



**ALDERSBROOK
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Aldersbrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning & Leading

End of year round up



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Dear Parents & Carers,

And just like that...we come to the end of another year at Aldersbrook Primary School!

A few things we'd like to mention:

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to be **involved** in the



Sports Day last week! The children had a blast and we had the fewest pulled hamstrings from the parents races in recent history! Thank you to Mr Hussain and the sports leaders for their hard work in making the day run like clockwork.



Thank you also for those who could come along to support the PTA '**Aldersfest**' **Summer Fair**. Despite the rain, the PTA were able to raise over £9000 which goes immediately back into funding things for pupils. Thank you



to the magnificent PTA and helpers who made this day possible. We really are blessed with the best PTA in the world! The Talent Show was a bewildering mix of every talent imaginable (and even some we couldn't have imagined!!) and it was wonderful to see the pupils building **confidence** on this stage!



We also saw the return of the **Pupil Achievement Awards** at Wanstead High School. It was a wonderful celebration of pupils who have worked extra hard to make exceptional progress (no matter their starting points) in the curriculum this year. It was wonderful to see Chris Patsalis (Chair of Governors) also take time to recognise all of the hard work & dedication from all staff at

Aldersbrook that make this school the truly special place that it is— we reiterate that sentiment wholeheartedly. We cannot thank the staff enough for all they have done behind the scenes and out of working hours to give the children so many 'extra' experiences. As one parent put it this week, giving the children the '24 carat gold' experience. We thank them for their hard work and wish all staff a safe & well deserved break.

And finally to the pupils & families. Thank you for all of your support this year. We are celebrating our best academic results (see over) ever but what makes Aldersbrook the special place that it is, is the *much* more important focus on the whole child. This year has seen so many pupils strive to be **Confident, Independent, Curious & Involved** and we thank all families for their support and kind words over the year to help that along! The kindness on the gates each morning really makes a difference. We wish you all a safe & relaxing holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Mr Hughes & Ms Crouch

Don't forget, school starts again for our pupils on Wednesday 6th September. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Check the school website for the full set of important dates for 2023/24.

Our Value of the month: is...



End of Key Stage Results 2022/23

Please see below for a summary of the (unvalidated) end of key stage results for this year. Thank you to all of the staff that have taught any of the pupils and influenced such excellent academic results, for all of the support from home and especially the hard work from the pupils!

NA= National Average (NB: National Average data for 2023 is limited at the moment, so some results are compared to National Average from last year).

GPS= Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling

GLD= Good Level of Development

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2				Year 6			
Number of pupils making GLD	Phonics	Percentage %				Percentage %			
78% (2022 NA 65%)	85% (2022 NA 75%)	Expected Standard		Greater Depth		Expected Standard +		High Standard	
		Sch 23	NA 22	Sch 23	NA 22	Sch 23	NA 23	Sch 23	NA 22
	Reading	78	67	33	18	90	73	51	28
	Writing(TA)	71	57	16	8	88	71	39	13
	GPS	70		18		92	72	52	28
	Maths	78	67	36	15	93	73	59	22
	R/W/M combined					86	59	30	7

Year 4 Times Tables Check:

- 49% of pupils achieved full marks (25). (National Average last year was 27%)
- Mean Avg for school was 23/25. (National Average 19.8/25)
- 91% of APS students gained 20 marks or above

School Lunches

As you will be aware, the Mayor of London has arranged for all Primary School children in Years Reception to Year 6 to receive free lunches from September 2023 until July 2023.

You will still need to book lunches via FeedingHungryMinds but will no longer need to pay for them.

[Parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk](https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)

We urge all parents who are in receipt of Pupil Premium or who think they could be entitled to Pupil Premium to still apply for Pupil Premium as this enables the school to provide so much more than just a free lunch to your children. More details on how to apply for Pupil Premium can be found here:

<https://www.aldersbrook.redbridge.sch.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=32>

Leaving school or growing kids?

If you have any branded school uniform that you no longer need please drop it off in the Key Stage 1 playground this FRIDAY (21 July) between 9 and 10am. This may include fleeces, hoodies, sweatshirts, polos, T-shirts, sports shorts or bags. No other items can be accepted sadly. It will form part of the school's pre-loved uniform collection that will be accessible to all later in the summer and throughout the year, either for free or a donation to the PTA. We'll send out an email shortly about how you can collect it. Thanks for making sure everyone can access branded uniform and for preventing the landfill!



We say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils who leave us today for their next exciting step in education. We wish them the very best of luck and hope that they continue to be **leaders & learners** as they become young adults.

We are very proud of them and shall miss them greatly!

Mr Hughes' Mighty Hike!

I know that everyone is struggling with the rising cost of living so this is just a request to those people that can...

