



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term is now in full swing and our students have been fully engaged in both their studies and a range of extra curricular activities.

Congratulations to our boys who participate regularly in our Mandarin Club, and who achieved their YCT1 Confucius Institute Certificate in Mandarin. A brilliant achievement. A special thank you to Mr Ababio who organises the club. If any other boys are interested in taking part they should go and see Mr Ababio in ML1 for more information.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bruton and the Modern Languages Team for organising a European Day of Languages. The highlight of the day for many of the Year 8 boys was the cake making and decorating competition followed by a cake sale in aid of Macmillan



Cancer Support. Congratulate to Eesa, Adam, Nikhil, Abisahan, Haokan, Raghavan, Kamran, Taaha, Krishnan, Sukinthan, Terry and Rahat for their prize winning cake entries and to Mrs Bruton for raising a fantastic £163.94 for Macmillan.

October is Black History Month and Mr Pearson, the History team and a number of students have been leading a series of inspirational assemblies, that have made us all look at the past in a different way.

In PE many boys are participating in our extra-curricular programme. Inter House football is in full swing with boys from all year groups competing for House points and the coveted trophy.

Inter-school football competition is also underway with Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 boys already through to the second round of the Essex Cup. Congratulations for getting through to the second round and good luck for your upcoming matches!

Non-competitive Badminton and Table Tennis clubs are running at lunchtime for any boys who are interested in taking part and there is football and futsal team training before school. Any boys interested in taking part should talk to Mr Bassan and the PE Team.

For those students who are interested in Art and Creativity, Mr Stutchbury is running two lunchtime clubs—KS3 Art Club on a Monday and a new Creativity Society on a Wednesday lunchtime. Please speak to Mr Stutchbury for further details.

Mr Pearson is running a Model UN on a Monday lunchtime for students interested in world politics and debate.

In order to raise awareness of the environment and improve our environmental footprint at ICBS Ms Capin has launched the Eco Society. I am sure its members and their work will have a positive influence on school as well as on our environment!

Thank you to all our Staff and Students who are engaged in extra-curricular activities. Students who are interested in taking part should approach the members of staff running each club directly and they will be able to provide them with more information.

In our efforts to ensure that our school and its site remains free from drugs we invited a snuffle dog and the Safer Schools Police Officers into school on Friday 27th September. Some schools have problems with drugs being brought on site, we work very hard to ensure that our site remains drug free and initiatives like this one help us achieve this. Some students did not like the fact we had dogs on site and we can understand that. Ideally we would rather not have to do such things, but we must make sure that we keep all our students safe and that students know how seriously we take the issues of drugs and prohibited items.

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that no drugs were found and that all of our students cooperated in a very mature way. This is a tribute to the incredibly impressive body of students we have in the school. We will continue to work hard to ensure that our school and its site remain drugs free.



Years 7 & 8 students should polish their dancing shoes and reserve the date of Wednesday 11th December in their diaries for the annual WCHS/ICBS Disco.

In order to help reunite lost PE Kit and uniform with its owners we have signed up with the “Find my kit” organisation. More details can be found in this Newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Drysdale

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 16 th October	Year 11 Parents Elevate Education session (6-7pm)
Thursday 17 th October	Progress Check Report 1 Home to parents (Yrs 11 and 13)
Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th October	Half Term holiday (students not in school)
Thursday 31 st October	Staff Training Day (students not in school)
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th November	Computer Science Bebras Competition
Monday 4 th November	UCAS Appeal process begins (2 nd tranche)
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 12 Student Leadership Applications open (3 weeks)
Thursday 7 th November	BMAT (Biomedical Admissions Test)-Practise Pre-tests
Friday 8 th November	Senior Maths Challenge
Monday 11 th November	UCAS Appeal process ends
Tuesday 12 th November	Remembrance Day (11.11am)
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 7 Parents afternoon
Thursday 14 th November	Year 10 Curriculum Evening
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd November	Year 13 PTC
Thursday 21 st November	Medics/Dentists/Vets social (7.00-9.00pm)
Tuesday 26 th November	Road safety week
Wednesday 27 th November	PC1 Home to parents
Thursday 28 th November	Non-uniform day
Friday 29 th November	Year 12 Student Leadership Applications close
Monday 2 nd to Thursday 5 th December	Home School Link
Thursday 5 th December	Year 10 PTC
Friday 6 th December	Mathematical Olympiad/ Senior Kangaroo
Monday 9 th to Friday 20 th December	Year 11 MFL Mock orals
Monday 9 th December	6 th Form Open Evening
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 11 Exam Briefing
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 11 Practice Exams
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas lunch for Hatfield Lodge
Friday 13 th December	Computer Science Olympiad
Wednesday 18 th December	Eagles Christmas lunch
Monday 23 rd Dec 19 to Friday 3 rd Jan 20	Falcons Christmas lunch
Monday 6 th January	Yrs7/8 Disco at WCHS
	Hawks & Yr 11 Osprey Christmas lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Celebration Evening
	Christmas/ Winter Holiday
	Students return to school

