



### Dates for the Diary

#### Summer Term

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – School closed
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – 2K London visit
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – 4G & 4T educational visit
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – 4N educational visit
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – 2CR London visit
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – 2D London visit
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half Term Holidays
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – INSET Day (no pupils)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – First day back for children 8:30am
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photographs
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Sports Week & Sports Day (More details to follow)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Choir Concerts
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports out to parents/carers
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term. 1pm finish.

### Attendance Matters

**Congratulations to the classes in green 96%+:**

Class	Attendance % Present
FT Nursery	100
2CR	98.8
1L	98.7
6AM	98.6
RR	98.2
6D	98.1
4G	97.9
3G	97.5
5H	96.9
5N	96.6
6E	96.6
4N	95.8
3Z	95.5
1H	94.6
2K	93.9
PM NURSERY	93.9
RGM	93.8
1KS	93.5
3R	93.1
5A	92.9
RH	92.9
4T	92.5
2D	90.9
AM NURSERY	82.7



Dear Parent/Carer,

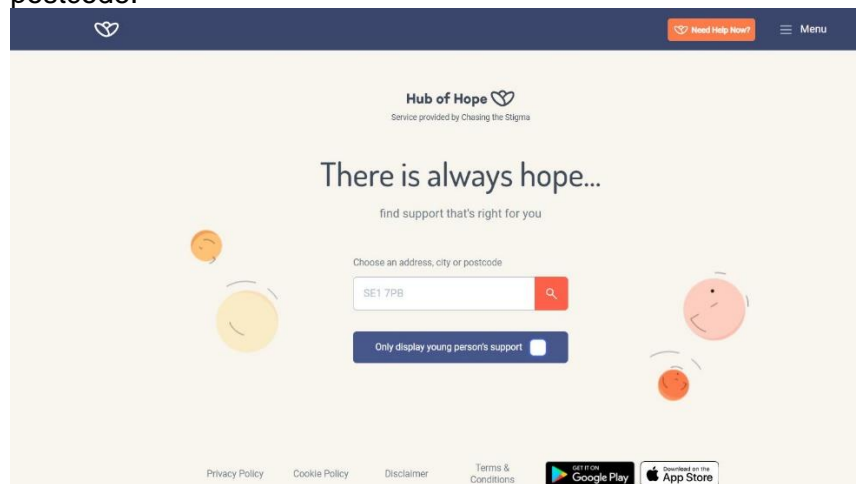
I would like to say a special thank you to all families who took part in the Earth Day project set by Miss Liburd and Mrs Roche. The level of creativity was outstanding. You can see some of the entries later in this edition of Snippets and on X (formerly Twitter)

Today, a few members of the staff team have attended an Inclusion Roadshow. The main focus of this event to promote inclusion in all of Barking & Dagenham's schools. At Hunters Hall, we know that we are on a continuous journey to perfect inclusion, but please rest assured that we always act with the children's best interests at the heart of any decision.

The next time that you are in school, have a look at our new attendance display which is located near our Training Room. You will see that the classes are attempting to earn a letter that spells out "Everyday Matters." Who will get there first?








Do you know about Hub of Hope? It is a website that is also available as an app. There is a wealth of support out there for everyone to access. Visit <https://hubofhope.co.uk/> and enter your postcode.



Michael Kaitell  
Headteacher

## Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	<b>Tigers</b>	<b>685</b>
	<b>Bears</b>	<b>672</b>
	<b>Wolves</b>	<b>598</b>
	<b>Sharks</b>	<b>638</b>
	<b>Komodo Dragon</b>	<b>625</b>

## Uniform Shop Dates

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.



### HUNTERS HALL SCHOOL SHOP DATES 2024

~~Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April~~

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

## Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

## Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Aysha Qureshi	6D
Ellis Cawdron-Smith	1KS
Amaya Shinos	1KS
Marcus Burt	1L
Waniya Malik	1L
Noah Ahmed	1L
Olivia Nnadi	1L

## Borough Cook Book / FoodCycle Barking



Please find the borough's free cook book at the following link:

[Flipbook Content | London Borough of Barking and Dagenham \(lbbd.gov.uk\)](https://london.barkinganddagenham.gov.uk/flipbook-content/)

FoodCycle Barking welcomes anyone to attend as a guest and enjoy a FREE hot meal. No need to book. Just turn up on the day!

