

The Lantern

St. Boniface said of St. Bede that 'he shone forth like a lantern.'



Dear Everyone

I hope you have had a good week.

Today has been such an amazing day in school—the weather has been glorious and children and staff so enjoyed coming dressed as superheroes today in aid of Comic Relief 22. I had to admit I had forgotten, so when I came into school this morning and saw Mrs Dayson wearing a cape, I was a little taken aback. She proceeded to ask me where my costume was? I think I got away with answering that some of us come dressed as Super Heroes every day!

I was joking, of course. Although, I think she thought I may not have been.



Elsewhere, Ethan raised some smiles by coming dressed as his mum—skirt and wig included. A great idea! There were many great costumes and we thank everyone for using their imaginations—pupils and staff.

Donations for Ukraine

We were overwhelmed with donations this week for Ukraine, thank you so much to everyone who was able to donate. We will continue to collect goods at the front gate next week. Thank you to Mrs Spinks for facilitating this for us. Goods being requested are as follows:

- Baby items—nappies, wipes, dried formula, baby food
- Dried goods—cans, tea, coffee, long shelf life goods
- Toiletries—soap bars, sanitary products
- Medical—first aid kits, bandages, plasters
- Batteries, torches, flash lights, candles
- New bedding—blankets, duvets, sheets, sleeping bags, pillows

We understand there are other countries within the world that are also suffering from famine and crisis and some parents have asked what we can do to support these too. Caritas is a Catholic charity which offers support to countries across the world:

'Caritas Internationalis is confederation of over 160 members who are working at the grassroots in almost every country of the world. When a crisis hits, Caritas is already on the ground. The diverse members give us our strength – from small groups of volunteers to some of the biggest global charities. Inspired by Catholic faith, Caritas is the helping hand of the Church – reaching out to the poor, vulnerable and excluded, regardless of race or religion, to build a world based on justice and fraternal love.'



If you are able to donate towards the efforts of Caritas, you can do so by visiting their website—www.caritas.org. We will aim to do some more fundraising in support of them in the coming months.

Choir Performance—21st March

We will welcome parents of choir members to join us to watch a performance at 4pm on 21st March in the school hall.

Readathon

As you know, pupils in years 1 to 6 we are taking part in the Readathon with Go Read, so please remember to continue to log your reading sessions. Thank you for your continued support.

Free School Meals

We are ever more conscious of the financial burden facing families. If you have not yet done so, you might like to consider seeing if you are eligible for income related free school meals. If your child is in Years 3-6, this benefit can provide a hot lunch each day for your child. For children in all years, fee remission for trips/events and music lessons (from year 3) is also available, if in receipt of this benefit. If you would like more information, please see our website (Key information/School meals), or call the Office in confidence.

Redbridge are providing holiday activities and a food programme for Easter for those children in receipt of free school meals. We have loaded information regarding this onto the website under key information/school meals. This is bookable under a first come first served basis. You can access the booking e-form by scanning the following QR code:



For our mainstream primary and secondary school places please book via:

<https://forms.office.com/r/jUSrpUdbf5>

or via the QR code on the left.

Curriculum Topic Overview 2021-22

Please see attached an updated Curriculum Topic Overview for your information. Publishing this document, is one of the ways in which we seek to involve you in your child's education.

Fostering

Redbridge has asked us to send families information regarding fostering opportunities.



Car Parking

Please can the owners of the following vehicles please make urgent contact with me via the office: Grey Audi Jeep LF17 KWU and Silver BMW BD59 WKA.

Great British Spring Clean 2022

Redbridge is taking part in the Great British Spring Clean during the period 25 March to 10 April. Here are details on how to sign up, if you are interested in taking part in this initiative:



**ONE BAG
BIG
DIFFERENCE**

#GBSpringClean
OUR STREETS
Help us make your streets and neighbourhoods better

Register all your litter picks with us:
ourneighbourhood@redbridge.gov.uk

**Come along to
a community
litter pick and
pop up picnic!**

Grab your plastic free picnic and join us to take action on waste.

Join the authors for a litter themed story and have fun with our Neighbourhood Engagement team.

Saturday 26 March	Friday 8 April
South Park Ilford IG3 9AA	Barkingside Recreation Ground IG6 2HZ

**From 11am by the
children's play park**

Join the Great British Spring Clean
25 March - 10 April 2022

The poster features a green stylized figure standing next to a black trash bin. The background is a blue sky with a green field.

Book Fair

We will be hosting a book fair from the 25th to 30th March. Pupils will come home with a 'Wish List', where they can note the book they would like to purchase. Families can then place their orders online. We will receive notification from the company of any orders and will give the children the ordered books on 1st April. Please note we are not accepting any cash for this, all orders should be made on-line via the company. We will email out a link to the order page of their website on 25th March. Books from each age range can be viewed via the following link (please copy and paste into your browser) <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>.



Cultural Celebration Day—31st March

We will be celebrating everyone's cultural heritage on 31st March. Pupils may wear either their national dress or colours of their national flag. We look forward to seeing everyone sharing their cultural history. A reminder that, pupils in 3B, 3C and Nursery AM have PE on this date so please ensure they wear attire suitable to take part (including trainers).

