

RADDLEBARN'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Enterprise and Enrichment

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Hello! We are so happy to be able to share with you all of the exciting work that we are doing around Enterprise, Citizenship and Enrichment. These aspects are so important in enriching the learning and life experiences of our children, and creating citizens of the future. Children who care about the lives of people in their community and the wider world, who want to protect and care for the environment and who understand that they can make a difference to their local community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you have any questions feel free to get in touch. Mrs Palmer and Mr Weatherup

Enterprise in the Curriculum at Raddlebarn

Through real life, meaningful learning opportunities we aim to develop the children's skills in all areas of learning. By providing opportunities to become active in the community we seek to create confident, responsible citizens and build character traits that will last beyond the children's school years. We aim to develop children's independent thinking and also provide opportunities for collaborative working and problem solving.

Creating the citizens of the future...

At Raddlebarn we focus on two strands of Enterprise.

1. Social Enterprise – We challenge pupils to research and identify a social or environmental issue that they feel passionate about. Issues could be anything from social isolation of the elderly, the problem of litter in the local area or climate change. The children then work together to try to improve these issues through social action, this could be through raising awareness, fundraising or taking practical action.
2. Fundraising Enterprise – Children are challenged to raise funds for their own class. They learn about responsibility and learn key skills which they will use later in life, such as working with a budget and managing money.



Year 4 Social Enterprise to raise awareness of climate change

Year 4 were concerned about the effects of climate change on our planet. They researched this issue and formulated some suggestions which they presented to our local MP Steve McCabe by writing a letter.

Their suggestions were: more bike zones across the city, limiting the amount of palm oil sold in our city, Birmingham holding a car free day, and more green spaces and plants in our city.

Year 6 Social Enterprise – To tackle isolation of the elderly during COVID



In light of COVID Year 6 reflected on how they could make a difference in their community to support the elderly in times of isolation. The children were familiar with Uplands Nursing Home, some of the children had performed there with the choir and others had performed a dance for the residents. The children decided to write letters to the residents.

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Cricklewood Road
Birmingham
B29 7TD
Thursday 15th October

Uplands Nursing Home
43 Uplands Road
Selly Park
Birmingham
B29 1DS

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope you're doing well in lockdown! ☺

My name is Layla and if you write back tell me yours!
I have alot to tell you about just to keep you company in lockdown.

I have 3 annoying sisters (but I still love them) and sadly I'm the youngest out of all of them! I also have a best friend since I was 4. I have the biggest family you could think of. They all happen well every day and I really enjoy spending time with them. I'm a big fan of football and volleyball. I also enjoy watching games and playing video games with relatives and friends. I also love to draw all sorts of things! ☺

Letter from a year 6 pupil to tackle social isolation of the elderly due to Covid.

Reception Social Action Project - reduce, re-use, recycle project to help to tackle the issue of litter in the local area. The children were shocked at the amount of rubbish that was on the floor around school. During lockdown the children learnt about re-using rubbish and discovered that lots of materials can be recycled. The children made useful objects from rubbish.



Year 2 and 3 Fundraising Enterprise to raise funds for Raddlebarn in Bloom



Year 2 are currently undertaking a fundraising project. They are designing and making pencil cases as part of their DT project. The children are going to sell these to raise funds for Raddlebarn in Bloom.



Year 3 are in the process of making seeded hand made paper. This is environmentally friendly and a great way to re-use paper that may otherwise be thrown away.

Enriching experiences at Raddlebarn

At Raddlebarn, we passionately believe that learning outside the classroom is as essential to students' development as learning within the classroom, and so aspire to provide every child with the chance to access enriching experiences through a variety of means. In addition to our vibrant and stimulating curriculum, we seek to provide other opportunities to enhance our pupil's learning wherever possible. Special events, visitors, off-curriculum days, educational visits, residential experiences and family events all contribute to our aim to enrich their lives. Through developing links within our local, national and global communities, we aim to challenge our students to aspire to be people who leave their mark on the world.

At Raddlebarn we are convinced that educational visits and experiences enhance interest, enthusiasm and achievement for all children; these are planned to be closely linked to our topic-themed curriculum. Additionally, the school promotes and actively encourages participation in a variety of extra-curricular activities in sports, music and the arts, to support our pupils in developing new interests and to foster their skills and confidence in existing ones.

Enrichment Events

Examples of our enrichment activities are:

- Bikeability training
- charity days
- Commando Joe's (character education / teambuilding)
- drama workshop links with local theatres
- 'living history' days
- Orchestra concerts
- participation in local School Games network events
- peripatetic music tuition
- School Games Day
- themed lunches
- visit from our local M.P.
- visiting professional sports coaches & involvement with local sports clubs
- visits from/to local secondary schools
- Y5 residential

These opportunities help us to ensure that all children benefit from access to positive role models from the local community and wider locality.

Examples of enrichment opportunities our children have had this year:

Nursery have been creative exploring 'green screen' technology as speech bubble superheroes.



Reception explored various aspects of design & construction. During their visit to MiniBrum at Thinktank Birmingham.



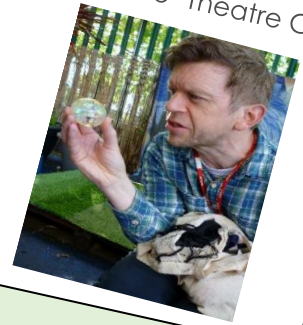
Year 1
Creative arts in action – Y1 have been learning through drama with the support of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre.



Year 2 were captivated by a visit and creative storytelling from 'The Play House'.



Year 3 have developed their language skills working with Craig from 'Stan's Cafe' Theatre Co..



Year 4
Not deterred by living history group 'Timezones' being unable to visit, Y4 held their own Viking Day.



Year 5



Y5 ended the year with a French café experience to enable them to practise vocabulary which they had learnt.



Year 6 As I am sure you will have seen, Y6 have recently left their mark on Raddlebarn Road.