[FoodCycle Barking - More than a Food bank | Free Food homeless charity](#)



### Location

Al Madina Mosque, 2 Victoria Road, Barking, IG11 8PY



### When

Sunday



### Time

1 pm



### Contact

barking@foodcycle.org.uk

## School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year. Next dates are: **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July & 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

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/](http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/)

Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: [info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk](mailto: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:

**@HuntersHallIPS**

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

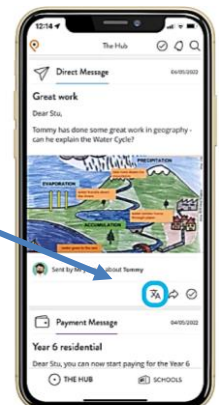
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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

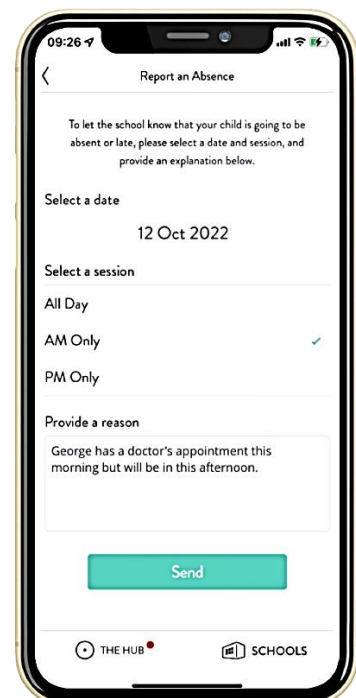
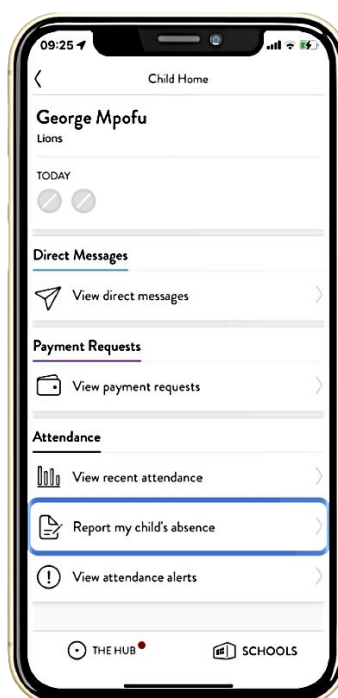
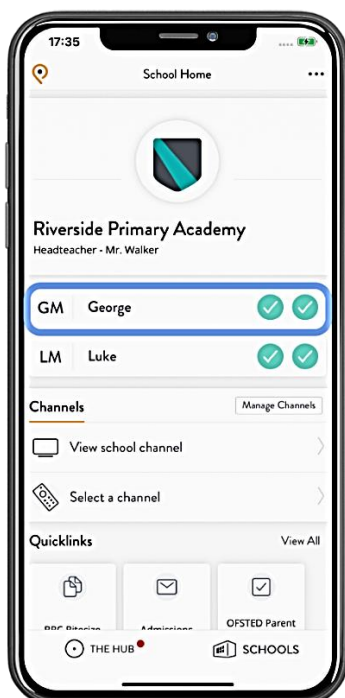
link below for a useful guide.

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

To find out more, click the



## 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
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

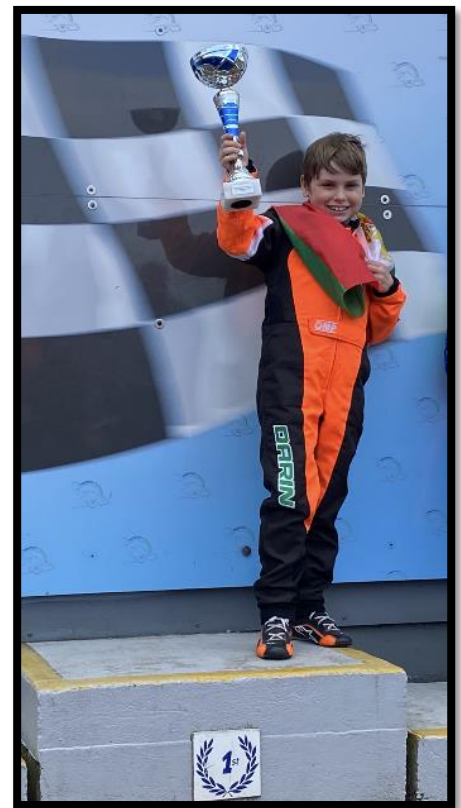
Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

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. |

## Sporting Achievements

Darin (4G) won 1<sup>st</sup> place at Bayford Meadows kart competition last Sunday.



Tayan (6D) and Dylan (4N) both attended the Southern England Karate Open on Sunday representing their club. They both trained and worked extremely hard and managed to win bronze medals in their categories which they are really proud of. They want to show everyone that if you work hard and persevere you can achieve anything!