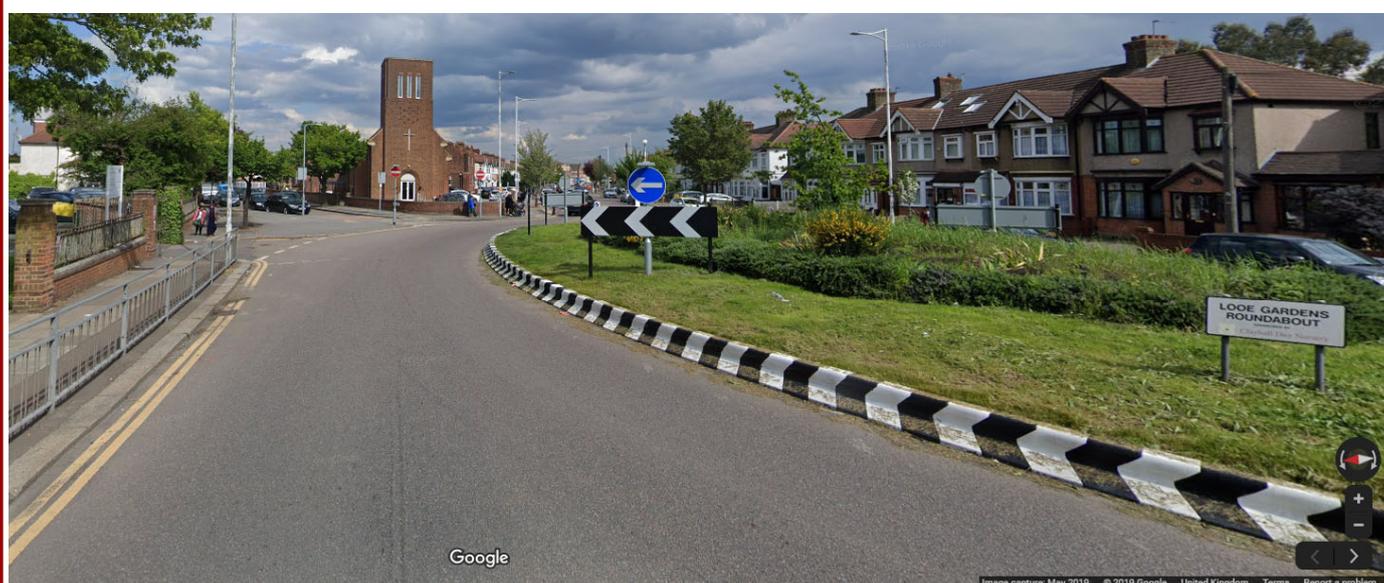
SAFETY REMINDER

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are bringing your son to school by car can we remind you not stop on the mini roundabout to drop him off. One of our Youth Travel Ambassadors counted 59 cars doing this. Stopping across the vehicular access to the school makes it difficult for staff to enter and causes them to stop unexpectedly on the roundabout. There have been a number of “near misses” and complaints from local residents. This can also be very dangerous for students getting out of or into their parents cars. We encourage all students to walk a short distance as part of an active lifestyle and would ask for your support in this matter.

Thank you,

Ilford County High School



SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Applications to start secondary school in September 2020 are now open with the Local Authority of Redbridge.

Please visit their website <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions/> for further information.

Kind Regards,

Office Team Lead

The deadline for online applications is Thursday 31st October 2019



Secondary school admissions

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Dear Parents/Carers,

To celebrate the annual “European Day of Languages” which takes place annually on Thursday 16th September, our students spent that week undertaking various projects which included researching different foods, customs of different countries, preparing presentations on a chosen area in the target language, discussing the use of different idioms and looking at reasons why learning a language is so important today.

