

# ALDERSBROOK NEWS



Friday 13 December 2024

Thank you again for all your support while Ofsted visited the school.

The children had a lot to say to the inspectors and were able to talk about their learning and experiences at Aldersbrook.

The report should be published after Christmas, possibly towards the end of January. As soon as we have it we will send it out to you all and publish it on our website.

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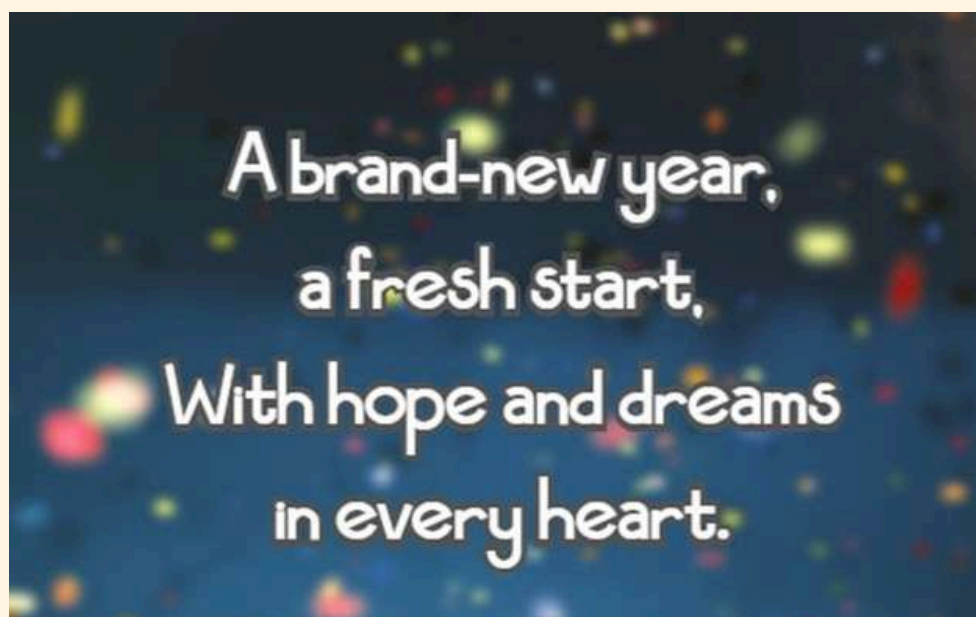


# New beginnings...

This term we have said goodbye to Mrs Rock and Mrs Jama. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.

**BRIGHT**  
**BEGINNINGS**

Next week Mrs Blake will also be leaving Aldersbrook so she can focus on her change in direction to Counselling. She will be very missed.



# Digital Literacy



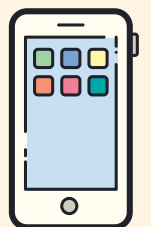
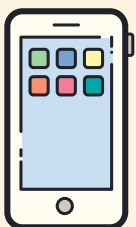
We know that mobile phone usage and children is a topic which is being heavily debated in our community and in the press.

Last academic year, parents Janette and Yasmin facilitated a very well-attended coffee morning during which parents and carers discussed their concerns about managing their children's digital lives. After the coffee morning we sent out a survey, the results of which you can see on our website - see the link below.

This term Janette's also been in to all Year 5 and 6 classes and run workshops on 'Digital Literacy'.

A huge thank you, again, to Janette and Yasmin for their guidance on this project.

[Click here](#)



# Don't forget to check the Calendar on the School Website.

Here are some key dates coming up...

**December 14th 10am - 3pm - PTA Winter Trail**



December 16th 9.30am and 2.30pm - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert

**December 17th 9.30am - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert**

December 17th 2.30pm - EYFS Christmas Concert

**19th December 9.30am and 2.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert**



**Last Day of Term**

**Friday 20th December**

**First day of  
Spring Term**

**Tuesday 7th January**



# No trading...



Just a reminder that, just like the football cards, no beyblades should be traded, swapped or sold at school. The children are enjoying this current craze and are behaving really well when playing with them. Please remind them that they should not be traded in school.





Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Paradox Museum which was linked to their learning about installation art. There were fantastic optical illusions which the children loved engaging with.



# Art and DT in Year 1





Year 4 getting inspiration outside for scene setting in their writing.



