Hunters Hall Primary School
Snippets

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July 2024

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term

Monday 15th July – Nursery Sing-a-Long 10:40am or 2:30pm
Tuesday 16th July – 3G Gurdwara visit
Wednesday 17th July – 3R Gurdwara visit
Thursday 18th July – 3Z Gurdwara visit
Wednesday 17th July – Yr 6 Leavers' Concert 2:00pm
Thursday 18th July – Yr6 Splash Park Trip
Friday 19th July – Nursery Last Day & Party Day
Friday 19th July – Year 6 Disco
Friday 19th July – Reports out to parents/carers
Monday 22nd July – Disco for Year's 3, 4 & 5
Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term.
1pm finish. (Year 6 finish at 12pm)

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Autumn Term

School Uniform Shop Open
Thursday 29th August - 10:00am-2:00pm

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September – INSET Days (no pupils)
Wednesday 4th September – First day back for children 8:30am.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the classes in green 96%+:

Class	Attendance % Present
PM NURSERY	100
6D	99.1
RR	98.8
FT Nursery	97.8
RGM	97.8
2CR	97.7
2K	95.7
RH	95.7
1L	95.4
1H	95.3
4T	95.1
1KS	95
4N	95
6E	94.8
3R	94.6
5N	94.6
6AM	94.2
5H	93.5
4G	93.1
2D	92
3Z	91.5
3G	90.4
5A	88
AM NURSERY	84.6

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has seen the start of our transition work. All children from Reception to Year 5 met their new teacher(s) on Tuesday afternoon. Our Inclusion team has produced social stories and transition packs for individual children and their families.

During this month of transition, the teachers meet and discuss each child and their needs. If there is something which you would like your child's new teacher to know, please feel free to share this either in person or via the office@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk email address.

Other feel-good events have taken place this week.

One of our fantastic choirs sang superbly at the End of Term Ensembles which was held at Sydney Russell School on Monday. They were invited specially by the Community Music Service. I would like to thank Mrs Bright for her excellent musical teaching and passion which continues to enthuse so many. Not only did we have our choir singing but we had members of our school community past and present playing instruments.

The Community Music Service (CMS) is pleased to offer after school lessons for adults and children (year 3 upwards) to further their interest in playing a musical instrument of their choice; and to provide opportunities for children to play in ensembles with other CMS pupils. To find out more click the link: https://www.bandmusichub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/CMS-after-school-tuition-Brochure-Sept-2022-ONLINE-VERSION.pdf

Today, our Year 5 musicians performed to their families and showed how much progress they have made since September learning the flute, violin or trumpet.

Yesterday, our enterprising Year 6 demonstrated their business acumen and ability to make a lot of profit. The range of stalls and activities such as axe throwing, soak/foam the teacher, and beat the goalie brought in the crowds. I would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff who contributed to making this event a success. (The sun even made an appearance!)

