



JUST A REMINDER that as part of our work developing children's awareness of how they can support others, locally and globally, on the **7th June** we are taking part in an event which we hope will raise money for a UNICEF project - **The Playground Challenge**. The idea is that children design part of an obstacle course and fundraise to help children in need of health care. Thank you for the designs you have already had submitted.

The money raised will be used by UNICEF to buy various items which will ensure children across the world stay healthy - this links with the UNICEF article **Article 24: Every child has the right to be healthy, have nutritious food, clean water, a clean environment and good quality health care.**

The items which can be bought are varied:

5,000 water purification tablets	£18
An emergency shelter for a family	£29
Measles vaccines for 20 children	£13



Search this link to find more information <https://market.unicef.org.uk/inspired-gifts/>

We do hope your child will enjoy taking part in this fun event and that a lot of money can be raised at the same time. We are asking for donations on the day. *Miss Nuttall and Mrs McDonough*

Playground News

As a school, we are proud to offer a variety of opportunities that enable our children to develop their physical, social and emotional well-being. A big part of this has been our efforts in developing a more stimulating playground for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes.



This year, the money raised from PSA events have helped fund new play equipment. Most of the equipment purchased was for the infant playground which is used by Reception and Year 2 children during lunchtimes.

The children are thoroughly enjoying using the new equipment and at the same time they are developing important physical skills such as balancing, throwing and catching. We have also added to the equipment used by the rest of the school in other areas of the playground - such as the field and the Golden Garden.



As well as purchasing equipment we have also given children more responsibility in the playground. Last term, a group of children from years 2 to 6 volunteered to be

Playground Pals and made a commitment to help encourage happy and healthy

playtimes. They have been supporting their peers to resolve minor disputes through peer mediation. Ria from 2N said, *"I love being a playground pal because I help other children to have a fun playtime."*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the PSA fundraising events. It is this level of support that has enabled us to provide the children in our school with fantastic opportunities. We have more exciting plans for the playground and I look forward to giving you further updates in the near future. *Ms Pindoria (Play Enrichment)*





Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their **Bikeability** last week. Most children that took part in the training completed Level 1, where they were taught how to check that their bikes were safe to ride, how to control their bike with greater proficiency and how to be aware of the space and other cyclists around them. The children completed their course on the school grounds and will be rewarded with a Level 1 certificate. Well done Year 4!



We also had some beginners who were taught by Miss Edmondson how to balance using the balance bikes; some children eventually riding a bike with greater confidence. Thank you to Miss Edmondson for her support throughout Bikeability week, ensuring all children gained the most from their sessions and even teaching a group of children how to ride a bike. We could not have done it without her!

Next week it will be Year 3 climbing upon their bikes striving to complete Level 1 (7th - 8th May).

This has been an amazing opportunity for our children at Colindale, provided by Barnet. This opportunity will hopefully encourage our children to cycle to school more safely.

If your child is cycling or scooting to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet; the Borough of Barnet do recommend that all children should wear a helmet. *Ms Thompson (PSHE Leader)*

Parent Staff Association EYFS End of Term Party. The Nursery and Reception children had their first ever joint EYFS End of Term party



on Tuesday 2nd April. They really enjoyed playing musical bumps, musical statues and taking part in



the dance competition! They had a short break for some refreshments, before having even more fun dancing with their glow sticks. The party was so good

we didn't want it to end! A big thank you to the Nursery and Reception staff who helped make the party such a big success. A special **thank you** to the *Colindale Food Centre* who donated the food. *Emma Hurn (AHT)*

The **final league standings for the Girls' and Boys football teams** are in! After a fabulous season for both teams, I can proudly announce that the Girls' football team finished 5th in their league and the Boys's football team also finished 5th in their league. This is the best league position that the Boys' have ever had, winning 5 games, drawing 1 and only losing 3 games. Well done to both teams!



Coach Michael who has trained the teams this year would like to say how proud he is of both squads and is very pleased with the dedication and commitment all the players have shown over the season!!

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY FOR YOUR DIARIES

2nd May -Year 4 trip to the National Portrait Gallery

13th - 16th May -Year 6 SATs

3rd May - Year 1 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

KS1 SATs throughout May

6th May - School closed for bank holiday

27th May to 4th June—half term holiday, school closed.