

Redbridge Newsletter

Summer newsletter July 2016

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Students Enjoying the Glorious Sunshine

Important Dates for your Diary



- Thursday 21st July School Closes at 1.00pm for the Summer Holidays.
- Tuesday 6th September School re-opens for students.
- Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October School Closed for Half Term.
- Friday 25th November Staff Training Day, School Closed

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year.

It has been a busy and exciting year moving into our new building, welcoming a number of new pupils to the school as well as staff, another wonderful school performance and the successful fundraising effort for a new minibus which will arrive before the end of term.

Sad news as well this year having lost two ex-pupils David Malloy and David Lee to illness. Our thoughts as ever are with their families.

Next term we are looking forward to welcoming a new cohort of year 7 pupils as we say goodbye to our Year 14 students, Sally May, Luke, Kallum, Samantha, Anthony, Alisha, Jack, Chloe, Nikita, Erin, Laura, Jemma all of whom have brought their very own unique personalities to the school leaving us with lots of memories from over their time at Redbridge. We wish them the very best for the future and will be checking on their progress!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break and that we all benefit from some better weather! Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support throughout the year. Pupils will return on Tuesday September 6th and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Paul Cronin
(Head teacher)

ECHO ECHO!

A chance encounter in the Liverpool Walker Art Gallery has led to a wonderful donation to school that will serve us for years to come.

2 years ago, Kerry Quinn, operations director of ACC Liverpool Echo Arena, met one of our ex pupils Joshua Henderson whilst he was drawing in the gallery. Feeling he was such a good ambassador for the school, Kerry contacted the school to offer her praises and any additional support she could give.

Xavi Pamies, the ACC Production Manager, has been into school on several occasions, to assist with lighting and technical issues created by the new school move. Xavi and Kerry have donated some much needed equipment, a lighting desk, to replace our old one and some equipment for our music room to amplify and add musical effects to the pupil's instruments and voices. Following receiving the equipment pupils escorted Xavi and Kerry around school and demonstrated the new school facilities.

We wish to thank Kerry and Xavi for their kind donations and continued support of our school.

Mandy Hesketh Assistant Headteacher



Xavi Pamies, Mollie, Jerrard, Kerry Quinn, Porsha, Phil Johnston, Maria and Mandy Hesketh

Healthy Schools Award

We are proud to announce that Redbridge High School has again received the "Healthy Schools award" 2016-2019. We have worked hard to ensure that our pupils are provided with opportunities to keep fit, eat healthy and participate in activities to promote health and well-being.



Pupils cover a variety of topics such as 'Citizenship', 'Relationships', 'Safety' and 'Personal care' as part of their PSHE curriculum. Furthermore, we organise whole school events to inclusively develop our pupil's skills, this year we enjoyed Multicultural week in which pupils explored a different religion every day. Well done to all staff and pupils for working so hard to receive this external award.

Lauren Teacher Base 3

International Visit!



This half term we had a visit from representatives of a group of schools from the State of Andhra Pradesh in India. Vasu and his colleague run 5 schools including a 'mobile' school that travels around to the local villages in the State to provide support for pupils with physical disabilities. It was very chastening for us to hear the issues around resources and equipment that they face in comparison to the provision we have in this country despite our own difficulties with budget reductions. We hope to develop further

links with their schools over the next academic year.

Paul Headteacher

Please visit our web site to view our FANTASTIC Summer News Show !



Redbridge Rock Festival, Olympics 2016, Sports Day, The Queens 90th Birthday Party plus many more !
www.redbridgehighschool.co.uk/css/movies/summernews2016.html



Garden and Bedroom Makeover

WellChild
the national charity for sick children

WellChild Helping Hands is a unique home improvement programme which, with the support of volunteer teams from local companies and organisations, tackles garden and bedroom make-overs. Our projects make a real difference to the lives of families caring for children and young people with complex care and health needs across the UK.

Many thanks to Mrs Delaney (parent) who provided the school with the information. For further details please visit WellChild Website

www.wellchild.org.uk

Mike Senior ICT Support Officer

Calvert Trust



Jack, Ryan, Patrick, and Callum from Base 1 all had an amazing week at the Calvert Trust in the Lake District in June. They participated in horse & trap riding, abseiling down a steep hillside and canoeing on Derwent water where they sailed to the island in the middle of the lake. The group went free swinging in a swinging sling in the sports hall and Callum was very animated. Jack did incredibly well abseiling, Patrick and Ryan were fantastic horse riding around the arena; There was great fun in the evening watching the European Football matches, playing pool; and going to the disco.

Maire Rooney Assistant Headteacher



Music festival

The R.E topic this half term for Year 7 was 'Summer Activities'. The lessons began with looking at activities that each student might do during the summer holidays with their families.

Questionnaires were taken home and completed. It was very interesting to discuss what everyone was planning to do during the summer break.

The topic continued with planning their own dream holiday after a lottery win! Then, after talking about music festivals Class 4 planned 'Redstock Festival'.

Posters were made to advertise the event, wristbands ordered, food and decorations sorted! Bands booked!

The weather was kind to us and everyone joined in with lots of dancing, fun and laughter

Gill Johnston Teacher Base 2



Maths Party

Schools across Liverpool took part in a Maths Party on Friday June 16th and naturally the pupils at Redbridge played their part. All afternoon, every class took part in a range of activities both inside and outside. Luckily the sun shone and by the end of the afternoon our water balloon relay activity descended into a hilarious water fight! Everyone enjoyed themselves and the pupils got to experience maths in a variety of new scenarios, all based around the theme of a party.

