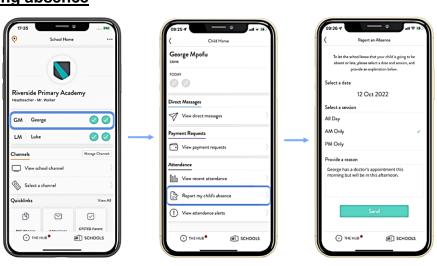
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app



# Reporting absence



# Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2023-2024

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

#### **School Uniform**

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers

















#### PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls









# PE Days 2023-2024

PE Days

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2	
Reception		Thursday	
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday	
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday	
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday	
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday	
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday	
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday	

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

Children must have a suitable swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat.

This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July.

# Kindness Challenge



https://mentalhealth-uk.org/getinvolved/kindness-challenge/

# Who's Who? Mrs Copperthwaite

# Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

This has been the most delightful job I've ever experience, though it's undeniably the most exhausting as well! The children inject so much joy into the work, and witnessing their progress is truly rewarding. I've formed numerous friendships at HHP in my 34 years here. I have seen many changes but he ethos of the school remains. It is just a wonderful place to work.

# What's your role?

Teaching Assistant and Advanced Drawing & Talking practitioner.

# Favourite things...

- Spending time with family.
- Socialising with my friends.
- Running the Girls' football team.
- Watching football especially West Ham.
- Favourite book: Little Women by Louise May Alcott.
- Favourite film: Little Women.
- Favourite food: Chinese.

## **Own School Memories**

I really enjoyed my time at school, and I have many fond memories. My favourite teacher at primary school was Mrs Sugarman. She was so kind and taught me lots about learning. At senior school, I really enjoyed learning about the past in history and I played netball for the school and was in the choir for 5 years.

# **Hopes & Dreams**

For all my family and friends to be healthy and happy and the whole world to become a happier place for all.

# How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

34 years!

# **Achievements to date (in order)**

I have 5 children (4 boys and a girl) who I am immensely proud of. 2 are teachers, 2 are electricians and 1 works in waste management. I have 9 grandchildren and hopefully this becomes 10 soon! I was very happy to qualify as an Advanced Drawing & Talking practitioner. I have had much success with running the girls' football team including winning the league in 2012 and reaching 2 cup finals. I have worked at Hunters Hall for over half of my life, and I have seen many children I have taught go on to achieve much success. This includes my 5 children who all attended HHP. I am very close to retirement but have some time left at the school, which I plan on enjoying.

# Important Christmas Choir Dates For Your Diary



# Celebrating Christmas at Hunters Hall – Dates for your Diary! 'The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is to sing out loud for all to hear'

We look forward to seeing many of you at the following events.

We will be taking donations and running raffles during these events to raise money for our Young Voices Choir who will be singing in the 02 in January and for the purchase of musical instruments for the school.

Donations may also be given via ParentPay from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please help us raise money for this fantastic opportunity for our choir. This is something your child may be part of in the future!

All concerts will be taking place in Upper School Hall, and we have capacity for each child to have 2 guests. Children will be bringing home letters with more information in the coming weeks.

# Tuesday 12th December

Year 2 Choir - 9:15am

Year 3 Choir - 10:00am

Year 4 - Whole Year Group - 2:15pm

# Wednesday 13th December

Year 4 - Whole Year Group - 9:15 am

# Friday 15th December

Year 1 – Whole Year Group – 9:15am

# Monday 18th December

Year 1 - Whole Year Group - 9:15am

# Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December

# Year 6 Community Concert – 1:15pm

We would like to invite grandparents and parents of Year 6 children to this event. It will be ticketed as spaces are limited. A letter will be sent home next week explaining how to order your tickets.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Bright





# Football Team 2-0 win against Ripple







# Community & Family Hub Schools Newsletter

Please see below the link to Novembers edition of Community & Family Hub Schools Newsletter:

https://sway.office.com/omNycf2kplqLKAZZ?ref=email

# **This Issue:**



# **Family Hubs**

- Introduction to Family Hubs
- Family Hubs activity timetable

#### **Community Hubs**

- GP Pop Ups
- Direct Debit Signups Chance to win £1000
- What's On Activity timetable for each Community Hub & Online workshops
- Have your say! Cost of Living Survey and Your Hubs, Your Voice Survey
- Digital Inclusion Zones
- Help and Support BD Money, Maximise your income, Ham Hub, Food Clubs & Food Banks, Meal Mate and Employment Support

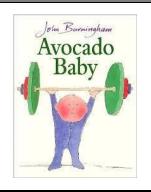
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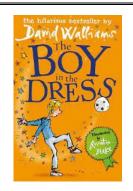
# **Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall**

To launch our anti bullying week, the children wore odd socks to school. To empower our children, we talked about bullying, how it makes us feel, what we need to do if we feel bullied or see another child being bullied. Here are just three stories that explore bullying.



# Reading interest: 4-8

'Avocado Baby by John Burmingham is about a baby who finds super strength when he eats avocados. It's a great moment in the book when he stands up to the bullies who are tormenting his older brother and sister.