Have a safe and happy weekend,

Michael Kaitell
Headteacher

Team Points

TEAM POINTS		
	Tigers	600
	Bears	750
	Wolves	956
	Sharks	835
	Komodo Dragon	844

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 17th July

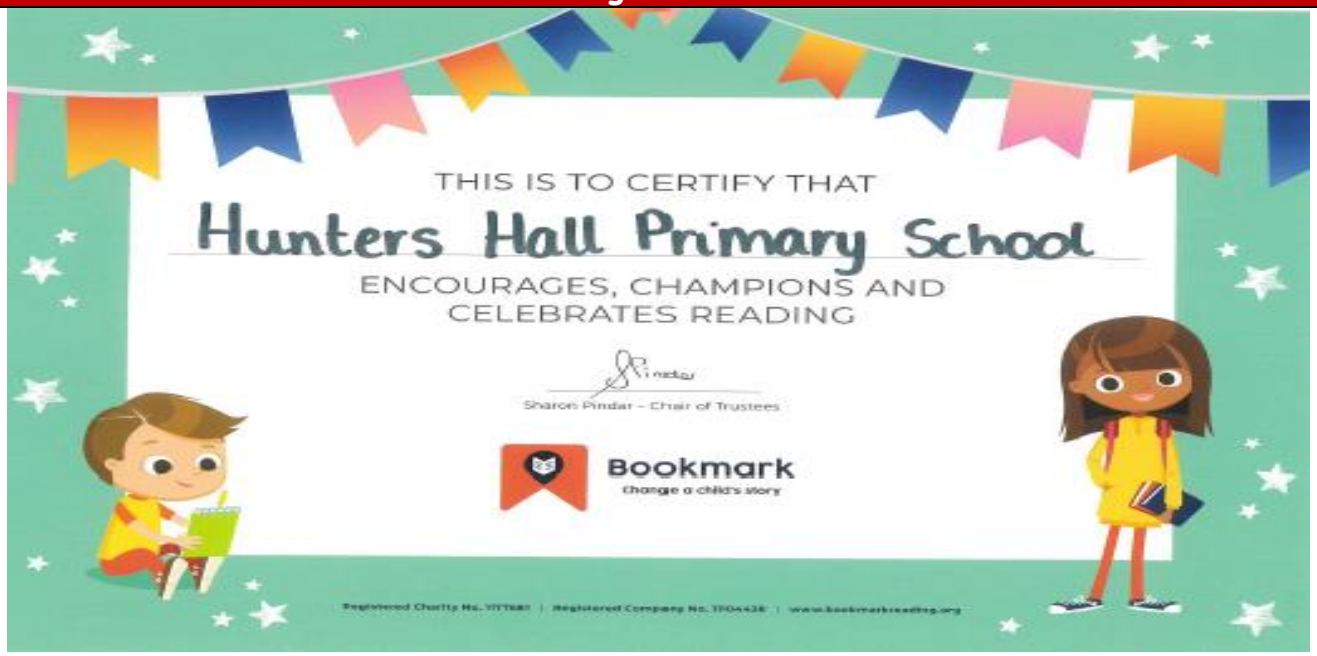
Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

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

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Ayzel Laiq	RH
Fabian Budai-Mocanu	RH
Timofiy Petliuk	RH
Aaron Utshudiema	RH
Ieva Janukeviciute	RGM
Amelia Chetrari	RGM
Kiara Seth	1KS
Hafsa Naira	1KS
Zakwan Ullah	5N
Giulia Anton	6E

Reading Certificate



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year. Next date is: **Wednesday 17th 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/

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)

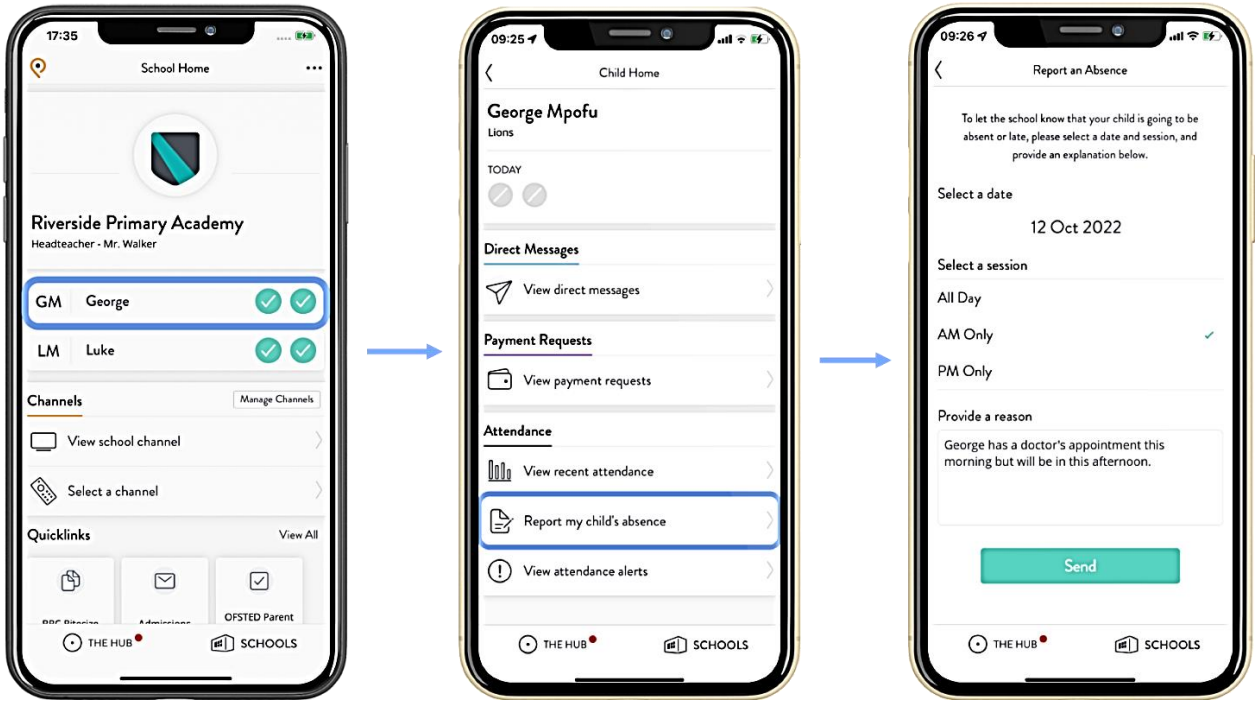
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