Ben Farley Teacher Base 2

Stay Safe, Stay Cool This Summer

Keep close to Parents/Carers when out and about. Protect yourself from the hot sun.

Remember 'Stranger Danger' and please be careful crossing roads.

The Puppet Workshop May 2016



This year Redbridge High School hosted the Puppet Workshop for the very first time.

It was lovely to be able to invite 25 Year 6 students from Rice Lane school to join with 26 Year 7 students from Redbridge for a week full of singing, dancing, creating puppets and a puppet show for everyone in school to enjoy.

Everyone from Rice Lane was totally enamoured with our new school especially the outdoor play areas, rebound therapy room, specialist equipment such as ceiling hoists etc. and the amount of light and space everywhere.

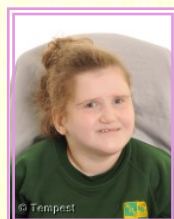
It was great to be able to see all the students working together between the art room and dining hall as they created their puppets ready for the Friday show. As we reached Friday, many friendships had been formed between Rice Lane and Redbridge pupils and there was a real party atmosphere as all of the Redbridge pupils were invited to join parents to watch the show in the hall.

The week finished with the familiar 'good bye' song as parents and students danced together and waved each other off.

It's a fabulous week for the two schools to work together in creating a unique and enjoyable event for everyone to share. We hope to see Rice Lane again next year.

Cathy Pastoral Learning Support

Redbridge High School Leavers 2016



Our leavers this year will be greatly missed when they leave at the end of this term however, they have some exciting opportunities ahead. They are: Anthony Mawdsley who has a place at Thingwall Hall. Alisha Madden who will be attending St Josephs. Luke Brady and Kallum Dunne have enrolled at Liverpool Community College on the Pathways Employability Skills course. Sally May Hayes is heading to Activate in Kirby to study Personal Progress, Samantha Roberts is going to Thornton College and will take part in their Life Skills programme. Jemma Collins is enrolled at Knowsley College on the Pathways to Personal Progress course. They will be greatly missed and we wish them every luck in the future.

We have 4 pupils leaving Base 1 this year- Erin is going to Activate for 3 days a week; Jack and Nikkita are going to The Lime for 5 days a week; and Chloe is going to Activate for 3 days and The Lime for 2 days. They have all contributed a great deal to school life at Redbridge and we wish them lots of luck.

From Base 3 we have Laura Burns who is off to Kaleidoscope to participate in community projects and swimming. Samantha Gill (Class 7) will be making the short hop to our neighbouring school Bank View High.

Good Luck to all!!!

Sports Roundup

Olympic Day

A great day was had by all at the Redbridge Olympic Legacy Event. Each class had a country to investigate and had to prepare food, music and information about their country for other pupils to see. We started off the day with a parade of nations, dancing and cheering and waving their flags. Each class had made an Olympic flame to add to our torch which looked wonderful. This was followed by our trip around the world, sampling the delights of the various countries. In the afternoon, the pupils went along to different events such as tag rugby, archery, sprinting, football and tennis to give them a small taste of the Olympic Games. The day was finished off by a final parade and pupils sharing their experiences with the other classes.



Sports day

Sports day in our new school was a success. The good weather held for our fantastic competitors all afternoon. Our sports leaders each had their own work stations which they manned all afternoon. Welcoming pupils to each event and keeping score. Pupils lined up to run down our new race track and we had some of the fastest sprint times that we have ever had here at school. Congratulations to all of our great sports men and women! Keep up the great work. We also had Paralympian Liz Johnson at school on sports day, she loved helping the leaders and was so impressed by our pupils' mature attitude towards the event. Liz has a Bronze, Silver and Gold Paralympic medal for Swimming. She inspired our pupils by sharing her wonderful story with them and then cheered them on as they ran to victory.



Steph Sports Teacher

Redbridge Iron Man Challenge

On Sunday July 16th Jordan Clarke completed an amazing feat of human endurance when he competed in the Bolton Iron Man competition to raise funds for Redbridge High



School. In just over ten hours, Jordan ran a marathon, cycled 112 miles and swam 2 ½ miles. At time of going to print Jordan had raised over £1600 for Redbridge!

As well as being in awe at his success, all the pupils and staff at Redbridge are very grateful to Jordan for his gesture of support.

*If you still haven't supported Jordan go to
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jordan-Clarke29*

Cormac Teacher Class 11

The Queens 90th Birthday Party

In our Literacy lessons last term Class 12 were asked to plan afternoon tea for the Queen's 90th birthday party, the pupils had to send out invitations, devise a menu and write a shopping list. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed organising the event and we



even had a few special guests attending, Klaudia Malek (Queen) Matthew Gillies (Prince Phillip), Caroline Harris (Camila), Michael Delaney (Prince Charles), Megan Blamire (Princess Anne), Andrew Finley (Prince Andrew), Chloe Crowney (Kate Middleton) Kallum Dunne (Prince William) and James Johnston (Prince Harry).

Jemma Teacher Class 12

Redbridge High School Academic Calendar 2016-2017

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Holidays

Weekends

Inset Days*

*2 additional Inset training days to be announced

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