In September I will be taking part in the **Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike** to raise money for Macmillan, in support of two close friends who are currently battling cancer. Please help out with my fundraising if you possibly can, I would be so thankful!

Mr Hughes

Link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/brian-hughes-1689836692390?>



Congratulations Arwen in 1F on getting top marks in your ballet exam this term. Arwen got 4/4 which is a fantastic achievement.



Once again we are pleased to be named as a link school with Leyton Orient for the coming 2023-24 season. We have had a successful partnership for over 10 years with the club and In this time we have:

- Every season been given FREE tickets to matches
- Raised well over £1,000 for the school via the clubs 50/50 scheme
- Children have had stadium tours
- Provided raffle prizes for our summer/winter fair
- Held competitions including poetry with the winners being awarded two FREE season tickets each
- Taken half time penalties
- We have had flag bearers and walked out on to the pitch with the team (including televised matches)
- For the ladies team we have had FREE tickets and had children as ball girls/boys
- Our school teams have paraded our winners trophies around the pitch at half time
- Attended Show Racism the Red Card workshop each year
- The boys have represented Leyton Orient in the children's EFL cup with the final at Wembley stadium (Lockdown prevented the final)
- Members of the ladies team have held assemblies for Inspirational Women Week
- Presentation around Black history month looking at club legend Laurie Cunningham
- Photo opportunities for the children with the players
- A number adults and children have appeared in promotional recordings/photos for the club
- Coaches from Leyton Orient have been running PE sessions this year for some year groups

In addition to all this, first team players have:

Hosted training sessions for our successful boys and girls football teams

Read and shared books they enjoyed as a child with our boys

Held assemblies for our children

Visited the school with the two Championship Trophies (Aldersbrook was the first school to hold the trophies)

Visited our early years with Theo the club mascot

Visited our Summer and Winter Fairs with Theo and players

And that's not all.....

Looking towards the coming season we will have the opportunity to have:

50 FREE tickets for the Derby County match on 9th December

50 FREE tickets for the Carlisle United match on 3rd February

Details on how to apply for FREE tickets will follow once we are back to school in September

*50/50 ticket for the Bristol Rovers match on 2nd March

* The 50/50 option. The school are asked to sell tickets for the Bristol Rovers match, what ever the final total sales made by the school works out to be, the school will take 50% of that income (on school sales only)

Please check out the Leyton Orient fixture list as Aldersbrook Primary School families are always afforded a warm welcome at Brisbane Road.

<https://www.leytonorient.com/matches/>

Please Collect:

A reminder that the bike & scooter sheds will be emptied out over the summer holidays and anything left in them will sadly be given to charity or removed. Please ensure you have collected all bikes/scooters by the last day of term.

In the last week we will also put out any lost property so please make sure you come along & have a look.

Most of these items do not have names inside them and it is impossible to then get them back to the correct owner. We cannot store these items in school so we urge you to make sure all clothing is labelled clearly.



Being considerate on the roads—a reminder

We have had more comments regarding parents and families using the roads from local residents and other families in school. Please remember that we all need to be considerate and careful—cars, cyclists, scooters and pedestrians. Just taking an extra second to look before you open the car door/pull out/set off across the road will make our streets safer for our children. Thank you.

Buy your Adventure Island wristbands from the PTA and save up to 30%!

Wristband Prices: Door £28, Online £26, **From the PTA only £19!!**

Adventure Island is a great day out with fun for all ages. It includes nearly 40 rides, a massive indoor soft play, amusements and restaurants. Find out more at <https://adventureisland.co.uk>

Adventure Island is a 'free admission' park so you only buy a wristband for those who want to go on the rides. Ride for free if you're aged 12 and under and accompanying a guest (with a wristband) under 120 cm. Wristbands are valid until December 2024.

Buy now at <https://aldersbrook-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/product/adventure-island-wristband>

Free home delivery to Aldersbrook and Lake House estates or collection from Aldersbrook Primary School. Please place your orders early to ensure prompt delivery. Orders placed after 19 July may be delayed.



Are you an artist, sculptor or a budding pottery maker?

Do you know your bevel from your battern? Or perhaps you're handy with a welding torch?

If so, we need you.

We are looking to tap into our pool of talented parents to help us deliver meaningful Art and DT lessons.

If you are able to dedicate even an hour of your time at some point during the school year, please email the office with your details and skills. Thank you so much.



fabula reading challenge



For ages 2-12
 15 July to 9 September

Take part in a new reading challenge at Redbridge Libraries where YOU get to decide how many books you read.

Read whatever you enjoy. We've got thousands of books and comics for you to discover at your local library or from home in our virtual library this summer.

You'll get a certificate and be entered into a prize draw.

Sign up for FREE at any Redbridge Library.
visionrcl.org.uk/fabula