The boys in Year 8 were particularly brilliant coming up with some very inventive European bake-off creations after being set the challenge of using their baking skills to represent their chosen country/language. I was really impressed with both their creativity and their generosity as most agreed to sell their contributions at a cake sale which took place at break and lunchtime, raising over £160 for the Macmillan charity.

Champion Baker	Eesa (Eagles)
Runner Up	Adam (Hawks)
Most Creative	Nikhil, Abisahan and Haokan (Hawks)
Most Inventive	Raghavan and Kamran (Falcons)
Best Baker	Taaha (Hawks)
Most Original	Krishnan (Hawks)
Most Prolific	Sukinthan, Terry and Rahat (Falcons)

Thanks also must go to the Sixth Form Charity Group led by Ashvin (Year 13) who helped sell the cakes on the day.

With best wishes

Mrs Bruton



ART COMPETITION

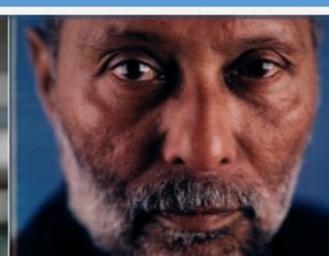
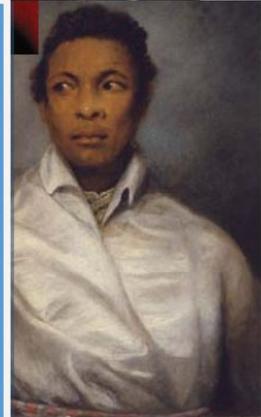
Black History Month Art Competition!



Celebrate Black History Month by entering the Art Competition.

All you have to do is draw an influential person from ethnic minorities in the UK, and submit it to Mr Stutchbury by the 28th of October.

Make sure to write your name, form and who you are drawing!



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DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING



Yubo is a location-based social networking app previously known as Yellow. It has been dubbed 'Tinder for teens' due to its similarities with the adult dating app, in which users swipe to find matches. Yubo syncs with Snapchat and allows users to livestream themselves to anyone watching, and rate other users.



What parents need to know about YUBO (Formerly 'Yellow')

WHO IS USING YUBO?

Although its official guidelines suggest the app is for people aged 18+, those aged between 13 and 17 can create a profile with parental permission. Furthermore, the app does not verify ages or identities upon sign-up, leading to fears that it could be exploited by those seeking to target children. Adults can set up fake profiles for sexual reasons, while children younger than 13, with access to the internet, could pretend to be older than they are.

LIVE-STREAM FOOTAGE

Yubo says it uses a combination of technical tools and human moderators to check the content created by Yubo, but because users can comment on footage in real-time it could mean children could be exposed to derogatory or unpleasant language. Media reports indicate that teens are being pressured into undressing live on camera for strangers, sending nude photos, and even lured into face-to-face meetings on Yubo. Any users can take screenshots or copies of live streams, alter them and share them with others.

SNAPCHAT LINK

The Yubo app links to Snapchat – you can exchange messages, photos and video chats with them and even add them as a friend on Snapchat. By giving easy access to Yubo's users' other online accounts, there is the potential to reveal enough information to be identified. On Snapchat, if your child's location feature is on, there is a high chance that strangers can find your child's exact location.



BULLYING & MENTAL HEALTH

The way Yubo works is users 'swipe' to accept or decline to talk to someone. Whether users accept or decline is all based on based on their profile picture, meaning there is the potential that children may be left with low self-esteem if declined. Receiving comments about their appearance can have a negative impact on a child's emotional wellbeing, leaving them feeling less confident about how they look or how interesting they are.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats or spreading rumours about people. As users have the ability to screenshot copies of live streams and private messages etc., they can use these screenshots as forms of blackmail, making the person feel victimised, embarrassed and unsafe.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



HAVE A CHAT

Start a conversation your teenager so that they know how to stay safe online. Don't be embarrassed to talk about inappropriate online content online with your children and look out for secretive or reserved behaviour when it comes to their internet devices.

ENCOURAGE RESPECT

Remind your teenager to always consider what they are about to share online and to think about whether they would do that in the 'real world', or posting something they may at a later date. Encourage your child to think about the language they use online and to think carefully before making a comment on content posted by someone else.

DISCUSS YUBO GUIDELINES

Take the time to go through Yubo's Community Guidelines, which all users receive a link to, when they sign up to the app. Anyone that does not follow the guidelines may have their content removed or account suspended. Guidelines include advice not to post any fake pictures or pretend to be someone else.

