

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. I would imagine that you, like us, have enjoyed the weather. It has been fantastic.

The children have worked hard during their assessments this week and are to be congratulated for the effort and concentration they have shown. I will be looking at those results that I have received thus far over the course of this weekend. Your child's results will be shared with you at the forthcoming parent/teacher consultations - I am told that over half of our parents have already booked their appointment times, which is very encouraging.

Next week I will receive children's effort and conduct grades, which I then consider carefully. These will come home to you on your child's spring term report card on our return from the holidays. A child in our school typically receives an A or B for their conduct and effort.

I am making a further small change to our Behaviour and Discipline Policy. Where a child goes on to amber for a second time in a week, they will in future go into the Miss A Play Book. I have a handful of children who are going on to amber more often than we and their parents would like. I have spoken with several parents this week, whose children may well be effected by this rule change next term and I have been delighted at just how supportive they were. When we work together, there is nothing that we cannot achieve.

Choir Performance

Families of the choir members were treated to a fabulous display of their talents at a special performance on Monday. Well done to all of the choir members—you sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Robinson who runs the choir club.

Readathon

As you know, pupils in years 1 to 6 are taking part in the Readathon with Go Read. The children tell us that they are enjoying taking part.



Cultural Celebration Day—31st March

We are looking forward to 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.

Suncream

With the weather turning much warmer, we are always grateful when parents apply sun cream to their child before school. I am told that there are some good, reasonably priced, waterproof suncreams, which last all day.



Book Fair

We are hosting a book fair from the 25th to 30th March. Pupils will be given 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. 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>.

Fundraising for an outdoor table tennis table

Our school council would like to send a big thank you to Lucilla Schoolwear in Ilford (one of our school uniform providers), who have donated £50 towards this fundraising initiative. We are so very grateful.



Holiday Activities & Food Programme Easter 2022

The deadline for booking your child on to this programme has been **extended to 27th March**. The programme is only available for those families in receipt of the free schools meals benefit. This is not Universal FSM, which all infants are entitled to, but the meals provided free of charge after application by families in receipt of specific government benefits (please see our website for further details).

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2022, funded by the DfE

Holiday Activities & Food Programme Easter 2022 – Update & Ramadan

What is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme?

Also known as HAF, this programme is being provided to enable eligible children to access the following during the school holidays:

- ✓ Daily physical activity
- ✓ Enriching activities
- ✓ Nutritional education

Children and young people who took part in last year's programme had a great time and made new friends too.

When is it?

The sessions will take place from 10.00am to 2.00pm, Monday 11 April to Thursday 14 April 2022. Once we've confirmed your place, you'll be able to turn up on all four days, but you don't have to. If you have other plans then you can just join in on one, two or three days instead.

Ramadan – we are aware that the HAF is taking place during Ramadan and that children may be fasting. All the providers are able to support and look after children who are fasting. You can speak to the providers directly when you drop the children and young people off.

Where is it?

Primary age children will be able to attend one of the following sites:

- Cranbrook Primary School, The Drive, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3PS
- Coppice Primary School, Manford Way, Chigwell, Essex, IG7 4AL
- Fullwood Primary School, Burford Close, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex, IG6 1ER
- Ray Lodge Primary School, Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 7JQ
- South Park Primary School, Water Lane, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 9HF
- Uphall Primary School, Uphall Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 2JD
- Woodlands Primary School, Loxford Lane, Ilford, Essex, IG1 2PY

Secondary age children will be able to attend the following site:

- Oaks Park High School, 45-65 Oaks Lane, Ilford, IG2 7PQ

If you are unable to travel to Oaks Park, we will also be running a transport service daily, to and from the front of Loxford School, Loxford Lane and the New North Road entrance of Forest Academy, to the Oaks Park High School HAF.

We will also be providing dedicated places for pupils with complex Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This provision is now fully booked.

Is my child eligible?

Your child will need to meet both of the following:

- ✓ Eligible for, and in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals (not including those accessing universal entitlement for Free School Meals unless they also meet the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals)
- ✓ Age 5-16 years

How do I book?

If you would like your child to take part, please register your interest no later than **11.59pm on Sunday 27th March 2022**.

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

<https://forms.office.com/r/iUSpUdhfS>
or via the QR code on the left.



Places are allocated on a first come first served basis so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Once we have confirmed your child is eligible and a place is available, we will confirm the details with you. We will also share yours and your child's information, including the medical health plan and/or protocol (where applicable) with the third-party organisation that will be responsible for offering the activities for your child.

If you have any queries, then please email us at haf@redbridge.gov.uk.

[Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19)

Mothering Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate all those who perform or have performed a mothering role within our lives. We are truly blessed that such wonderful women have touched our lives. We thank the Lord for all they have done and continue to do.



PA Fundraising

The PA doughnut and pre-loved uniform sale was a great success on Wednesday, raising a whopping £144. The doughnuts went like 'hot cakes!' Such was the success, there will be another doughnut sale next Wednesday from the front AND back gates.

Another PA initiative: pupils are drawing self-portraits in class to be printed on a commemorative class tea towel for the Queen's Jubilee. We will update you on this initiative once the proofs have been received.

PA Coffee morning takes place after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. There will be a fantastic Mother's Day Raffle.

We are grateful to all of the PA for their continuing support.

Back by Popular Demand!

PA Doughnut Sale!
Wednesday 30th March 2022
FRONT & BACK GATES



Interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at our School?

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at St Bede's. Being a Foundation Governor is very rewarding and a great way to live out your faith and serve our School & Parish Community. As a Foundation Governor, you are a member of the governing body which works with the Headteacher to set high expectations and drive school improvement, preserving and developing the Catholic ethos of our school.

