

Newbury Park Primary School

a community school in the London Borough of Redbridge



European Award
for Languages
2005 Winner

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Newsletter

Dear parent,

Emergency Contact Information

Each year we ask parents to complete a new emergency contact form. It is vital that we keep this information up to date in school. Fortunately, we use it only rarely but when we need to it is very important that we have the correct details to get in touch with you.

Please complete this form as fully as possible, amend any out of date information and return to the School Office as soon as possible.

Many parents complain that they often miss letters as the letter gets lost on the way home or is buried under the PE kit at the bottom of their child's bag. To help with this problem we shall be sending out our **newsletters by email** as well. **If you have an email address please include it on the form.**

We will continue to send out letters both in paper and electronically this year but will gradually withdraw paper copies from those who prefer a direct email. Since we have been accredited with Eco School status, we have become very conscious of our impact on the planet. Last year the school used around 825,000 sheets of paper which is the approximate equivalent of 500 trees. By sending newsletters and information to you electronically we are saving money and paper.

Help us and help the planet by letting us use your email to send you information.



The BIG TOY SWAP

The Toy Exchange is a chance for children to bring in any unwanted toys that they have become bored of or grown out of and swap it for another toy(s).

From **Monday 16th November** children will be able to bring in their unwanted toys or games. For each toy they bring in they will be given a toy token which they will be able to exchange for another toy on **27th November 2009**.

This is a great recycling idea and we want all the children to understand how recycling can work in practice.



In order to get a toy token the toy must reach the following criteria;

- It must be in full working order
- All parts must be present
- Non-electrical
- Non-corroded from batteries or rust
- Clean
- It must be suitable for primary age children

Any type of toy is welcome: board games, puzzles, dolls, teddies and more.

Project Aims: -

- To recycle/reuse unwanted toys within the school community
- To reduce the number of toys being thrown away
- Part of the school's effort to help the environment and work towards our Eco Schools Status

Toys which do not get swapped will be donated to local children's charities.

School Awards

I am very pleased to say that during this term the school has gained a number of Awards:



Healthy Schools

We are now officially a Healthy School having been accredited as having a good programme to promote the health and well being of our pupils. Part of this work has been to encourage our pupils to adopt a healthy attitude to the choices they make when choosing food to eat. We recognise that the support of parents has been very

important in promoting changes towards healthy eating habits.

We are particularly grateful for the support that parents of children bringing a packed lunch have given to our efforts.

Your support in implementing the “**crisps only on Mondays**” & “**chocolate or cakes only on Fridays**” rules for packed lunches has really given the children a chance to learn to place a value on other foods, particularly fruit and vegetables as snacks.

We have also gained the Transport for London



Travel Award for our efforts in using public transport,

promoting road safety, encouraging children to walk to school as well as developing a comprehensive travel plan.



Our Eco School award has been upgraded to Silver in recognition of the continual effects of the Eco team and the wider impact this is having on the whole school community. This has included getting the pupils

involved in saving energy schemes in the school. Growing food in the school garden and the programme of class work aimed at developing children’s awareness of environmental and global issues.

If you are not aware the school offers recycling facilities for clothes and shoes as well as printer cartridges. Clothes and shoes can be placed in the blue container at the school entrance and there is a collection point for printer cartridges in the reception lobby.

The Eco team are now working towards the prestigious green flag award which will involve several Eco projects including the completion of our conservation area.

Important safety notice

Collecting children from Clubs and activities at the end of the school day

If your child is taking part in an activity after school please make sure that you come into the school to collect them. A number of parents are unfortunately parking in the road outside and asking their children to come and find them.

On these dark evenings this creates a hazard for children. If children go off into the street to find parents our staff do not know if they have been safely collected or not.

Please ensure that you come into the reception area of the school to collect your child. Staff running activities **will not allow children to go out into the street to meet with parents.**

Late collection of children after 3:30 pm

Unfortunately, a number of parents have been regularly late collecting children at the end of the school day. We understand that emergencies do occur and this may happen **occasionally**. If you are delayed for any reason please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know.

In the event of a late collection the school may apply a charge to cover the cost of staff time involved in supervising your child.

Coming events

Friday 20th November

Children in Need charity event in school. Our Year 6 pupils will be organising a Fair to raise money. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be encouraged to bring some pocket money to school to take part in the Fair.

It will be a non-uniform day with “wear a hat” as the theme.

Friday 11th December

Parents coffee morning hosted by Mrs Harper.

Christmas concerts and parties:

Mon 14th Dec. Year 2 classes

2E & 2H 9:30 am
2C & 2D 2:30 pm

Tue 15th Dec. Reception classes

RE & RQ 9:30 am
RG & RJ 1:45 pm

Wed 16th Dec. Year 1 classes

1A & 1M 9:30 am
1S & 1G 2:30 pm

Thur 17th Dec. Nursery

NAM 10AM
NPM 1.45PM

Class Parties Recept. – Year 5 pm
(non uniform day)

Fri 18th Dec. KS 2 Carol Concert 9.30am

Nursery Parties
Y6 Parties pm

(non uniform day)