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.

Who's Who? Miss Thomas

Why do you work at Hunters Hall?

I like how the staff are supportive and friendly. Shout out to Mrs Dias & Mrs Blease (my work mum) who are always there when I need them ☺. The children are funny and friendly and you can always rely on them to cheer you up and make you smile. They have often made me laugh throughout the years.

What's your role?

Year 4 Teacher and PE Lead.

Favourite things…

- I enjoy spending time with my niece.
- Watching football & rugby (only major tournaments).
- Dog walks with Mylo & Trixie my dogs.
- Watching a good TV series.
- Spending time with family and friends.

Own school memories

I was always the sporty girl at school, I loved PE when all the other girls didn't. I'm very competitive and enjoy trying new things.

Hopes & Dreams

To visit more countries and to one day have a family.

How long have you been at Hunters Hall?

7 years.

Achievements to date (in order)

Representing Redbridge at the London Youth Games 1998/1999.
Qualifying as a gymnastics coach in 2002.
Passing my driving test 2006.
Head Coach of Beth Tweddle Gymnastics academy 2010.
Graduating University with a 2:1 2010.
Becoming a Dog mum to Mylo 2011.
Winning tickets to the 100m Olympic final 2012.
Opening a gymnastics club 2014.
Becoming a home owner 2020.
Qualifying as a teacher 2020.
Becoming an auntie to my niece Tia 2022 - nephew due August 2024.

Year 2

Year 2 successfully grew painted lady butterflies from caterpillars. We really enjoyed watching the lifecycle and were delighted to release them back to nature this week.

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9/7/24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Piano Fun Club

At Hunters Hall, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to play a musical instrument. We already provide many opportunities through Rock Steady, Ukulele Club, HHP Band, Whole Class Teaching of orchestral instruments in Year 5 and through weekly class music lessons.

Another club we run is **Piano Fun Club.**

Lessons are open to all children from Nursery to Year 6 and will be arranged by **Piano Fun Club** and take place during the school day. They are collected from class by their piano teacher.

Keyboard lessons will be taught on either a one-to-one basis, or as paired lessons by visiting professional tutors and all teaching materials will be provided.

Each pupil will receive 10 lessons per term - lessons are booked in and paid for at the beginning of every new term and half term.

Keyboards for school lessons will be provided by **Piano Fun Club** (you will have the opportunity to have a keyboard to keep at home for a £50.00 deposit)

Stage 1 lessons: 1 x 20-minute paired lesson weekly - £40.00 per half term
Stage 2 lessons: 1 x 20-minute one-to-on lesson weekly - £80.00 per half term
Stage 3 lessons: 1 x 30-minute one-to-on lesson weekly - £120.00 per half term

If you would like your child to have keyboard lessons or would like further information, please contact Piano Fun Club directly.

www.pianofunclub.co.uk admin@pianofunclub.co.uk 07575 530 304

If you would like further information about PIANO FUN CLUB, please feel free to contact the Piano Fun Club office manager on the above email/number with any questions.

