

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week: "Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." (Lou Holtz)

Headteacher's Award: Nirvair. P, Kylie. P, Aden. D, Brianna. V, Camilla. H, Yahya. A-1R & Ethan. A-ARP

Gold Awards: Tahmeed. M, Harrison. K, Alex. R, Shahd. E, Aarav. B-2Y

Achievement Awards for Reading: Siam. M-2B, Aaliyah. R-2R, Alif. R-2Y, Jannat. Q-4R, Zahra. A-4Y, Emina. M-5R, Adam. H-5Y, Vansh. S-5B, Sophia. M-5G, Daniel. S-6R, Ashaleena. W-6Y, Mrigaank. B-6B, Simra. M-6G
Well done everybody!

P4C (Philosophy for Children) is essentially about developing thinking and reasoning skills, through talking and posing questions or statements. These questions cover a range of subjects and experiences. P4C is designed to get everybody reflecting carefully and sharing their thoughts with others.. Not all questions can be answered but all answers can be questioned!

It is a great way to get children to think deeper, as well as to explain their thinking.

We will provide a P4C question or statement each week in the newsletter and would value your support in holding these conversations at home

We would like you to explore further about P4C by also visiting the following website, which provides a real clear understanding of how this way of learning can help improve your child's confidence and to become articulate speakers. <https://www.sapere.org.uk/>

Question for this week: Here is your next P4C question for children to discuss at home.

Where would you rather live?

On a boat, in a castle or in a spaceship, and why?

COVID Update: As we all know there is a significant rise in COVID cases both in school, as well as locally and nationally. We are currently reviewing our COVID risk assessment in response to recent changes.

The Government announced changes on 12th December in response to the increase in cases of the Omicron variant.

- The changes apply to any child aged 5 and above as well as all adults. **TESTING POSITIVE FOR OMICRON**
- As before, anyone who has a PCR test will receive their result by text or phone from NHS Test and Trace

- If their PCR is positive AND is related to Omicron, they will receive another text or call telling them that their PCR is positive for Omicron
- Anyone who receives this information must inform their close contacts that they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive and follow instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace
- Anyone with a positive PCR test, whether Omicron or another variant, must isolate for 10 days. **NEXT STEPS FOR CLOSE CONTACTS**
- From Tuesday 14 December, people who meet any of the following criteria and are identified by Test & Trace as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days, known as "daily rapid testing".
- Daily rapid testing applies to all contacts who are: fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 jabs, all children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status, people who can prove they are unable to be vaccinated for clinical reasons and people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine
- Positive results should be reported to the school.
- If the lateral flow test is negative, they do not need to isolate and can continue attending/working at school if they meet the criteria above.
- Anyone whose rapid test comes back positive or who develops COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and take a confirmatory PCR test to verify the result.
- If the PCR result comes back positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the day they took the positive rapid test or developed symptoms. They do not need to continue taking rapid tests during that 10 day isolation period.
- If the PCR result comes back negative, contacts can leave self-isolation but should continue to take rapid tests for the remainder of the 7 days.
- Under 5s are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily rapid lateral flow testing.

Christmas/End of term parties: As we approach the end of term, the children will have a small celebration in their own classes. Please provide a small snack and a drink **just for your own child** on the following days:

Nursery– Year 3- Thursday 16th December

Year 4-Year 6– Friday 17th December

Children may come in non-uniform on that day.

After School Club: As normal, there will be no After School Club provision on **Friday 17th December**. Please therefore, ensure you have made relevant childcare arrangements.

CFA Movie Night

What a great response we had for this event. We raised **£1,289.88** which will go straight back to the children by developing their playtime experience both inside and outside.

Thanks to all volunteers, staff, parents and the kitchen for all your help in ensuring that the event ran smoothly. Well done Bev, for your organisation, and to the support team of volunteers whose input was much appreciated.

Please note, Reception School Applications for September 2022:

All **Nursery parents** are required to submit their child's application for Primary School by **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Parents are required to submit three supporting documents as proof of residency along with the application. To complete the application please log on to **www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions**

If you miss this deadline, your child may not get a school place.

Xmas Donations for the Ilford Night Shelter

We are collecting donations for the night shelter for **Christmas** and would be grateful for:

Tinned Goods, Tea, Coffee, Dried Foods e.g. Pasta, Toiletries, Chocolates e.g. Selection boxes, Cereals, Jars of sauces and any non perishable items.

Poppies Appeal: I would like to thank all parents and carers for their kind donations to the Poppy Appeal we sold lots of poppies, keyrings and wrist bands. We managed to **raise £400** in total.

End of term homework: This term's homework project is based on homelessness. Unfortunately, homelessness is something that is prevalent in society. We hope that by engaging in the project we can inform our children how to be responsible citizens and how to become proactive in making society better for all. Please find attached the project requirements. We look forward to receiving your contributions when you return on **Tuesday 4th January**.

Please find attached a copy of the Christmas homework for all year groups. There are two proformas, one for EYFS and KS1 and the other is for KS2.

Outdoorlearning@CPS: Last week, with the help of our amazing parent volunteer, Jamilia, some pupils in 6 Red started making a 'bug hotel'. **Bug hotels benefit** lots of different types of minibeast and insects such as ladybirds, bees, spiders and woodlice. Minibeasts can then use the bug hotel as a safe space to shelter, lay their eggs, raise their young, and seek refuge from predators.

Pupils collected dead bark, twigs, acorns, etc and put it together to start the project. It is still a work in progress and hopefully will be completed after Christmas.



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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021– Friday 17th December 2021

Wednesday 15th December 2021-Year 4G/4R visit to the Synagogue

Thursday 16th December 2021-Year 2 Fantastic Finish Day

Thursday 16th December 2021-Year 4B/4Y-Visit to the Synagogue

Christmas Break– Monday 20th December-Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022-Friday 1st April 2022

Half term break-Monday 14th February 2022– Friday 18th February 2022

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

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022– Friday 22nd July 2022

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

Inset Days

1st, 2nd and 3rd September 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Monday 11th July 2021-Additional Bank Holiday

Redbridge Mutual Aid

A local food bank is offering a delivery service to families and those with disabilities/illness or young children who may need support.

Additionally, for families who are in need of a bit of Christmas joy, they have a range of gifts for kids who would otherwise not have much to celebrate, so please feel free to email them on the email address below:

redbridgecovid19mutualaid@gmail.com