



Let's Learn Together....

Attendance Cup Winners

Congratulations to classes 3B, 1H and 2H on winning the attendance cup for week ending 12.1.18

Great News!

Thank you to all of the school community for backing our Aviva funding bid for the bus project. We have just found out that we have received **£10,000** towards this project, which will go a long way to ensure we can fill the bus with fantastic new books and make it an inspiring place to read! Particular thanks to **Jo Blackman** for her efforts to apply for the funding and in drumming up support.

School Lunch News!

We have been made aware that there has been a heated debate on one of the many Whatsapp groups that Mr Hughes (AKA 'The Packed Lunchbox Police') has banned all crisps, chocolates and everything nice!! Mayhem has descended on the school lunch hall and in homes around the Aldersbrook community....

To clear this up, a couple of points:

1. Nothing has been banned- it is parental responsibility to ensure their child brings to school a balanced (and hopefully healthy) lunch. I did speak to the older children in assembly this week about trying to bring treats such as crisps and chocolates for one day a week, or not *every* day, so that the children learn it is a treat, not a daily 'essential'. Senior leaders do speak to children in the hall about their lunches and we sometimes remind pupils to bring in fruit or water to ensure they eat a balanced diet. However, what children bring for a packed lunch is parental responsibility.

2. You may have heard the reports over the weekend about the increase in numbers of pupils needing dental work or teeth removed at earlier ages, due to poor diet and consumption of fizzy drinks. We have introduced water jugs on all tables at lunch time so that all pupils can access water. We would encourage parents to do so also when choosing drinks for packed lunches.

3. Myself and senior leaders are in the playground every morning, rain, hail or shine to welcome the children in and to discuss any issues parents may have. I would plead that parents simply come and speak to us directly if they have any concerns and we will be more than happy to try to find solutions together. Without exception, this has proven to be a much more effective method of communication than Whatsapp groups. Thank you to the parent that came to speak to me about it in the playground.

Mr Hughes

Bird Watch!

RSPB are holding their annual 'Big Garden Birdwatch' again this year on 27-29th January. This is a great way to get your young scientists and nature lovers involved in a fun, practical activity from the comfort of your own home. See the RSPB website to order your free pack (<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/>).

19th January 2018

Forthcoming Events

- For regular updates please take a look at our website www.aldersbrook.redbridge.sch.uk
- 24/1/18 - PTA meeting at the School @ 7:30pm
- 25/1/18 - 3B Sharing Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 31/1/18 - Phonics Evening Nursery 4:00-4:45pm or 5:00-5:45pm
- 1/2/18 - 6F Sharing Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 2/2/18 - Numbers Day at School
- 8/2/18 - 2H Sharing Assembly @ 2:30pm
- 8/2/18 - Valentines Disco
- 12/2/18 - 16/02/18 - Half term holidays
- 19/2/18 - Children return to School
- 21/2/18 & 22/02/18 - Parents Teacher

Our Value of the month is...



Web Design Request

We are in the process of updating and improving our website. We have a teensy weensy job that requires the help of a web designer, **for no more than an hour**, to help us with. If you know anyone that could help or if we have any parents or carers that could help out, please speak to Mr Hughes or Miss Sim at school.

PTA Meeting Reminder

A reminder that the next PTA meeting will be held at school staffroom on 24th January from 7:30pm. The same small number of parents give up a great deal of time to run all of the events that your children love so much over the year. Please come along to lend your support or ideas at this meeting. Yes, even the dads!!

Extreme Reading and Writing Competition

Next week we will be launching a competition across the school in Reading and Writing. There will be fantastic prizes to be won. Keep your eyes and ears open as more will be revealed next week! Miss Wright and Miss Bharani.

Parent Survey - Lunches

School Parliament met with lunch time staff and discussed meals that were their favourites. One of the outcomes was to create a survey to feed back to kitchen staff about meals. Please could you give up 2 minutes of your time to complete this survey of 5 questions. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BQ5TN2N> - Miss Wright

NSPCC Number Day 2018 is on Friday 2nd February.

To gear up for Number Day you can talk to your child about how you use Maths in your everyday life both at work and at home.

From weights and measures in the kitchen to telling the time so you don't miss the train for your daily commute.

Making real-life links to learning



Do you want to play a woodwind instrument

There is 1 space available to learn a woodwind instrument. Please leave a note for Mrs Henry to register your instrument and for more information. This opportunity is for children in years 3,4,5 and 6 only.



Keeping up with the children - Science @ St. Gabriel's Church Hall for Aldersbrook Primary School

Do you want to find out ways to support your child with Science?

Are you free on Tuesdays for 6 weeks?

Date: Tuesday 20 February 2018

Duration: 6 weeks

Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm

By returning the reply slip below will automatically guarantee your place on this course.

Please return this slip to Mr Gibson. Keeping Up with the Children Science (028)

Tuesday 20th February 2018 for 6 weeks 1pm – 3pm

Name:..... Mobile No:.....

Child's name:.....

Child's class:..... Tel No:.....

Email:.....

(please print clearly)



Wanstead Park Nature Club Sunday 28th January 11am- 1pm

RSPB BIG Garden birdwatch activity for children aged 3-7

Meet at the Temple, Wanstead Park

Take a walk to the Heronry Pond to identify and count the birds.

Follow up with bird crafts and stories.

Cost £3.50 per child. Children must be accompanied.

Contact: jcbillingham@yahoo.co.uk

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