

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week:

"It takes unimaginable strength to continually endure, persist and overcome. People with disabilities aren't weak. They are the strongest human beings you will ever meet."

(National Autism Association)

As part of our focus on National Autism Day this week we will be engaging children in discussion to raise their awareness.

Cranbrook's Child Safety Week

This week, we have been celebrating 'Cranbrook's Child Safety Week'. We have been raising your child's awareness and highlighting the importance of staying safe in their local community. The children have been learning about Peer on Peer abuse, Stranger Danger, Online Safety as well as Racism and Discrimination and how to challenge these acts in a safe manner.

We have organised special assemblies during the week and we are excited to have a special visit from our local PCSO - Craig Westley, who will be spending time discussing key themes with all of the children across the school. We will also be covering mental health and wellbeing activities and would like to have a non-uniform day on **Friday 1st April 2022** where we all dress up in 'loungewear'. Please reinforce these crucial topics with your children to enhance their understanding.

Thank you for your continued support.

P4C Question: In order to develop children's critical thinking skills and to reflect on their own views and those of others, this week's P4C question is:

Is it still considered racism when a person of colour uses racist language to another person of colour?

RIGHTS

RESPECTING



We continue our work on developing children's understanding of the following article:

Article 19: Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

Article 20: If a child cannot be looked after by their family, governments must make sure that they are looked after properly by people who respect the child's religion, culture and language.

Article 27: Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

Improving Attendance across the school: Well done to Year 2 Blue for achieving 99.7% last week. The overall percentage for the whole school was **93 %**. Our target for this year is **96%**. **Please let's all continue to work together every week and try harder to reach our target!**

The lowest attenders are currently **Reception Green** with **79.3%**. This is a real cause for concern.

Parents, please make every effort for your children to attend regularly, especially those of you with children in

Remember- Good attendance=good self esteem=good progress

Persistent Absence: Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is deemed 'Persistently absent' by the department of education, and as such, is subject to monitoring by the Education Welfare Officer by carrying out home visits and arranging formal meetings with parents and carers. If your child falls into this category, you will be invited in for a meeting with a senior member of staff. I would urge all parents/ carers of persistently absent pupils to ensure that they improve the attendance.

Headteacher's Award: Ryan C- 2B, Shayan. B-5B

Gold Award: Lisan. K, Ismaeel. P, Fatima. H and Mohammed. A-1R, Khadeejah. O-1Y, Zaland. H-1G, Arisha. R-4G, Yasin. R-4Y, Ismaeel. W , Yusra. A & Martin. M-4R, Luke-Lyons. A, Angad. B & Gursimrat. K-6R

Achievement Awards for PSHE/ Music: Martin. M-4R, Riley H-4G, Cherazade.M-5G, Rayan. M-6Y & Ibrahim. R-6R for PSHE, Ava- 1G, Tinu-1B, Khadijah-1Y, Lisan-1R, Aniela- 2G, Harrison-2Y, Olivia-2R, Ivan-2B, Fareeha-3B, Haoyu- 3Y, Chethan-3G, Zaheera -3R, Jessie-4G, Azaan- 4B, Ana-Maria- 4Y, Laila- 4R, Idrees -5R, Aasia-5B, Albert -5Y, Taran -5G , Saffiyah-6G, Mariam-6B , Teiara -6Y, Gursimrat-6R

Well done, children!

Parent Survey on Safety: As an inward looking school, we are keen to improve our provision and would value your input into areas for improvement. Please follow this [link](#) to complete a confidential survey, which will close on **Wednesday 20th April**.

Car park and related issues: I am so very concerned at the recent issues of appalling behaviour, use of foul language, racism towards a member of staff and ongoing poor parking and mis-use.

A question to consider-**Should we close the car park?!**

Redbridge Educational Psychology Service: Redbridge Educational Psychology Service (EPS) in partnership with RIASS and EPT (Empowering Parents Together) will be holding two virtual focus groups on **30th March (7.00pm)** The aim of the focus groups will be to gain further insight into parent/carer perspectives around the proposed Redbridge SEND Strategy. This is following on from the recent survey that was completed by parents/carers in Redbridge. For more information, please see the flyer attached.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Vacancies: 1. We are currently looking to appoint a driver with a D1 driving licence for a few hours each week to drive our school mini bus from **8.15am-9.00am** daily. If you are eligible with the correct licence, please contact us via email to the school admin address.

Please note, all staff are subject to police checks and references.

2. We are looking to recruit additional relief midday assistants to cover staff absences at lunchtimes. If you have the relevant skills and experience as per attached, you will need to send in an application by Friday 15th April 2022 by 10am.

Nursery 2022-23

We are now offering the following tour dates for families with children due to start Nursery in September 2022

Friday 29th April 2022
Friday 6th May 2022

All tours will start promptly at 9.30am
To book a place on one of our tours, please email the school office admin.cranbrookprimary@redbridge.gov.uk. Please include your name and contact number. Alternatively, contact the school office on the number 0208 5182562

Class Photographs-Friday 29th April 2022:

Please note, all classes will have their photographs taken on **Friday 29th April 2022**. I would ask that all parents/carers ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

HAF Programme- Reminder

Please see the information which was sent last week for the upcoming **Holiday Activities and Food Programme in Easter 2022**.

This programme is open to all 5-16 year olds who are eligible for and in receipt of Free School Meals. Information on how families can request a place is provided on the Leaflet attached.

Bookings are best done online, but The Redbridge HAF Team have a paper version of booking request forms for families who do not have access to the internet that can be requested.

Schools Art Exhibition:

All our talented and creative pupils in years 4,5 and 6 will soon enter their outstanding work in a virtual art gallery courtesy of 'Imagesart' School Art Exhibition. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to see themselves as real artists. The virtual exhibition will go live on Tuesday 19th April for 3 weeks for you to take orders of framed work. We will send you the link as soon as the work goes Live. Please watch this space.

Clubs

Clubs will be available to book after the Easter break. A Parent mail email will be sent out this week with details of the clubs on offer. Please refer to the details before booking. Clubs will commence week beginning 25th April.

Key Dates for 2022

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022-Friday 1st April 2022

Monday 28th March -3rd April 2022-Autism Awareness /Safety Week

Wednesday 30th March 2022-Online SEND Conference

Easter break- Monday 4th April 2022- Monday 18th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022- Friday 22nd July 2022

Friday 29th April-Class Photos

Half term break- Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Days

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Monday 11th July 2022-Additional Bank Holiday

Privacy Notices: Our privacy notices for parents / carers and students have been updated and are available to view on the school website in the safeguarding section.

Photo Consent Forms

Please complete the photo consent form for your child, which was sent to you via Parentmail last week.

Redbridge Institute of adult education-Family workshops

Redbridge Institute will be organising a family workshop for Redbridge parents, please see the document which was sent last week for more information regarding the workshop held on **Wednesday 6th April**.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break. See you in the new term!

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