

THE FRIDAY POST



**ALDERSBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Let's learn together...

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE, CURIOUS, INDEPENDENT, CONFIDENT, INVOLVED

Last week, Aldersbrook Primary School welcomed visitors as part of our careers focus, continuing a fantastic half term of guest speakers and workshops supporting pupils to think aspirationally about their futures. Y6 were especially inspired by internationally performing drummer and music director MckNasty (Joshua McKenzie), who has worked with artists including Lady Gaga and Olivia Dean - sharing his passion for music, reflections on overcoming nerves, and advice on finding joyful career pathways; Year 6 pupils and staff alike were truly in awe.



In Early Years and Y1, the wonderful, Hannah, a parent community member and athletics enthusiast also inspired pupils around various different roles in society - learning more about Emergency Services and those who work in the post service through athletics exercises, games and activities.





A huge thank you to all community members who have contributed to, and shared contacts for, our Careers Focus 2026.

That's Not My Future - Edward Foster

I could be a fireman putting out flames,
Or I could be a dog groomer shaving great danes, but that's not my future

I could be a person who knows quite a lot, but that would mean on Christmas morning I'd know what I'd got
But still that's not my future

I could be a policeman arresting bad guys or I could be an exterminator travelling to houses to swat flies but yet my future has not been spoken

I just remembered one final job, its something to do with eating and stuffing food into your gob, but now I realise my future is mine not a fortune teller's vision

My future depends on my decisions, not being taught how to master division, but yet those decisions must be made with absolute precision

Take this message and spread it quick

No one can tell you your future because it is yours!

Success at Basketball!

Our Year 5/6 basketball squad had a fantastic day at this year's Redbridge School Sports Collective event. Competing with great enthusiasm and determination, the team achieved an impressive 2nd and 3rd place in the Plate competition. Well done to all the children who took part. They represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude throughout the event. We are very proud of you all!



Netball Festival Fun!

A big thank you to Redbridge School Sports Collective for hosting a fantastic Bee Netball Festival! Our children had an amazing time taking part in a variety of netball skills and drills. It was wonderful to see them enjoying the experience, building confidence, and learning new skills along the way.



Red Nose Day

We are still counting up the money but it looks like we have raised over £900 for Red Nose Day.. Thank you so much to everyone for supporting this wonderful charity and a huge thank you to our Community Ambassadors for organising such a wonderful morning.



Great to see Hector from 3M attending the Mathematics Discovery Day shared by Ms Kamali with families. Hector thoroughly enjoyed it. At the session resources including NRICH and Prodigy Math Game were shared for those interested in deepening their understanding of Maths.



A huge well done to Oliver and Emily for selling ice pops at school. They raised an incredible £225, which certainly gave them the motivation to power through their swims on Saturday. Along with her peers Mia also took part in the Marie Curie Swimathon last weekend for cancer research. She swam 1500m and raised some money for this great cause!

Mrs Eley would like to thank the families who came to watch and support the children taking part in Fun French Drama Club's production of Rapunzel et La Tour Eiffel. The children were amazing learning their lines in French and building the Eiffel Tower. Well done everybody.

