

# ALDERSBROOK NEWS



Friday 26th April 2024

## **Top 2% in the Country!**

You may have seen in the National Newspapers that Aldersbrook is currently 258th out of the top 500 Primary Schools in England. This makes us in the top 2% of all Primary Schools!

Not only have our academic results been above National Average for many years but other aspects of school life make us the amazing school that we are!

Forest School runs eight sessions a week, the CICI kitchen is used everyday and now provides key life skills helping children to be curious and independent. The Early Years provision is exceptional, as indicated by a recent audit visit, and yesterday a review of our SEND provision identified that our support we give our children is at an incredibly high level, with excellent support staff and the leader who is an asset to the school.

We aim to provide all children with extraordinary and outstanding experiences consistently, and we place pressure on ourselves to provide every child involved with the best possible experience. It is a tough challenge and one that requires a lot of reflection, drive and energy. It's hard work, but everyone who works at Aldersbrook knows that these children are absolutely worth it.

# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING AT ALDERSBROOK...



Making a Garden



Exploring outdoors



Finding groups



DT - structures



VA visit to the park



Maths Year 1



French Breakfast



Le petit-déjeuner



French Breakfast



# Notices

## **RSHE Parent meetings - May 7th 3.40pm to 4pm**

Want to find out more about Aldersbrook's Relationship, Sex and Health Education?(RSHE)

Want to see the resources we use?

Want to ask some questions?

This year we have decided to make it more personal. We will be opening up classrooms for you to talk to teachers and see some of the resources we use.

Nursery and Reception - RES classroom

Year 1 - 1H classroom

Year 2 - 2H classroom

Year 3 - 3A classroom

Year 4 - 4HK classroom

Year 5 - 5B classroom

Year 6 - 6G classroom

Sessions will be short so there will be time to visit multiple classrooms if you have children in different year groups.



## **Safeguarding at Aldersbrook**

Safeguarding remains a top priority at Aldersbrook. Adults work tirelessly together and with external agencies to ensure that all children are safe and have the best possible life chances.

This term we have launched the SOS button on our website. SOS stands for Safe Outside School.

From here children can access a variety of support when they are not in school. This may be help from the NSPCC, Kooth or Childline.

This enables children to access support during the school holidays when school staff are not around.

Click here to visit the page - [SOS](#)







You may have noticed that we have had to close the KS1 Adventure Trail. As part of our regular inspection of our outdoor equipment, some faults came to light that meant the trail had to close immediately. The children's safety must be our highest priority.

Please can you help us raise some money through the PTA so we can get a new improved version? While we did discuss the possibility of putting a train or a log cabin on the site instead, so we had more learning space, we also know how important play and physical activity is.

Please contact the PTA if you would like to help raise funds to support this new project.

#### **GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHED 2ND PLACE!**

Our year 5/6 girls football team took part in East London inter Borough girls football tournament at Frenford FC on Tuesday, 23rd, April 2024. We played 5 games; winning 3 and drawing 2. We scored 17 goals and conceded 2. Well done to all the girls who took part.



#### **BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM REACH THE FINALS!**

A fantastic effort by our year 3/4 boy's football team for reaching the finals. Altogether 16 schools took part in the of the Redbridge SGO competition. Unfortunately, we lost in the finals on penalties. Well done boys, we are so proud of you!

# Music

@ Aldersbrook!

My name is Mrs  
Henry and I am the  
subject leader for  
Music.



At Aldersbrook, music brings the whole school together as a community through our shared love of performing, listening, collaborating and being creative.

Across the school, we identify exciting areas of the universal language of music to explore through practical 'hands on' lessons aimed at boosting communication, improving presentation and performance skills and developing confidence.

These include:



Developing basic skills on the recorder, violin and cornet

Musicianship skills

Composing

Improvising

Learning to notate music

Learning to read music

Listening and appraising recordings of a wide variety of genre and style

Understanding historical context

Singing



Here is a snapshot of some of our plans for the Summer term.

Year 5 are developing the composing technique of Serialism

Year 1 will discover the music of Florence Price and make up their own version of the Juba dance

Year 3 are enjoying improving drumming skills using djembe drums

Year 2 continue to learn the recorder with an additional challenge to learn a piece written by a local composer

EYFS love to sing, explore sounds on percussion instruments and to listen to a variety of music

Choir club is very popular and the children love get songs ready for a performance

We welcome external influences into school from the excellent Redbridge Music Service who provide specialist music lessons for the whole class and their teacher, as well as 1-1 lessons and educational concerts. There is an exciting link is developing with Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance with students from the woodwind and jazz departments due to perform.