AVOIDING UNEXPECTED IMAGES

Yubo suggests that teenagers ask the person they are talking with to share a picture of themselves with a spoon on their head to prove they are really the people they say they are in their picture. Another tip is to avoid profiles with only one photo as these are often 'catfish' - someone who pretends to be somebody else by creating false identities.

YUBO GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Yubo offers a guide - <http://parents-guide.yubo.live> - aimed at reassuring parents about their child's usage. It explains how the app works, how children can stay safe and outlines its 'five-step approach to safety', including Sign-up, Profile Settings, Community Guidelines, Moderation and Reporting.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Report any suspicious activity You can report any concerns by clicking on the flag icon within the app or by visiting Yubo's Safety Centre at <http://safety.yellw.co>. This includes pornographic, sexually implicit content, bullying, grooming and fake accounts.

REMOVE LOCATION FEATURE

In their Profile settings, children can hide their city and choose to connect with people who are only within a certain radius of their location.

PREPARE FOR 'GOING LIVE'

Yubo users can 'Go Live' during a chat with friends or choose to live stream 'Anyone' on Yubo. To help your child avoid sharing too much, help them to consider if they really want the world seeing what they are doing. If they are going to watch streams they should also know how to report anything that makes them feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe.

CHILDREN MAY ASK FOR PROOF OF AGE

Yubo recently updated its security settings so that users who attempt to change their date of birth after signing up now have to send proof of ID to the app in order to verify the change.

Sources: <http://teens.yubo.live/>
<http://community.yubo.live/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/yubo-formerly-yellow-dating-app-teens/>

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

GROUPCALL XPRESSIONS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on our message regarding Groupcall in our last Newsletter, please see below the instructions to access Groupcall Xpressions.

This app will allow you to receive messages from our school directly as a pop up in your phone.

Thank you,

Office Team Lead



HOW TO ACCESS XPRESSIONS

1. Install the Xpressions App or access Xpressions Desktop by clicking on the links below or by searching for 'Groupcall Xpressions' in your app store:



2. When you have installed the app, open it and enter your email address. Then click 'Next'.

N.B. All personal information you use needs to be an exact match for the address your school has on file. If you have any issues with entering your details, please contact your school as the record they hold may be incorrect.

3. Enter your mobile number and click 'Next'.

When you have entered your mobile number correctly you will receive a text message containing a 6 digit code.

4. Enter this code on screen and press 'Login'.

If you do not receive a code, use the 'Resend Code' function. Please be aware that this can take up to five minutes depending on your reception and network provider.

5. Create a Password

It is recommended that you create a password for your account at this stage. If you need to login again, or on another device, having a password will make your login process easier.

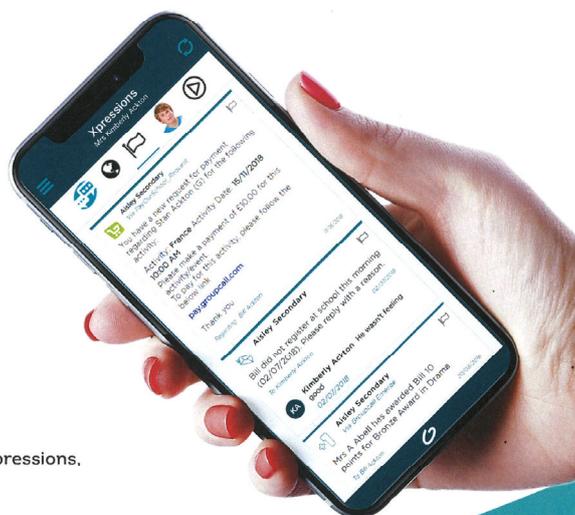
WHAT CAN I USE XPRESSIONS FOR?

Once you have followed the steps above you will be able to see some or all of the following information depending on the services your school subscribes to.

Xpressions Core is available for free to your school and will allow you to:

- Instantly send and receive free messages in over 100 languages
- Flag messages received to easily retrieve later
- Easily filter messages by category
- See lunch balance and lunch transactions (if the school uses Messenger Payments)
- View information on multiple children within the same app (if their schools each use Xpressions)

For additional information or if you have any problem with Xpressions, visit our dedicated website: <http://parents.groupcall.com>



BUILT ON TRUST

LOST PROPERTY

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school has registered with Find My Kit organisation as we believe this is an important service for our Parents/Carers as it will allow to save money with uniform items replacement.