**Why do you work at Hunters Hall?**

I work at Hunters Hall because it has an atmosphere and ethos unlike a lot of other schools. The children here are hard-working and kind to each other, and there is a culture of support, co-operation and care from the staff to all our students.



**What's your role?**

Class Teacher / Year Group Leader and Raising Standards Lead.

**Favourite things...**

I love to read books by the author Clive Cussler whilst sat on a sun-lounger next to a pool in the sun (unfortunately I don't do it enough!) I play a lot of sports: football, cricket and golf, and I love cars (I change my car all the time!) I enjoy going for walks in the countryside or by the beach and would love to have a dog to take with me but unfortunately I can't because of the hours I work.

**Hopes & Dreams**

I hope to continue to be happy in the place that I work and travel to different countries; I am really looking forward to cruising around the Caribbean next year!

**How long have you been at Hunters Hall?**

I have been at Hunters Hall for ten years (I think! They are now beginning to blur into each other!) I have now been teaching for so long that some of my first students are at university. One is currently studying chemical engineering which just goes to show you can achieve great things with hard work and dedication.

**Achievements to date (in order)**

My greatest achievements in my career so far are becoming a Year Group Leader and qualifying as a senior leader.

**St George's Day Display**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, as it was St George's Day, we held a special competition. The top 5 winning entries can be seen on the next two pages. The multitude of other entries are stored in two special books.



# St George's Day Competition

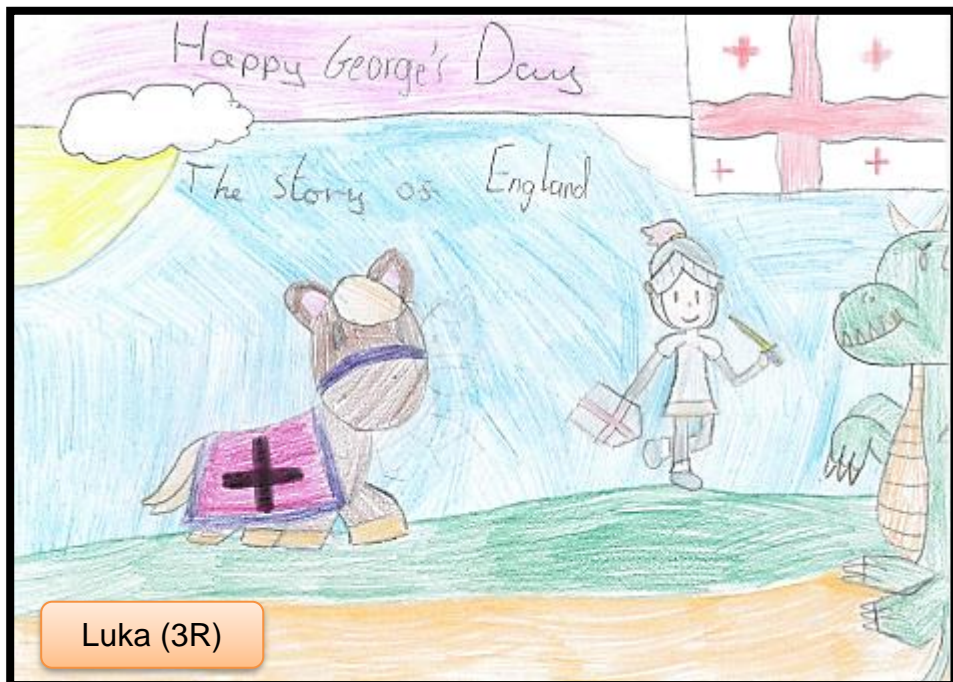
Thank you to everyone that submitted an entry. Below are the top five pictures chosen by Mrs Hodder.



Lily (5A)



Jing (4N)



Luka (3R)

# SAINT GEORGES



Mariam (4G)



Mia (5N)





# Meaningful May Calendar

Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY



6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

TUESDAY



7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

WEDNESDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

THURSDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

FRIDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

SATURDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

SUNDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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# Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Calendar

# MAY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 ■	2 ■	3 ■	4	5 ■ ■
6 ■ ■ ■ Bank Holiday	7	8 ■	9 ■	10 ■	11	12
13 ■ ■	14 ■	15 ■	16 ■	17 ■	18	19 ■
20	21 ■	22 ■	23 ■	24 ■	25	26 ■
27 ■ Bank Holiday	28	29 ■	30 ■	31 ■		

### Key

\* Holy day that usually begins in the evening or at sunset of the previous day

\*\* Date may vary to this because of religious customs

■ Religious/cultural ■ Awareness and events ■ Public holiday

May is stroke awareness month and UK national walking month.