# Reading interest: 8-12

'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams explores lots of different themes including identity, divorce and bullying. The book is a good read, sad, funny and with a clear message to us all!



# Reading interest: 10-adult

'Wonder' by RJ Palacio is a beautiful book. The world can be a harsh and unkind place, but within us all is the ability to be kind. As they say, BE KIND..... ALWAYS.







# Sweet & Sour Chicken Noodles

Following on from the last post on Snippets.

Jamie Oliver's £1 wonders - With the cost of food and energy on the rise, Jamie's £1 Wonders features delicious recipes that won't blow the budget - all costing less than £1 a portion.

Try it out and let us know how you found it by emailing the school office for the attention of Miss Ryan & Mrs Keane

https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/chicken-recipes/sweet-sour-chicken-noodles/



# Year 3 Art

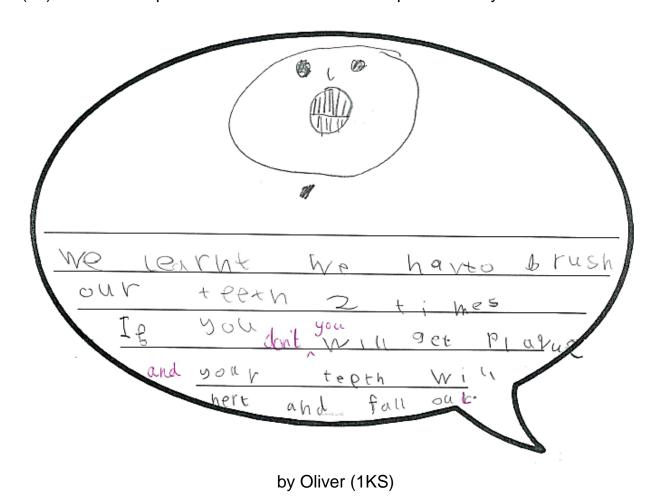
As part of our Art lessons, we sketched ancient Egyptian animals and characters. After, we added detail and coloured them in.



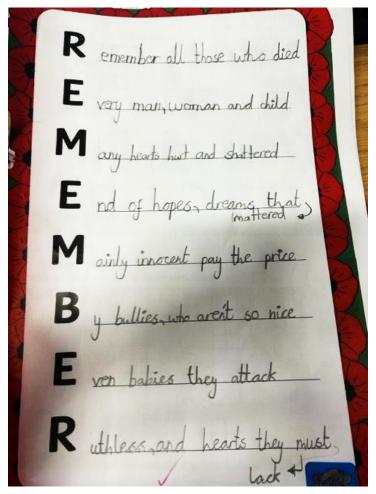
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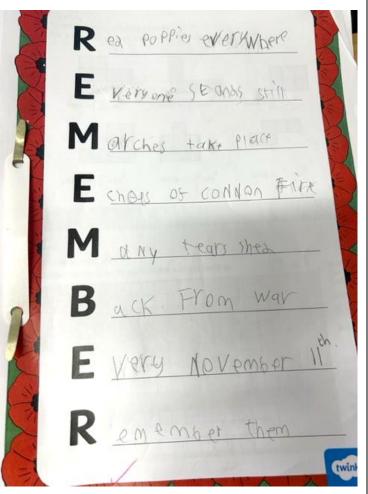


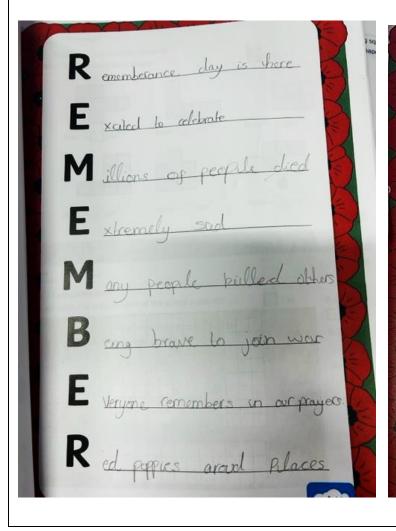
Olivia (1L) – Your tooth paste needs to be the size of a pea. Brush your teeth two times a day.

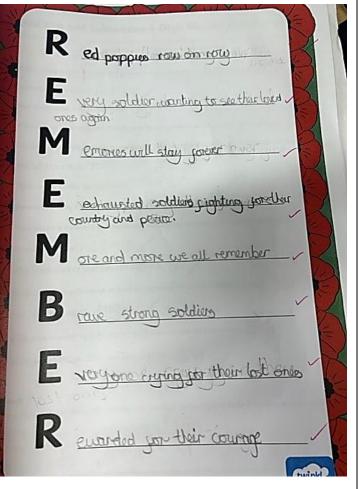


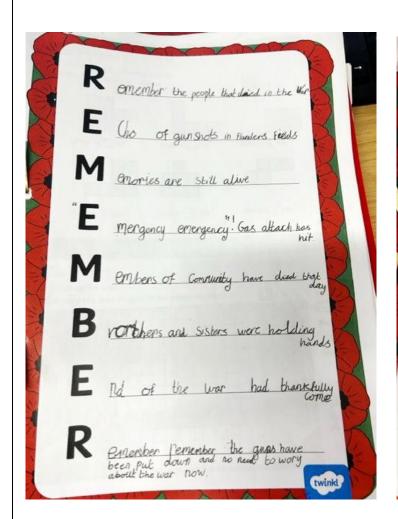
4G wrote acrostic poems to mark Remembrance Sunday last weekend.