This organisation will make available for parents to purchase smart tags (iron-on or sticker QR code) to label clothes. The school office will be provided with a free scanner. When a lost property item is received in the office with these labels, it will be scanned and the parents/carers will receive a text/email to let them know it's been located.

If you have any further queries, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Branco

Office Team Lead



findmykit.com

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School term and holiday dates August 2020 to July 2021

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Key
 Pupil day / training day
 School holiday
 Bank holiday

Term	Days	Key Stage 2 SATS and Religious events
Autumn Term Tuesday 1 September 2020 - Friday 18 December 2020	1 st 39	Key stage 2 SATS Monday 10 May 2021 – Thursday 13 May 2021 Eid ul Fitr falls on Thursday 13th May. The DfE have advised that schools can use a timetable variation. Please refer to: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates#academic-year-2
Half term Monday 26 October 2020 – Friday 30 October 2020	2 nd 35	
Spring Term Monday 4 January 2021 – Thursday 1 April 2021	1 st 30	* Religious festivals Rosh Hashanah: First day Saturday 19 September 2020 Yom Kippur: Monday 28 September 2020 Sukkot: First day Saturday 3 October 2020 Eighth day Saturday 10 October 2020 Simchat: Sunday 11 October 2020 Diwali: Saturday 14 October 2020 Guru Nanak: Monday 30 November 2020 Pesach: Sunday 28 March to Sunday 4 April 2021 Good Friday: Friday 2 April 2021
Half term Monday 15 February 2021 – Friday 19 February 2021	2 nd 29	
Summer Term Monday 19 April 2021 – Wednesday 21 July 2021	1 st 29	
Half term Monday 31 May 2021 – Friday 4 June 2021	2 nd 33	Easter Day: Sunday 4 April 2021 Eid-ul-Fitr: Thursday 13 May 2021 Eid ul Adha: Tuesday 20 July to Friday 23 July 2021
Total number of school days 195		
5 non-contact days to be determined by schools. SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE 190 TAUGHT DAYS		

*Please note that the dates of religious festivals are subject to variation



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30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY & ONE HOUR FREE PARKING

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just wanted to inform you of our great news!!

To coincide with our soon to be 30 Year Anniversary, the London Borough of Redbridge have decided to give our shopping parade and it's shoppers the benefit of 1 hour free parking.

Whilst parking was never an issue, as previously 30 minutes free was available, but parents can now visit us to purchase their child's uniform without the worry of traffic wardens pouncing

in the area, and even have time for a coffee at costa's or many of the other eateries or shop in the area.

Kind regards

Carolina School Outfitters
(Uniform Supplier)



DIWALI WITH THE MAYOR OF REDBRIDGE

Come celebrate Diwali with the Mayor of Redbridge at his charity event at Sir James Hawkey Hall, Broomhill Rd, Woodford, IG8 0BG on Monday 28th October 2019 6.30pm start.

Live entertainment & bhangra lessons, with a 3 course Indian meal.

Tickets are £30. To reserve a place

Email: redbridgemayorsappeal@hotmail.com

Tel: 020 8708 2297 Mob: 07985 161112

Proceeds go to the Mayor's two chosen local charities: Healthy Living Projects which is based at the Welcome Centre in Ilford and Imagine Independence (Mental Health). Healthy Living Projects provides accommodation and support for rough sleepers in Redbridge who find themselves on the streets and Imagine Independence is dedicated to helping local people who are experiencing mental health issues, providing valuable support in developing skills, housing and employment.

Bob Singh, Mayor's Appeal Committee



MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AWARDS

London Borough of
Redbridge



**Mayor's
Community
Awards
2020**



Nominate a Redbridge resident, business or employee and help us recognise and celebrate the achievements of those who have made a real difference to the lives of our residents.

This could be someone who takes pride in the borough, a business that contributes to the community, or a resident that goes out of their way to help others.

The categories for the awards are:

- **Best Business Contribution to the Community**
- **Community / Neighbourhood Champion**
- **Taking Pride in Redbridge**
- **Caring for others in Redbridge**
- **Contribution in Support of Young People**
- **Creating a Safer Redbridge**

Nominations will be open until **Sunday 29 December**

www.redbridge.gov.uk/mayorawards



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