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously towards Red Nose Day. The children really enjoyed taking part in this fundraising activity. Thank you for your support.

Pre-loved Uniform and Doughnut sale – Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Our Parents' Association have arranged for a pre-loved uniform and doughnut sale on Wednesday at the front gate at the end of the school day. Cash or card payments (minimum £1) welcome.

**PRE-LOVED
SCHOOL
UNIFORM SALE!**

Wednesday 23rd March
After school from the playground at front gate

Krispy Kreme
DOUGHNUTS™

FUNDRAISING

Doughnut sale!
£1 each
Wednesday 23rd March
After school from front gate

Fundraising for outdoor table tennis table

Our school council would like to send a big thank you to Mr Shah from Rupens (one of our uniform providers) who has donated £101.25 towards this fundraising initiative. We are so very grateful.



Coats

As you can appreciate the weather is changeable at the moment, such is the season. If your child brings a coat with them to school, the class teacher will give them the choice as to whether they would like to wear it at playtime. We do not encourage coats to be taken off and laid on the playground as these could cause a trip hazard. Thank you for your support.

Drinks at playtime

Pupils are able to have a drink from their water bottle at any time in class. There is also water available to drink in the hall should they be thirsty when they are at lunch.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Gary

PUPIL CELEBRATIONS!

Friday's Top Table Dining

The following pupils joined Mrs Roberts and me at the 'Top Table' for their lunch:

Year 6 - Jacob O—always smiling and being himself

Year 5 - Victoria—always being helpful (particularly when collecting house points for Mrs Stratton)

Year 4 - Isabelle—for setting a good example and for using great persuasive devices

Year 3 - April - helping others

Year 2 - Olivia M—for working hard in all lessons and always having a smile for everyone

Year 1 - Mercedes—for always being super eager to participate in lessons and sharing ideas

Well done to all of you!

Reading At Home and Times Tables Practice

Thank you to all families who continue to support their children with both of these. It makes such an enormous difference to their academic success.

Lantern Certificates – youngest to oldest

Haylowe; Jayden; Alice K; Enoch; Chidi; Kian M; Danielle; Lainey; Louisa; Benjamin O; Faith; Obinna A; Piotr; Natalie M; Natalie S

Head teacher Awards

Philippa; Taite; Amelie; Destini; Kian C

Birthdays This Past Week

Michael, Aaron, Shawn, Samantha and Faraz.

This week's 'Shout Out'

This week's 'shout out' goes to Abigail D in 4A. Abigail earned all of the school extra play-time today as she gave an amazing definition to Mr Nott in the whole school assembly of the 3Ps. Well done! Please take a minute to see if your child can tell you what the 3Ps are.

Mr Nott's Golden Lanterns

I was delighted to present Leonard with one of these this week for absolutely fantastic writing.

Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie

In the last few weeks, we have been thinking about our individual relationships with Jesus.

In Reception, we looked at the story of when Jesus welcomed the children and they thought about their own relationship with him: Zane said, 'Jesus makes me smile'. While Rebecca said, 'Jesus is always here if I need him.'

Further up the school we have been looking at our relationship with Jesus and how it grows through the Mass; the sharing of Jesus' special meal, the Eucharist. In Year 4, we have looked at how we ask forgiveness of Jesus within the mass in order to become closer to Him.

On Monday, children who have made their First Communion, will have the opportunity to make our own personal confessions in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we are healed and forgiven by Him.

The children have also recognised that their bond is deepened with Jesus following his message of bringing 'Good News to the poor'; helping those who are less fortunate across the world reflects his message of kindness and love.

Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of St Patrick, one of our House Saints and the patron Saint of Ireland. He had a deep and powerful relationship with Jesus.

'Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger'.

His words echo that our relationship with Jesus are equally forged with those we know and those we don't.

Our own personal connection with Jesus can be enhanced by our communication through prayer. Here is a beautiful example posted on the reflection area by Louisa:

Our Lord

We pray for those who cannot afford a home; we pray for those who have sacrificed things to help others; and those who are living with conflict. We pray for those who had to travel miles to flee from their country.

Lord in your mercy

God Bless

Mrs Mackie



Famous Mathematicians



What Did Mary Jackson Do?

Mary Jackson was a mathematician and aerospace engineer. In 1951 she joined the West Computers at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and in 1958 she became the first black female engineer at NASA.

How did Mary Jackson change the world?

Her maths and science skills earned her a position as a “human computer” for NACA, and she later became NASA’s first Black female engineer. Along with serving a vital role in the development of the space program, she helped other women and minorities advance their careers.

What did Mary Jackson stand up for?

For Mary Winston Jackson, a love of science and a commitment to improving the lives of the people around her were one and the same. In the 1970s, she helped the youngsters in the science club at Hampton’s King Street Community center build their own wind tunnel and use it to conduct experiments.

Who was Mary Jackson’s best friend?

She worked alongside her two best friends Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan at NASA, both pioneering women in their own right. After her first job as a teacher, Jackson landed herself a position as an engineer at NASA.

What did Mary Jackson have to overcome?

Mary Winston Jackson successfully overcame the barriers of segregation and gender bias to become a professional aerospace engineer and leader in ensuring equal opportunities for future generations .

Mrs Roberts