### Religious/cultural

- 1 - Beltane \* *Wicca and Pagan*
- 2 - Twelfth day of Ridvan \* *Baha'i*
- 3 - Feast of saints Philip and James *Catholic Christian*
- 3 - Holy Friday *Orthodox Christian*
- 5 - Pascha (Easter) *Orthodox Christian*
- 6 - Yom HaShoah \* *Judaism*
- 9 - Feast of the ascension *Christian*
- 10 - Akshaya Tertiya *Hindu and Jain*
- 13 - Yom HaZikaron \* *Judaism*
- 14 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut \* *Judaism*
- 14 - Feast of saint Matthias *Catholic Christian*
- 19 - Pentecost *Christian*
- 23 - Birthday of Guru Amar Das *Sikh*
- 23 - Vesak *Buddhist*
- 23 - Declaration of the Báb \* *Baha'i*
- 26 - Lag BaOmer \* *Judaism*
- 26 - Trinity Sunday *Christian*
- 29 - Ascension of Baha'u'llah \* *Baha'i*
- 30 - The feast of Corpus Christi *Catholic Christian*
- 31 - Visitation of the blessed virgin Mary *Catholic Christian*

### Awareness and events

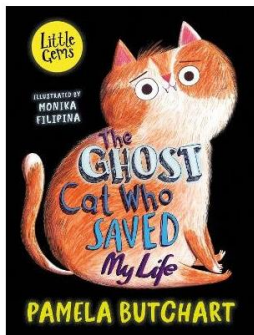
- 5 - International family equality day
- 6-12 - Deaf awareness week
- 8 - World Red Cross and Red Crescent day
- 13-19 - Coeliac UK awareness week
- 15 - International day of families
- 16 - Global accessibility awareness day
- 17 - International day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia
- 21 - World day for cultural diversity for dialogue and development
- 21-22 - TUC's disabled workers' conference
- 22 - International day for biological diversity
- 24 - Pansexual visibility day

# Earth Day Recycled Projects



## Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

Good friends are important. We need to have friends we can laugh and spend time with, friends we know will be there for us, always. Our new recommendations are about love and friendship. Here's our next set of recommendations. Remember, you can find them all in our library.



### Reading interest: 4-8

Meow! Meow! Meow! The flat upstairs from Sav is empty, so who or what is making the strange yowling noises she can hear at night? Could it be a ghost cat? Sav and her best friend Liam decide to investigate, but nothing is quite what it seems in this very surprising ghost hunt!



### Reading interest: 8-12

'Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals' by Rob Biddulph is an award winning adventure story. Peanut Jones, artist and adventurer works with his friends to find the works of Art that are going missing from Art Galleries all around the world. Could this be the work of Mr Chrome?



### Reading interest: 10-adult

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Nate is ready for it, knowing his best friend PS is at his side. But when they are put in two different Year 6 classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles with this and tries to forge new friendships, his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. How will he find the strength to cope? Will anyone help Nate find his way?



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E - ENBERHE

To Mr Kaitell  
enjoy my poem  
from Bailee



## Free Cricket In The Park

The Daggers Trust is running FREE Cricket sessions for kids at Pondfield Park.

These sessions will start on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 10am - 12pm.

Scan the QR code attached to the poster below to book a place for a child.

NB Each child requires a separate registration to be completed.

A poster for a cricket session in a park. The background is a close-up of a green cricket ball on a grassy field. The text is in various colors and fonts, with a QR code and logos at the bottom.

# Cricket in the Park

## (FOR KIDS & FREE)

### Pondfield Park by D&R FC

### Saturday Mornings 10-12

### For Boys & Girls aged 6-12

### STARTS 4th May

### Sign Up Now

Click on the QR Code to register





Book via reception or email [becontreeactivities@everyoneactive.com](mailto:becontreeactivities@everyoneactive.com) for your FREE taster session!

## FOOTBALL SPORTS SCHOOL

Sign up for our Football Sports School to improve your football skills in a safe and fun environment!

All sessions are led by qualified football coach Liam!

### Every Monday

Age	Time	Level
8-11 Years	16:30-17:30	Level 1
8-11 Years	17:30-18:30	Level 2
8-11 Years	18:30-19:30	Level 3

Direct Debit £29.50/month



Sessions are run in partnership with Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club!



Join online at [everyoneactive.com](http://everyoneactive.com) or via the app today.



# 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 assemblies and workshops)



## Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's whole-school 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](mailto: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

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

### DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved 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/discretionary-hardship-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 DHP



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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/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund> to find out more and apply online



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# MINI 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.



# ROCK HEROES

**FOR YEARS 3 AND 4**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



# ROCK ICONS

**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**  
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**