



NEWSLETTER



This is the first of our monthly newsletters and we hope you enjoy reading it. Please **do** check out your child's class on our website as well as going to the website for information. Homework is sent out fortnightly on a Friday and Groupcall will send any important or urgent information to you via your smartphone.

Contact details


Some parents have expressed that they have been receiving too many phone texts. From now on, we will only send SMS texts for urgent messages and e-mails for general information. Can we remind parents the importance of providing the school with an up-to-date phone number and e-mail address so that no-one misses out on anything. Thank you.



We have been very lucky with our weather, and so close to December! We do need to consider how well dressed we are and prepared for the cold, the rain, the frost and the dark nights. Please remember to send your child to school in the right gear to keep them warm and dry; with well gripped footwear and Hi-Viz bits (so that they can be seen in the dark).

ATTENDANCE

Our best performing classes over the month of October are:

Perfect: 100% attendance	Excellent (99.9% - 98%)	Good (97.9% - 96%)
	3D and 5S	2J, 2N, 3M, 4B, 4W, 5A and 6D

There are some really good results here. Well done to all the classes that are attaining higher than our target of 96%. Keep it up!

OUR KARATE ACADEMY

Sensei Jade (Lea Valley Karate Academy) has sent us this wonderful photograph of Sebastian who attended his first karate grading on Sunday 8 October.

He did extremely well and passed his first belt in karate. He was the only pupil from Gilbert Colvin to attend and so was very brave to perform, without his friends, as well as he did.

We are very proud of Sebastian's achievements. If anyone is interested in enrolling their child in the club, please let the school office know.



CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME



The NELFT Redbridge School Health Team (who work as part of the NHS) will shortly be coming to the school and measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and in Year 6.

This is as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

If you have a child in Reception or Year 6 you will receive an explanatory letter with information about this, **before measurements are taken**, and a further results letter approximately 6 weeks after. If an invitation to a healthy

lifestyle session is attached to your results letter, we encourage you to attend.

DAFFODILS

Thank you to The PA for providing 500 Daffodil bulbs so that every child in the school will have the chance to plant a bulb in our front garden area to brighten up our spring mornings.

The Green Ambassadors have made a start already!



BE BRIGHT –SHINE A LIGHT FOR ROHINGYA

As part of our Rights Respecting Schools' commitment, we would like to donate to this very worthy cause. Many lives are affected due to violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, which has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes.

We are holding a non-

uniform day on the Friday 24th November and are combining our BE BRIGHT BE SEEN road safety campaign with fundraising for Rohingya. Please wear your brightest and most fluorescent/ reflective clothing and bring a £1.00 donation.



GREEN AMBASSADORS

Recently, classes selected two "Green Ambassadors" to encourage other children to develop our new school garden. Our aim is for all the children to take part in gardening, as well as taking their learning outside through different curriculum areas. We would welcome parent views and support.

Please follow the link below to complete a short questionnaire which will help us go forward [Outdoor Learning Questionnaire](#)

[Christmas Jumper Day](#) and [Christmas Dinner](#) will be on Friday 15th December. Please wear something festive or silly for the day and join in the fun!! Donations over Christmas will go to the Save the Children Charity.

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We are currently a part of the Going for Gold programme in Philosophy for Children (P4C) where children are taught how to create their own philosophical questions. They then choose one question that is the focus of a philosophical enquiry, or dialogue. We are a third of the way through our journey to becoming a P4C Gold school as we have recently been awarded the Bronze award for our commitment to P4C.



We are excited about continuing our journey and look forward to seeing the children develop in their philosophical thinking and enquiry. Gaining our second award of Silver will be a cause for further qualification!

Eco Schools News

Switch Off Fortnight: From Monday 20th November to Sunday 3rd December, Green Ambassadors will be monitoring the use of electricity in our school. Switch off lights and appliances when not in use. Do not leave TVs on standby. Save energy save the planet!

Looking for...

Year 1 teachers are looking for massive electric cable barrels to use in their outdoor area. If anyone could get hold of one, please inform the office. We will be soooo impressed if you can! Thanks!



Bake Sale



It is well known at Gilbert Colvin that we all enjoy a good bake sale and, fortunately for us, the Parents' Association is holding a GREAT BIG Bake Sale just outside the school dining room, on Thursday (23rd November) straight after school. Hurry! Only while stocks last...

Dates for your Diary!!

Date	Time	Event	Place
20/11/2017	All week	Y6 Cycle confident	GCPS
23/11/2017	9:00am	Maths workshop for Reception parents	GCPS
28/11/2017	AM	6Q Trip	Redbridge museum
29/11/2017	AM	6D Trip	Redbridge museum
05/12/2017	AM	Height & Weight measurement for Reception and Year 6 children	GCPS
08/12/2017	PM	Flu immunisation for Reception and Year 6 children	GCPS
13/12/2017	2:30PM	Christmas concert to Reception parents	School hall
13/12/2017	2PM	Y3 - Y6 Christmas Carol Concert	Barkingside Methodist Church
14/12/2017	9:30AM	Christmas concert to Year 1 parents	School hall
15/12/2017	All day	Christmas Jumper day	
	9-10:15	Curriculum Open Morning	
	Lunch	Christmas Dinner	
18/12/2017	6PM	Christmas Concert	School hall
20/12/2017	1.30PM	School closes for the Christmas Holiday	