



Newsletter
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Issue 3

News and events from
Alexandra Primary

Our Value of the
Month is:
Pride

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This month, we celebrated Black History month. All the classes were immersed in stories from Africa and the Caribbean. Children heard stories about Anansi, Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit. They learned them so well they could retell the stories and used intonation and gesture to bring the narrative to life.



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We were delighted to welcome families to come into class and retell stories to pupils during the last week before half term. We were thrilled by the storyteller who retold stories to every year group. It was inspiring!



INTERNATIONAL EVENING

We rounded off the Black History month celebrations with our International Evening on October 19th. Thank you to all the families who donated the delicious dishes to our community event. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food. The event was made even more special by the amazing performance by our pupils on the school's African drums. Children enjoyed face painting, flag making and the Lucky Dip. Amazingly, the Friends of Alexandra raised £344!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer is coming in to take individual photos of all the pupils on November 8th 2017. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform for their 2017 photograph.

HUB SCHOOL FOR READING

Alexandra Primary school is a hub school for Daily Supported Reader and Destination Reader. We use the two programmes to teach reading to children from Year 1 to Year 6. Since the school was designated a hub school, we have been supporting teachers in other schools by hosting open mornings that allow them to come to Alexandra and see our skilled and talented teachers deliver the reading curriculum. The last visit saw 26 teachers, curriculum leaders and Headteachers from Brent, Haringey, Hackney, Camden and Cambridgeshire come to find out how we teach reading here in school. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and our visitors were hugely impressed by the learning behaviours and eloquence of our pupils.

COLLABORATIVE QUALITY ASSESSMENT

As part of our ongoing work with schools in our local network, Alexandra primary hosted the cluster's first ever Peer Review. The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher from St Pauls and Bounds Green came to the school, along with our link adviser, to review the work of the school and support our self evaluation process.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Thanks to all the families who returned the agreements so quickly. Please can families who have not yet done so, return the home/ school agreement forms before the end of the month.

ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to both Year 4 classes 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.

AND FINALLY...

It has been a very successful start to the school year. Next half term will see parent consultations and more opportunities for families to come into school to share in the learning with your children. We wish you all a safe and relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming you all back to school.

SAY CHEESE!



KEY DATES

**Autumn Term
2017**

Half term
Mon, 23rd
October 2017—
Fri, 27th October
2017

**SCHOOL
PHOTOGRAPHER**
Wednesday, 8th
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



Date: W/C	Class
30 th October 2017	2 Colombia
6 th November 2017	3 Argentina
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



Best wishes,
Manjit Dulay & Michelle Ginty
Leadership Team