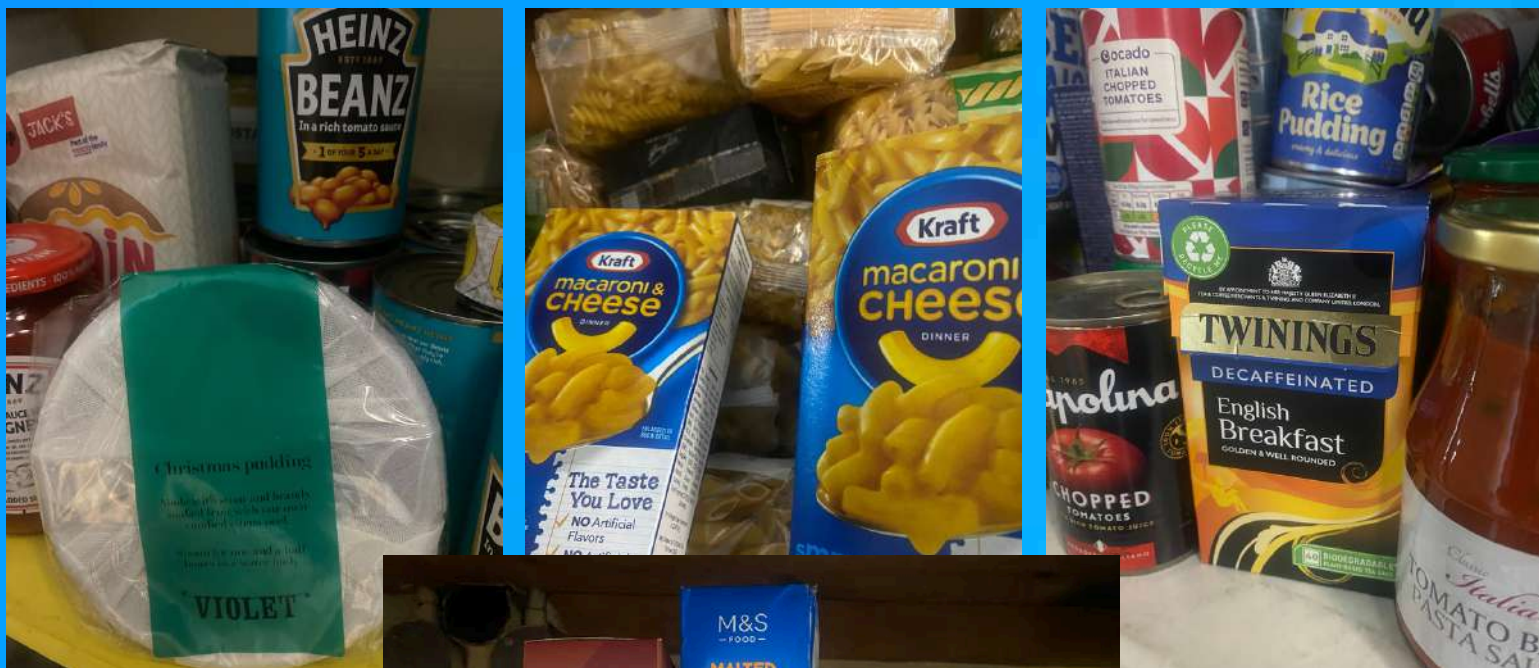


# Community Ambassadors are doing a good job!

Our Community Ambassadors are doing a good job at promoting and organising the food bank here in school.

We have a variety of items of food that are available to any family that might need them over the Christmas break.

Please speak to a member of SLT in the playground, before or after school, or speak to the office who can help.



# CICI Kitchen for hire!

The CICI kitchen was recently hired by a Scout group who, by looks of the delicious photos below, had a very successful and delicious time.

If you, or someone you know, would like to hire the CICI kitchen in the evening or weekend please get in touch with the school to discuss arrangements.