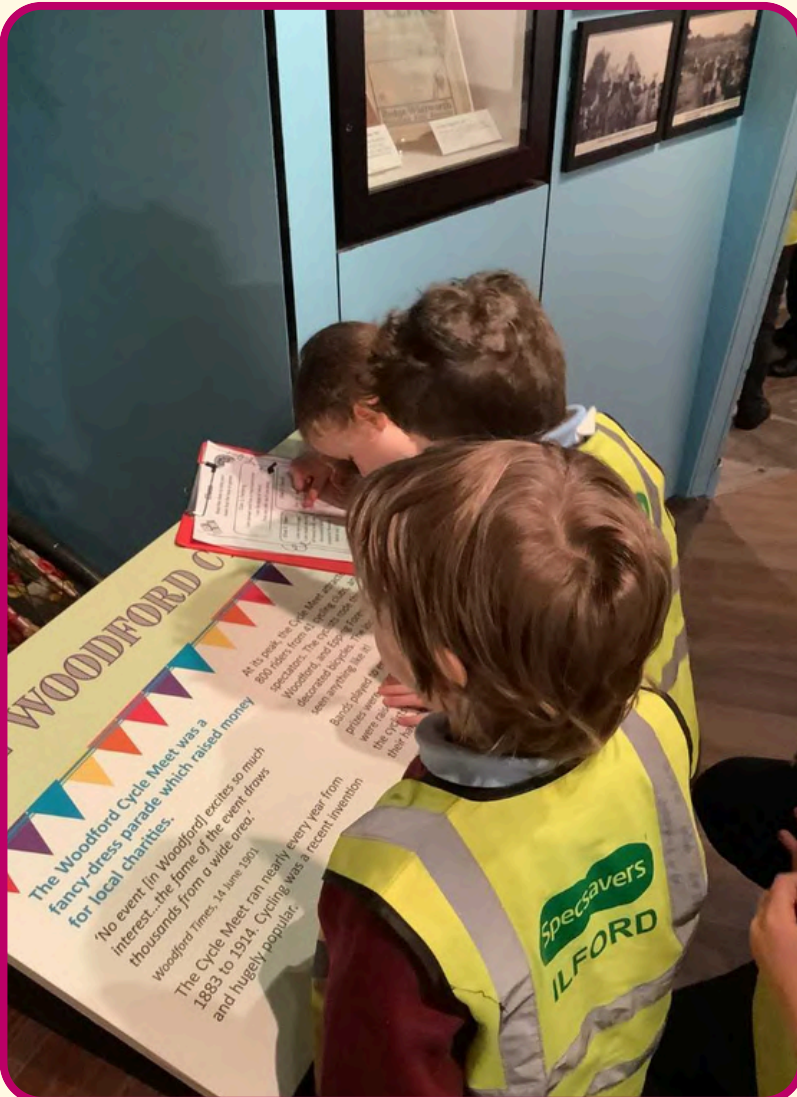


As part of our Amazon Rainforest topic in Year 4 this half term, we were delighted to host an exciting internal educational visit this week. The experience provided the children with a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding through engaging, hands-on learning activities. During the visit, the children took part in a guided, interactive session where they explored the topic further and even had the chance to see rainforest animals up close. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they asked thoughtful questions and made connections with their learning.



Year 1 - Redbridge Museum at the Redbridge Library

The children were transported back in time as they came face to face with toys from the past, including two well-loved teddy bears, with one being an incredible 86 years old! They marvelled at an Edwardian doll, her body carefully stuffed with straw, and discovered just how differently toys moved and worked compared to the ones we know today. They also got the chance to go on an exciting hunt around the museum, working together to solve the clues.



Curiosity Shop Update

Over the past couple of months, one of the most frequently asked questions has been about Curiosity Shop. For those who are new to Aldersbrook, Curiosity Shop is a long-running initiative where Y1-Y6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in enrichment activities led by teachers in the school day. These sessions are often based on teachers' own passions and interests, offering children a chance to deepen their learning beyond the usual curriculum. This is something that many children at Aldersbrook really enjoy, and it's particularly special for our Year 6 pupils, who I know look forward to taking part in Curiosity Shop one final time before their Primary years come to an end.

This year, Curiosity Shop will run for five weeks. The schedule has been carefully planned to sit between key events, including camping and the Year 6 residential, so that no pupils miss out. The first session will begin after the camping trips have finished, and the final session will take place before the Year 6 residential. There are a few slight changes this year. While Curiosity Shop will still include mixed year groups, these will now be organised within phases:

Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1)

Years 3 and 4 (Lower Key Stage 2)

Years 5 and 6 (Upper Key Stage 2)

Within these groups, pupils will be able to choose from 6–7 different activity options. In terms of key dates:

17th April: The full Curiosity Shop offer will be shared with families

23rd to 30th April: Families can submit their child's first, second, and third choices via a form.

Early May: Curiosity Shop Leaders will allocate pupils to activities. Whilst we can't guarantee first choices, we will do our best to ensure a fair balance

15th June to 13th July 2026: Curiosity Shop sessions will take place on Mondays during this period.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Aldersbrook pupils to experience an enriched curriculum and explore new interests. It is also a valuable chance for staff, including myself as Headteacher, and Mr. Abiola as Curriculum Lead, to engage more deeply with this unique part of Aldersbrook's culture.

At the end of this academic year, our Chair of Governors, Manny Hothi, and our Vice Chair of Governors, Ola Hotson, will be coming to the end of their terms of office. Both have served as parent governors and have made an exceptional contribution to the school, particularly in supporting its strategic direction and providing invaluable guidance to me in my role as Headteacher of Aldersbrook.