I hope this will be of interest to some of you.

Ann Bright
Music Lead

Hunters Hall

EURO 2024 FIXTURES

Friday 14th June 2024
K/O 1:30PM

KS1 Playground

1H vs 1L	1L won 1-0
2CR vs 2K	0-0 draw
2D vs 1KS	2D won 2-0

Pagoda Playground

3R vs 3G	3R won 2-1
4N vs 4T	4T won 2-1
4G vs 3Z	4G won 1-0

KS2 Playground

5A vs 5N	5N won 2-0
6AM vs 6D	6D won 2-0
6E vs 5H	1-1 5H won on penalties

Friday 21st June 2024
K/O 1:30PM

KS1 Playground

2K vs 2D	0-0
1KS vs 1H	0-0
1L vs 2CR	2CR won 2-0

Pagoda Playground

4G vs 4T	4G won 4-3
3G vs 3Z	0-0 3G won on penalties
4N vs 3R	3R won 1-0

KS2 Playground

6D vs 6E	6D won 1-0
5H vs 5N	5H won 1-0
6AM vs 5A	6AM won 2-0

Friday 28th June 2024
K/O 1:30PM

KS1 Playground

1KS vs 2CR	2CR won 1-0
1L vs 2K	2K won 2-1
1H vs 2D	1-1 draw

Pagoda Playground

3R vs 4T	4T won 3-2
3G vs 4G	3G won 2-1
4N vs 3Z	4N won 2-0

KS2 Playground

6D vs 5A	0-0 draw
6E vs 5N	5N won 1-0
6AM vs 5H	5H won 1-0

Friday 5th July 2024
K/O 1:30PM

KS1 Playground

1KS vs 2K	0-0 draw
1H vs 2CR	1H won 1-0
2D vs 1L	2D won 1-0

Pagoda Playground

4N vs 3G	3G won 2-0
3R vs 4G	1-0 4G won on penalties
4T vs 3Z	4T won 4-0

KS2 Playground

6E vs 5A	1-1 draw
6D vs 5H	0-0 draw
6AM vs 5N	5N won 1-0

Friday 19th July 2024
K/O 1:30PM

KS1 Playground

1L vs 1KS
2D vs 2CR
1H vs 2K

Pagoda Playground

3R vs 3Z	3R won 5-0
4N vs 4G	4G won 1-0
3G vs 4T	4T won 3-0

KS2 Playground

5H vs 5A
6AM vs 6E
6D vs 5N

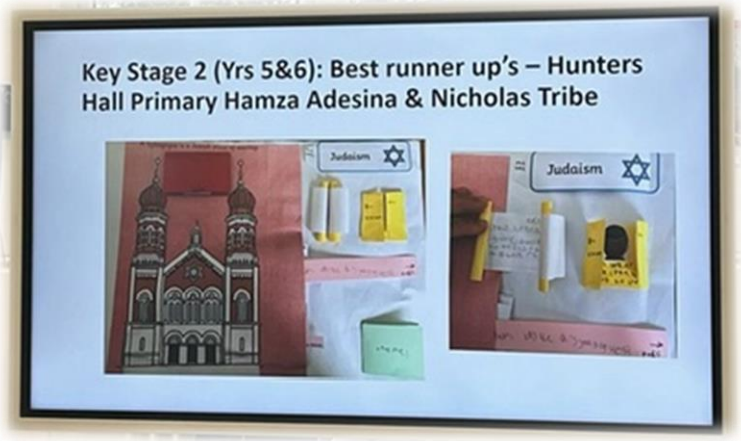
HUNTERS HALL EURO 2024 FINAL

19TH July 2024

KS2 Playground

RE Competition Winners

Nicholas (6D) and Hamza (6D) were runners up for Y5 & 6 category in the borough wide RE competition. Here they are collecting their prize.



Year 6 won overall group prize for collaboration.

Summer Reading Challenge

How it works

The 2024 Challenge starts on 22 June online and in Scotland, and on 6 July in England and Wales

Online | At your library

1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account

2. Read books

Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review

3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock rewards for your reading including a new online badge and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!