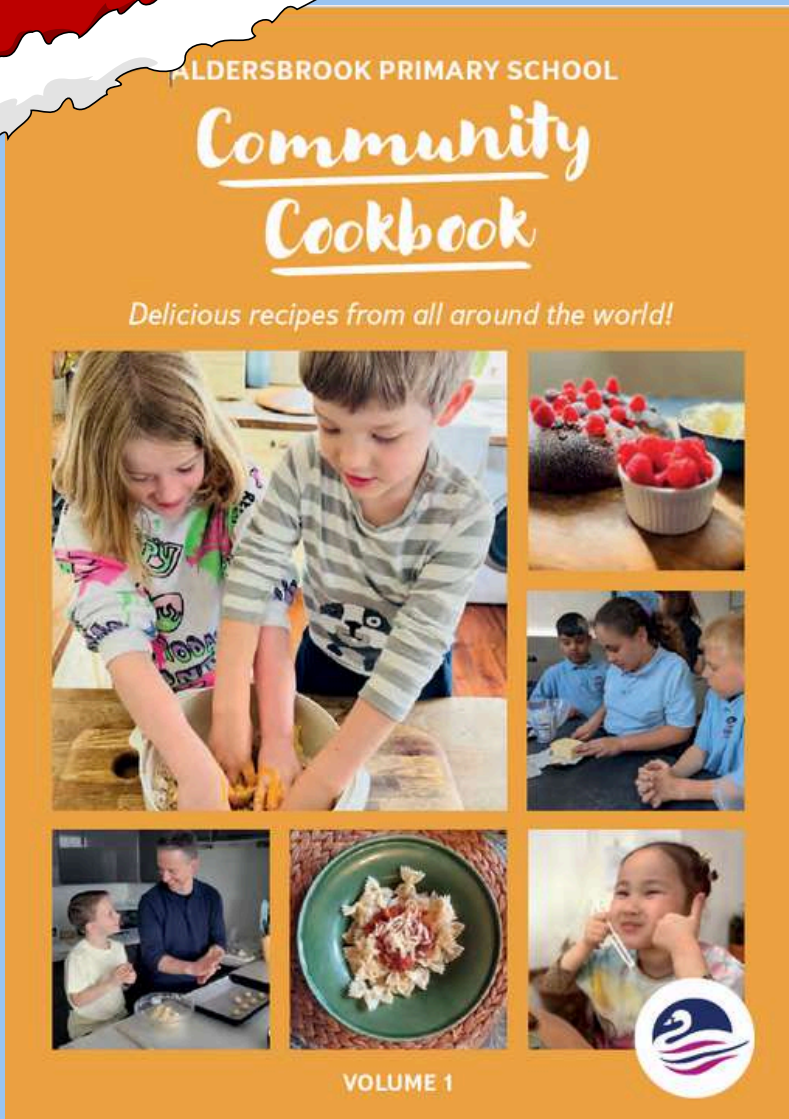




Looking for the perfect Christmas present?

Buy our Community Cookbook!

Delicious recipes from APS pupils. Use the QR code to donate £10 to the PTA and collect your book from the school office.





# Benefit Advice

FiND and RIASS are thrilled to announce that Redbridge Benefits Team will also be joining us at the Engagement Hubs on the below dates

**Mondays**  
 Ilford Engagement Hub  
 Jubilee Gardens  
 Ilford Lane IG1 2DX

11th & 25th Nov  
 2nd & 16th Dec 2024  
 11am to 2pm

**Wednesdays**  
 Redbridge Institute  
 Engagement Hub  
 Gaysham Avenue, IG2 6TD

20th Nov  
 4th & 16th Dec 2024  
 11am to 2pm

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Ask Questions - Speak directly with professionals about any benefit related queries.
- Get Support - Access resources and information tailored to your family's needs.

Whether you're looking for guidance, information, or just want to drop by and say hello, we'd love to see you there!

No need to book – just pop in!



# Parents Coffee & Chat

## Families Information Direct—(FiND)



### Join Us for a Relaxed and Friendly Chat! At your local Engagement Hub

Looking for advice or information? Drop by for a warm cup of coffee and a welcoming chat with the FiND team. We're here to offer support, answer your questions, and provide you with valuable resources available.

Whether you're seeking guidance or simply want to connect with others, our friendly team is ready to listen and help.

Families Information Direct (FiND) is a 'one stop' information and advice service for families and people who work with families.

We specialise in providing information and advice on a wide range of issues that impact on family life – from childcare and childcare funding; activities for children and young people through to care and support services available for when the going gets tough!

No appointment needed—just stop by, say hello, and let us support you in any way we can.

You can visit us at your local Engagement Hubs:

**Monday, 10am—4pm**  
Ilford Engagement Hub, Jubilee Gardens, Ilford Lane.

**Wednesday, 10am—2:30pm**  
Redbridge Institute Engagement Hub, Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill, IG2 6TD.

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When you need information, advice and support for your family, let FiND point you in the right direction.  
 Families Information Direct (FiND)  
 14 Ilford Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 3JH  
 020 8357 7100 or 020 8358 8100



WOODFORD PANTOMIME PRESENTS

# Sleeping Beauty

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1st - 12th  
January 2025

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## A CRAFTY TIME OF YEAR

### Art Workshop

Make a unique painted paper garland.

Sunday 15th December

2-4pm (drop off)

at Wanstead Works

34-40 High Street, E11 2RJ

Age 6-11

Info & booking here...

[www.makemeanartstar.com](http://www.makemeanartstar.com)

Pop up stall

Mini colourful gifts  
15th Dec  
4-4.30pm



Exhibition

Art Stars & friends  
15th-19th Dec  
8am-6pm