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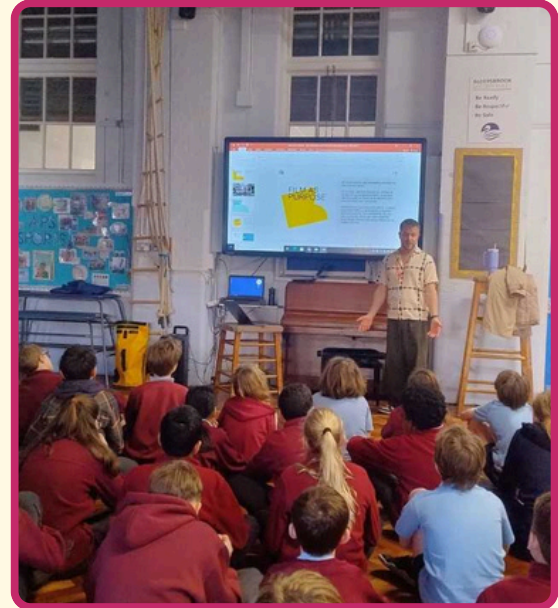
Aldersbrook Welcomes Inspiring Filmmaker

This week, our Year 6 pupils were excited to welcome the first guest speaker of our Careers-Focused Month.

Y6 had the opportunity to meet filmmaker James who shared insights into his work in international documentary filmmaking. James spoke about his creative process and how his own life experiences helped shape his career in film, particularly his passion for telling meaningful stories that explore themes of fairness and social justice. His first feature film is premiering next month at the BFI Flare Film Festival, and we were delighted he was able to visit us ahead of what promises to be a very busy time.

During the session, pupils took part in role-play activities and thoughtful discussions about how film, as a powerful form of storytelling, can help us see the world through different perspectives. They reflected on films that have had an impact on their own lives, including Avatar. Pupils made insightful connections between Avatar's themes and topics such as imperialism, the colonial era, and the environmental consequences of conflict. I was immensely proud of Y6's analytical reflections and insights - as well as their history knowledge. James was impressed by the pupils' curiosity and the quality of their questions. It was especially lovely to hear some children share that they hope to work in the film industry one day. Y6 were respectful, engaged, and thoughtful throughout.

A big thank you to Emily, one of our parent community members, for introducing us to James. Opportunities for pupils to encounter role models from a wide range of professions are a powerful way to inspire learning and broaden horizons. Experiences like this can spark new ambitions and help children begin to imagine the many paths their futures might hold.





We are really looking forward to welcoming more guest speakers over the coming weeks as part of our Careers Month. We already have exciting talks lined up from professionals working in international relief, politics, journalism and the world of football. These opportunities help our pupils see the wide range of pathways available to them and understand how different careers can make a positive impact locally and globally.

If you would be willing to share your own career journey with our pupils, we would love to hear from you. Even a 30-minute session can make a lasting impression and spark new ambitions. Please do get in touch if you are interested in contributing - we would be delighted to book you in!

SEND REFORM

The DfE are consulting on proposals to reform the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system.

The consultation document explains the changes the DfE plan to make and asks for comments from everyone with an interest. This includes hearing the voices of children, young people and families.

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Last half term, we held an LGBT+ Coffee Morning to welcome LGBT families and allies in a shared space for connecting. Families in attendance set up a Whatsapp and Email group to stay connected. If you are interested in joining this network, please email our office team on admin.aldersbrook@redbridge.gov.uk and we will put you in touch.



On Friday 13th March, we will be hosting a 'We Need to Talk about Phones' coffee morning with a specific focus on discussing being a Smart Phone Free school community for our pupils. This coffee morning will be a great chance to hear from those with experiences of smart phone free movements as well as family members who have been navigating this and families who are soon to approach the age where children start to ask for phones. The staff room will open from 08:45 for teas and coffees and our discussion will start from 09:00. We will also be joined by our local councillor, Emma Sheppard-Mallinson, and our local MP, Calvin Bailey.

Getting ready to celebrate all things reading!

We are excited about World Book day on Thursday 5th March. 2026 is the Year of Reading, and for World Book day this year the theme is to 'Go All In'.

Your child can dress up as their favorite character from a book on this day, if they wish. Here are some ideas for characters that are simple to put together, use items readily available from home, and do not require buying a whole new outfit:

- sports person
- bedtime character
- repurpose an existing costume
- add a prop

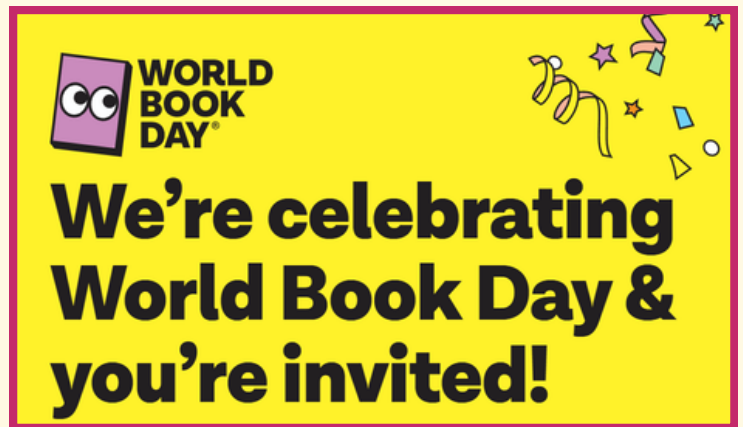
To start the day, we invite parents to come into class with their children from 8.30am until 8.50am. Your child can bring a book in from home to share with their classmates.

