



Newsletter 10 November 2017 Issue 4 News and events from Alexandra Primary

THE BIG DRAW



This year, Alexandra Primary took part in the world's biggest drawing festival in the first week after half term. We celebrated the importance of drawing and visual literacy during the week by drawing, doodling, sketching, painting and just

making marks with meaning.

The whole school community enjoyed a drawing activity day and sharing the experience with our parents and carers who came in to take part in a drawing activity.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Alexandra Primary is very proud of our wonderful choir who performed with schools from across the country at the Royal Albert Hall last week. The children were amazing! They rehearsed enthusiastically through the day and sang so beautifully in the evening performance. They were a credit to the school and their families. Well done!



Our Value of the
Month is:

Tolerance

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CHILDREN IN NEED

A flyer is coming home today to let you know the outcome of the school council vote on Children In Need. The children have voted to support the event and decided how.

DEBATE MATE

This Monday, Debate Mate will be starting a weekly programme of debating lessons with Year 5. The aims of the programme are:

- Improve Speaking and Listening attainment of children
- Develop soft skills such as leadership, teamwork and confidence
- Engage young people with the world beyond the classroom, addressing issues that affect them, their communities and the wider world through an activity they enjoy

The initial five weeks of debate exercises are designed to improve speaking, listening and critical thinking skills. The remaining eleven weeks are dedicated to formal debates on different topics with 'themed' weeks improving specific skill sets. Two weeks are set aside for local competitions as part of the Urban Debate League. The programme culminates in a one-day regional competition at a prestigious university – The Debate Mate Cup. The children are really excited to be involved with this programme and we look forward to seeing the speaking and listening skills flourish as a result!

ROAD SAFETY

Local police have asked us to remind families about parking safely away from the school and walking your child into building. They are urging parents and carers not to park outside the school on the zig zag lines.

YEAR 6 TO CAREERS FAIR—ROUTES TO WORK

Year 6 were very privileged to be invited to tour the Routes to Work Fair at Alexandra Palace this week. Many thanks to our School Improvement Adviser, David Grant for organising the whole event and arranging for our pupils to have the chance to meet with representative from Universities and employers.

ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to Colombia class and Argentina Class for your wonderful assemblies. Please see our website for dates of upcoming assemblies. The table below shows the assemblies for the rest of the term. We look forward to welcoming families in to hear about their children's learning.

Best wishes,

Manjit Dulay & Michelle Ginty

Leadership Team



Date: W/C	Class
13 th November 2017	3 Bolivia
20 th November 2017	2 Chile
27 th November 2017	1 Cuba
4 th December 2017	1 Costa Rica

KEY DATES

**Autumn Term
2017**

**Anti-Bullying
Week**

Mon, 12th
November—Fri,
17th November
2017

**Children In Need
Friday, 17th
November 2017**

**Pantomime KS2
Tuesday, 28th
November 2017
End of term
Finish**

Tuesday, 19th
December 2017
at 2pm

**School closed
for teacher
training**

Wednesday, 20th

December 2017

Thursday, 21st

December 2017

Tuesday, 2nd

January 2018

**Spring Term
2018**

**Return to school
Wednesday, 3rd**