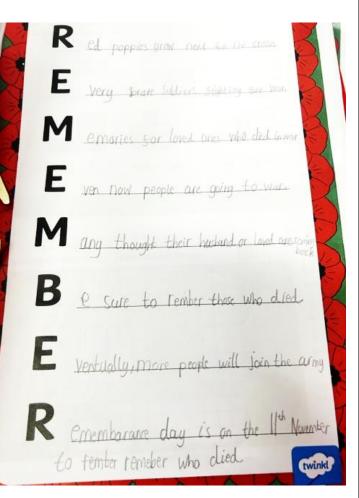


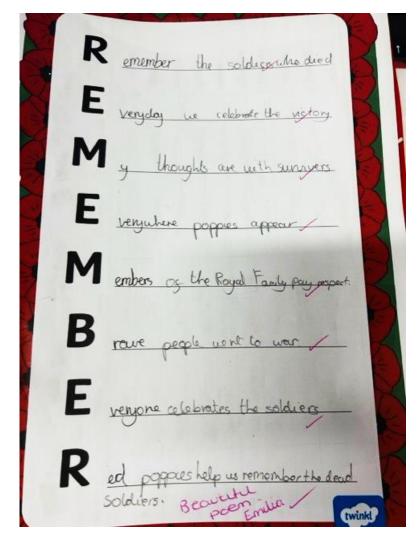












# Design a Programme Front Cover

# Daggers Celebrate Diversity Day which will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

As part of the celebration, we are excited to announce a competition for all primary aged children the competition is to design the front cover of the match day programme for the Daggers game versus FC Halifax Town on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with the theme of Diversity & Inclusion.

Submissions are to be emailed to <a href="maileo-beta">BDTPFeedback@bdtp.co.uk</a> by no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the winners being announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

There are three prizes up for grabs:

- 1st Prize the design is used as the match programme front cover, plus 4 VIP hospitality tickets for the match and a signed programme.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize a signed Daggers shirt.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize a signed Daggers football.

All entries will receive a voucher for free match day tickets.



DAGGERS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY DAY PROGRAMME TEMPLATE		
	NB The design can fill the whole space, but no words or graphics (drawings or pictures) can be used on the areas marked in grey.	
NAME		
SCHOOL		



# Barking & Dagenham



# Is your child protected against Measles, Mumps and Rubella?

Measles cases are rising in London. The virus is highly contagious and infects the mouth, nose, throat and lungs, causing severe disease which can result in complications and even death.

There is no cure and vaccinations are the only protection to prevent a Measles outbreak.

Did you know your child is entitled to be vaccinated for FREE



Please scan here if you would like to secure an appointment and book in advance!

https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/golio/2023/BarkingAndDagenham

No appointment needed, just turn up. Bring your child's red book



Walk-in children's vaccine clinic in your local area:

SATURDAY 18TH NOV 23 • 10AM - 3PM
UPNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MARTIN PETERS COURT, MEADOW ROAD,
BARKING IG11 9PE

For more information visit: www.lbbd.gov.uk/measles









# FAMILY TICKET (2 adults + 2/3 kids)

# **Hunters Hall Primary School**

Contact Ciaran
Ciaran.white@haveringmind.org.uk



# Christmas Present Appeal

You can help our appeal by donating a new gift to the school which will be presented to a child less fortunate.

For further information, speak to Miss Gosby (Parent Governor)



# As winter approaches the days are getting darker, wetter and colder, it's time for the winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves to be worn. We have had a selection of children's coats, hats, scarves and gloves donated to us. We recognise this is an expensive time of year and our children are all still growing. If you need winter items for your child/children, please contact Mr Bellevue who will be happy to support you to access the donations.

# Toy Donations



# **Second Hand Toy Donation**

If you have any unwanted toys in good condition, please donate to the school.

Items such as...



**Wooden Puzzies** 



Fidget toys



Sensory baby & toddler toys





# Mental Health Support Team









# Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties.

Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

# Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- Anxiety (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- Challenging behaviour (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assembles and workshops)



# Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's wholeschool approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service



For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch MHST.BD@nelft,nhs,uk

# BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is £3 per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



# WANTED

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

# **DONATIONS NEEDED**

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.







Thank you



# DHP Scheme

# Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionaryhardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHF





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# Household Support Fund

# Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



## Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionaryhardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund to find out more and apply online





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IN ROCKERS

# FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.





# FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

# https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents

#### Learn to play in a band

instrument required.

Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.

## Lead by real musicians

Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.

#### In school time

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.

#### From first notes to favourite songs

The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.

## With regular live performances

Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.

#### And happily affordable

Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too - cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330