Reception to Year 3 will be taking part in an interactive session with the author and illustrator of the book, *The Flower Thief*. There will be an engaging story time, some creative activities, and a draw-along about the characters from the book.

Years 4–6 will be taking part in the Great Big World Book Day Footy and Booky Quiz 2026.

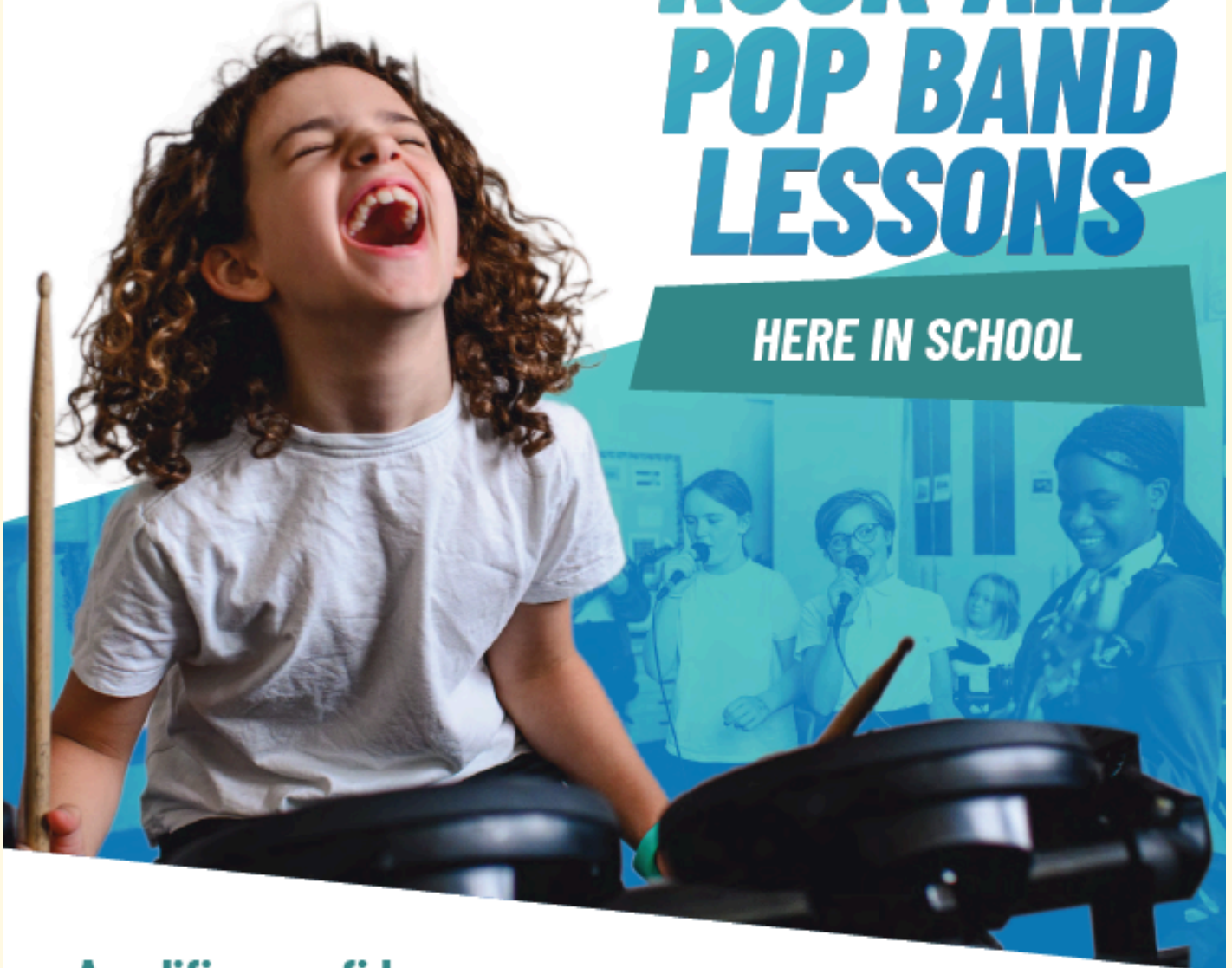
Years 3–6 are taking part in *Global Food Stories* with Michael Rosen and friends. It is a delicious journey through food-related global tales. Featuring mysterious treats, tempting wonders and magical morsels. Pupils will discover how diverse cultures have used food to spark imagination, build worlds and bring characters to life.

We do hope that everybody has a fabulous World Book Day! Thank you for your continued support to foster a love of reading in our children.



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