We will be sharing further information soon regarding upcoming parent governor elections, and we warmly encourage families to consider getting involved. The role of a school governor is an important one - working alongside school leaders to help shape the vision, ensure accountability, and support the best possible outcomes for all pupils. Please stay tuned for more details. We look forward to hearing from those who may be interested in playing a part in the continued success of our school community.

KIDS' FUN RUN

Aldersbrook Primary School PTA

 **16/05/2026** **11AM - 1PM**

Location:
Wanstead Flats &
Aldersbrook Primary School

£5 to Sign Up
On Eventbrite 

Medals for every runner! Plus food & drinks in the playground

**GET SPONSORED
& RAISE
MONEY FOR
THE
SCHOOL**



ALDBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES:
Earth Day – "Our Power, Our Planet" | 22nd April 2026

JOIN OUR EARTH DAY ADVENTURE!



The children will have **fun activities** and **learning** on how simple choices at school and home can help our planet. Together, we can make a **lasting difference!**

GET INVOLVED & CELEBRATE!

NON-UNIFORM DAY!



Wear **green and blue** (Oceans & Forests) and **donate £1** via Arbor for eco-projects!

JOIN THE WHOLE SCHOOL SONG!

"We've Got the **Whole World in Our Hands.**"



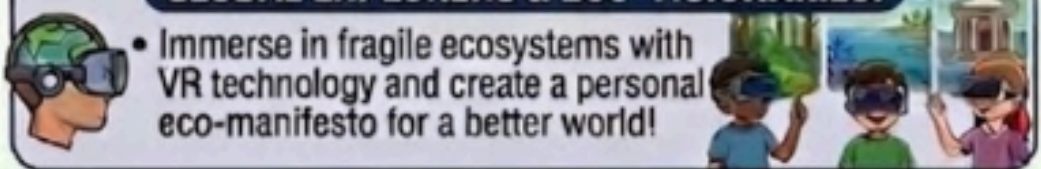
Sing together as a community!
 Learn the words:

SKILLS & ACTIONS FOR A GREEN FUTURE!



- Learning simple recycling & crafting.
- Caring for nature, everyday eco-conscious actions.
- **Climate Awareness & Carbon Footprint:** Identify ways to reduce emissions!
- Tune into an inspiring **Live Lesson!**

GLOBAL EXPLORERS & ECO-VISIONARIES!



• Immerse in fragile ecosystems with VR technology and create a personal eco-manifesto for a better world!



WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGE



Earth Day is more than awareness—it's responsibility. Let's show our children that even small actions matter. Learn, sing, and act together for our planet.
 Thank you,
 Aldersbrook Primary School,

EARTH DAY 2026 COMPETITION


“Our Power, Our Planet”

 Wednesday 22nd April 2026 |  Whole School Challenge!



To celebrate Earth Day, we are transforming our Telephone Box into a Greenhouse — and we need YOUR help!

THE COMPETITION

Create and donate a:

 **Decorated Plant Pot (WITH a plant!)**




Let your creativity shine! Think about:


 Bright colours and patterns |  Recycled!

POT IDEAS & THEMES

Let your creativity shine!



Think about:

 Bright colours and patterns |  Recycled materials |  Earth-friendly messages

 Nature themes (plants, animals, insects)



PRIZES





-  The Top 3 winners from EACH year group will have their plant pots displayed in our school greenhouse telephone box!
-  All other participant creations will be displayed with pride around the school grounds!



JUDGES





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| EYFS: Mrs A Sharif | Year 1: Miss Newman | Year 2: Mrs C Hunt | Year 3: Mr N Palmer | Year 4: Mr M Abiola | Year 5: Mrs R McDermott | Year 6: Mrs K Gandhi |

TOP TIPS TO WIN!

-  Be creative
-  Use recycled materials
-  Include a healthy plant
-  Share a positive message about helping the planet

 **DEADLINE** | Bring your plant pot into school by:  Wednesday, 22nd April 2026

 **REMEMBER...** Every small action makes a BIG difference. Our power helps our planet! |  Whole School Song: “We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands”

Payments to support Earth Day at Aldersbrook Primary School will be shared via a payment link on Arbor under Trips.