2024 Summer Reading Challenge

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
THE READING AGENCY Celebrating creativity CREATE!

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

THE READING AGENCY **Summer Reading Challenge**

Who would you like to go to the library with?

Draw a picture of them below and colour it in.
Cut out your invitation and share it with them.

To _____

Let's go to the library and join the Summer Reading Challenge!

From _____

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place in libraries and online in the summer holidays. It's FREE, FUN and LOCAL! Read books and collect rewards along the way. Pop into your local library to join in.

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Jump Back Up July & Term Dates

Jump Back Up July 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4 Find something to look forward to today	5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy
8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head
15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life
22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong	25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem
29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human				

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LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM SCHOOL TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2024/2025

4 September 2024 – First Day of Autumn Term for Pupils

INSET Days (No Pupils)

23 July 2025= Last Day of Summer Term

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Bank Holidays

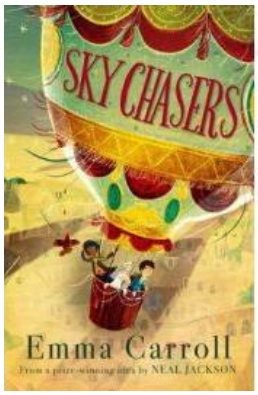
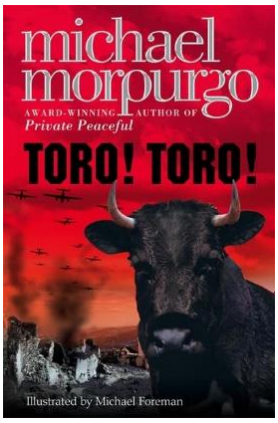
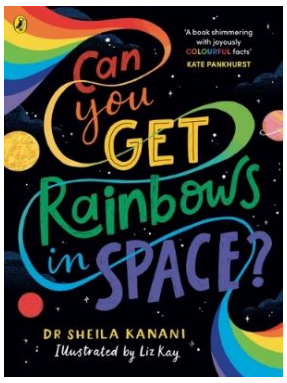
School Holidays

New After School Club from September 3pm-6pm

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4077/?location=dagenham&distance=1.0&distance=1.0&type%5b%5d=WAC

Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

The teachers work hard to provide our children with a broad and balanced project-based curriculum focusing on a variety of topics. In every year group, pupils have the opportunity to be historians, artists, philosophers and critical thinkers. Each week. we will take a year group and suggest books that will support current learning. This week we look at Year 5!

	**History/Geography/Art/PSED:** In our Geography lessons we are learning about Spain, its history with bullfighting, the Spanish Civil War, as well as its place in Europe. Sky chasers by Emma Carroll follows the journey of Pierre and Orphan as they follow their dream of flying above the King and Queen of France…
	**Key text in literacy:** 'Toro! Toro!' by renowned children's author Michael Morpurgo is our key text in Literacy. If you are enjoying this book, then why not try "War Horse" by the same author? This story follows a horse and its journey from working the fields to the battlefields of France during World War 1.
	**Fascinating facts about colour:** Is your brain full of questions about colours? How are they made? Why is blood red? If I eat too many carrots, will I turn orange? Is the sky really blue? Well, this book may just have the answers you need!