Working with the staff and students of Aldersbrook is a highlight in my week as I realise the sheer joy music brings to us all. Our approach is inclusive and aims to produce lifelong musicians through our experiences making music together.

# Key Dates



Don't forget it is Polling Day on May 2nd. The whole **school is closed** to children.

Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday. **No school.**



Week beginning Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATS start -  
**You are awesome!**



Friday May 17th - Summer disco PTA

Friday 24th May - 5p race! **Start collecting!**



Week beginning Monday 27th - Half term - **School closed.**

**The school website now has a  
subscribe button for the calendar so  
you can have all the dates on the go!**





Congratulations to all those who ran this year's  
TCS London Mini Marathon!  
We are so proud of you!







What a wonderful sense of community this morning and a celebration of the environment full of activity! Thanks go to Mrs McDermott and our neighbour Mark who helped organise this special event!



Interested in taking part in more marshalled rides, please take a look at the following website [www.redbridgecycling.org](http://www.redbridgecycling.org). In particular, look at the rides page where forthcoming rides are promoted and through which booking can be done. Our next family ride is on 12th May to Fairlop Waters and back. We usually start rides from the Wanstead Park tea hut.





**What:** For the first year, our school is taking part in the National Gallery's Take One Picture Competition.

In order to raise much needed funds for art resources, we are inviting parents to come view our submissions with some Ottolenghi-style food and a drink.

**When:** Friday 14th June from 7pm

**Where:** Aldersbrook Primary School

Tickets £15 – includes buffet and 1 drink. (Paid bar on site)

[Click here for tickets!](#)



## JOIN US

Youth Players Wanted!

AFC Leyton are a dedicate female only football club based in Walthamstow.

We currently have 12 female only football teams that play in the BCFA, ECGFL, Capital Girls and GLWL leagues across London and Essex.

We are looking for players for the 2024/25 season across all age groups from age 7 to 16.

Please get in touch for more information:

[coaching@afcleyton.co.uk](mailto:coaching@afcleyton.co.uk)



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Winning isn't everything, but making the effort to win is.



BIG TENNIS WEEKENDS



## GIVE TENNIS A GO

FREE OPEN DAY Saturday 11 May, 1.00-4.30pm

Special discounted membership, free taster coaching & have-a-hit sessions. All ages & levels welcome.

Aldersbrook Lawn Tennis Club

Blakehall Crescent

Wanstead E11 3RH

Book your free place at:

<https://www.aldersbrooktennis.club>



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## Plant Sale

St Gabriel's Church Hall,  
Park Road, London E12

**Sat 4 May 2024**  
10-11:30am Free Entry

Bedding  
Fruit & Herbs  
Vegetable Plants  
Perennials  
Help & Advice  
Refreshments  
Raffle

Supporting Aldersbrook Uniformed Groups



## Children's Drama Classes

On Fridays after school at  
The Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road,  
Aldersbrook

6-8 year olds | 4pm  
9-11 year olds | 5pm

Free trial class  
bookings at

[www.antoniadoggett.co.uk](http://www.antoniadoggett.co.uk)



# ALDERSBROOK JUMBLE TRAIL

15TH JUNE 2024  
11AM - 5PM



**SIGN UP INFO COMING SOON!**  
**FOR QUESTIONS MESSAGE;**  
**MISSGALE.JUMBLE@YAHOO.COM**

ILYRIA

open  
air  
theatre

THE ADVENTURES OF

## DOCTOR DOLITTLE

BY HUGH LOFTING



THE TEMPLE - WANSTEAD PARK, E11 2LT

Saturday 24 August 2024 at 3.00pm

Tickets: [illyria.co.uk](http://illyria.co.uk) | 0333 666 3366

Gates open: 2.00pm. Running time approx. 1hr 50mins (inc 20min interval).

Cancellation in dangerous weather only, when performance will be rescheduled. Tickets are non-refundable.

Bring your own seating, sunshade & picnic.

## DesignStaars

An after-school club for neurodivergent children, their siblings, and friends. Children aged 8-12 can come and have fun creating with Lego alongside those with similar interests.

The club is run by our inclusive and neurodiversity affirming staff and volunteers.

**When:** Every Wednesday 15:45 - 17:30 during term time

**Location:** Central Wanstead just off the high street

For more information please contact:

[staaremail@gmail.com](mailto:staaremail@gmail.com)

or

visit our website

[www.staar-redbridge.org.uk/afterschoolclub/](http://www.staar-redbridge.org.uk/afterschoolclub/)

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