You must be over 18 and a practising Catholic. Expertise or life experience which will contribute to the success of the school is useful but most important is a passion for school improvement to enable every child to reach their potential and, a commitment to playing an active part while working as part of a team.

If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St Bede's, we would love to hear from you. Please complete an application form and return to patricia.lawlor@redbridge.gov.uk or drop your completed form into the School Office.

More information and the application form is available to view on the school website (About Us/ Governors).

Week beginning 28th March—no clubs or tutoring

There are no after school clubs or tutoring sessions next week, it being the end of term.

Easter Story—Y4

Years 2-6 will be attending church on **Wednesday 30th March** at 2pm to watch Year 4 pupils tell the Easter Story. Y4 parents will be warmly welcomed, should they be able to join us.



Friday 1st April 2022

A reminder that school shuts at 1.30pm on Friday 1st April. For families of pupils in Reception to Year 6, a reminder that if you have arranged for a different adult to collect your child, please email the office by midday on Friday in order that we can make the class teacher aware. We ask that all pupils are collected by an adult at 1.30pm, even if they usually walk home by themselves.

Nursery families: a reminder that I am extending an invitation to the parents of the children in our Nursery to see where their children play to learn on Friday 1st April. The Nursery is not open as normal that day, so this is an ideal opportunity. Our doors will be open between 10.45am and 11.45 am (entrance via the back gate at 10.45am only).

Pupils return to school for the Summer term on Tuesday 19th April. Pupils return in Summer Uniform (please see the website for information).

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 - Natalie M—fantastic help in homework club – very patient and kind with everyone

Year 5 - Demi—full marks in her reading test

Year 4 – Lainey – for being very helpful

Year 3 – Shari – showing great resilience

Year 2 – Maya – for always working hard and trying her best in all lessons

Year 1 – Jayden – for working hard and always doing his best

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

Leo B; Anastasia; Renesmae; Ava; Amarachi; Alexander; Chimamanda; Isabella; Leonard M; Olivia M; Andy; Sienna-Lee; Maria; Mitchell; Bokeh; Aiden D; Daniel F; Taiwo; Tanvee; Jimmy

Head teacher Awards

Lyla; Patrick D; Gabrielle; Joshua G; Lainey

Birthdays This Past Week

Lota, Le'Andre, Leilah, Kevin, Cleo, Elizabeth, Victoria and Pete.

This week's 'Shout Out'

This week's 'shout out' goes to Tanvee in Year 6 who continues to forgo some of her lunchtime in order to support another child to learn their timetables. We are very proud of her. Well done!

Mr Nott's Golden Lanterns

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

Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie

This weekend is one of joy: we celebrate Mother's day - a chance to appreciate all those who perform a mothering role within our lives. We appreciate all that they do for us. The day has traditionally been celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Annunciation - the time we celebrate Mary (the mother of us all) being told by the Angel Gabriel that she was going to give birth to the Saviour of the World.

This Sunday is also Laetare Sunday, meaning rejoice. It comes from the words of the opening of the Mass, 'Rejoice O Jerusalem'. The vestments that the priest will wear are pink. It is a day of hope, with Easter in sight!

The Gospel for Sunday is also one of the most well known parables of Jesus – the Prodigal Son. This also directly linked with our Reconciliation Service and individual Reconciliations this week, in which the theme was 'Come back to me'.

In this parable of a son realising that he has squandered his father's money, there is a line that sums up how ecstatic the father is at his son coming back home –the older brother is upset that his wayward brother has received such a wonderful welcome, **but his father says:**

'It is only right we should celebrate and rejoice. Because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found'

The Father here is God and we are the son who followed the wrong path. Jesus is telling us that if we are truly sorry for the mistakes we have made, we are forgiven; but also, like the father who waited anxiously for his son, God will wait for us as long as is needed.

'Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply in our new life?'

Here is a lovely prayer from our Fronter Reflection Room, posted by **Erin:**

Dear Loving God,

We pray for peace and help as the COVID restrictions lift; and for those who have fled Ukraine, those who are still scared to leave and those with nowhere to go.

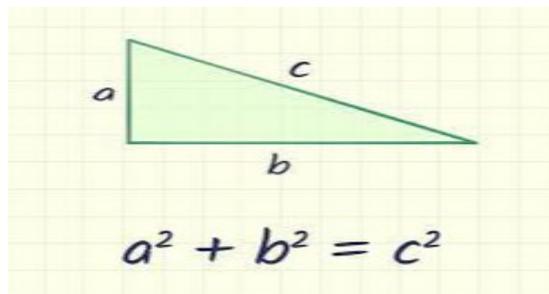
Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God Bless
Mrs Mackie



Famous Mathematicians



Did you know...

Pythagoras was a Greek mathematician and also spiritual leader and philosopher. He founded a religious group called Pythagoreans and a movement known as Pythagoreanism.

This religious group worshiped the God Apollo. It is believed that he was the first person who referred to himself as a philosopher. His theories are still used in mathematics today.

He is best known for introducing the Pythagorean Theorem which states that “a right-angled triangle, the area of the square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the areas of the squares of the other two sides,”

Quick Facts: –

Pythagoras strongly believed that the Earth was round and that mathematics could explain the physical world.

He also gave an idea that the stars and planets in the universe move according to mathematical equations.

The Pythagorean Theorem is believed to have been used by the ancient Babylonians and the Indians.

It is also believed that he made some important contributions in different fields including medicine, music, astronomy etc.

He believed that there is some kind of connection between religion and mathematics.

Pythagoras also had a great influence over other philosophers including Plato. Both of them had a similar approach.

It is believed that he probably taught his pupils by speaking to them as no books or writing by him have been found.

His followers believed that he had already lived four lives and he could remember all of them.

Mrs Roberts