New Homework Books

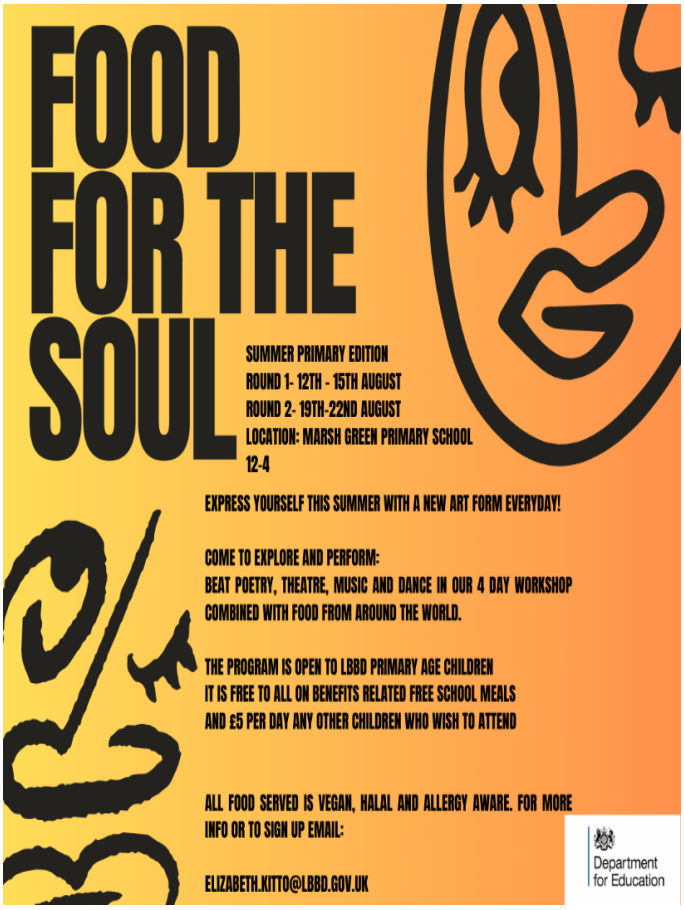
Dear Parent/Carers,

Next year, we are able to offer homework books for children in years 1-6 to complete their maths homework in. They usually retail at £5.50 but we are able to offer them to you for £3 each. There will be 3 workbooks available to purchase throughout the year (one for each term). If you are interested in purchasing one of the books, payments can be made via ParentPay.

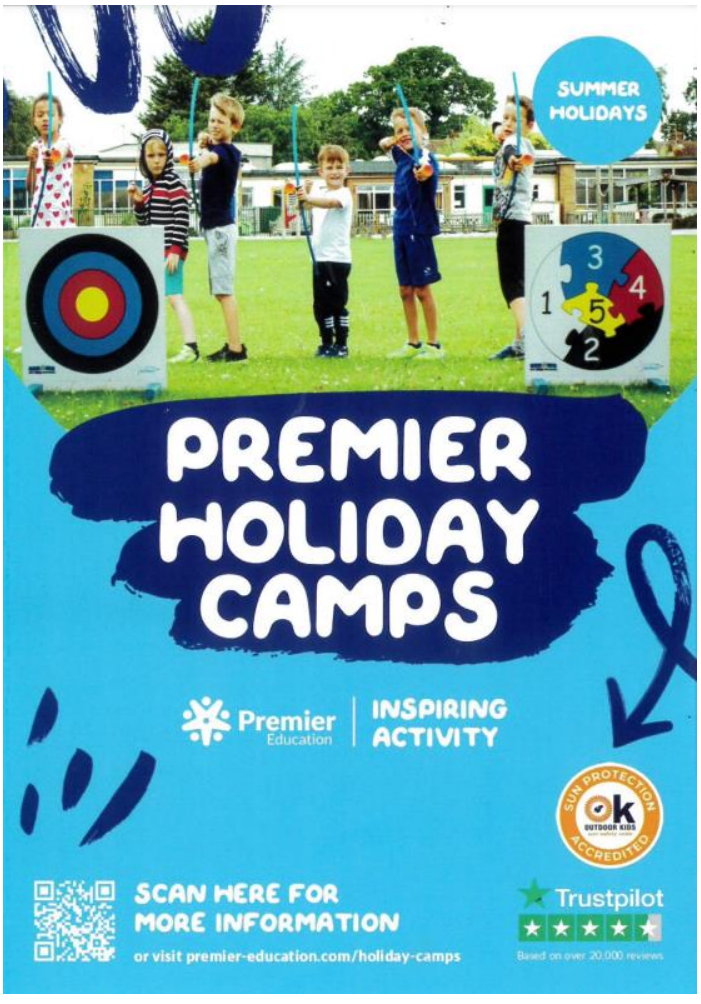
Thank you,

Mrs Dias
Maths Lead

Music, theatre, poetry & dance workshops



Premier Holiday Camps



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 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

Barking and Dagenham Primary school Staff

Breakfast Club

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.

Donations Wanted

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

Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?

Do you have utility debts?

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

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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

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