



Newsletter 19th January 2018 Issue 7 News and events from Alexandra Primary

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to everyone in the school community after the Christmas break and best wishes to all for a happy and a prosperous new year.

We also want to welcome our new staff to Alexandra Primary this term; John Coggin— Deputy Headteacher; Max Newman (returning) Paraguay teacher and early years phase leader & Jeremy Schmitz—Puerto Rico teacher and upper key stage 2 phase leader. We are also delighted that Simran Sandhu has stepped up to the role of Assistant Headteacher, leading on literacy.



MATHS—NO PROBLEM

This term, Alexandra Primary School has begun using the Maths No Problem programme to help deliver the teaching of maths. This approach uses resources to encourage problem solving, enabling children to work in groups to support and develop their reasoning and explanation skills across all areas of the maths curriculum. We are really enjoying this new approach, using a wide range of resources to support children's learning every day. We will shortly confirm the date of a Maths No Problem workshop where you will have the opportunity to come and find out more about this approach to maths teaching.



READING MORNING

It was lovely to see parents attend our first Reading Morning. The children really loved reading aloud to their parent and guardians. If you haven't had a chance to come yet don't worry- these will take place every Thursday between 9:00- 9:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading together. Please check the posters or speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.

READING JOURNAL

Please remember to regularly speak to your child about their reading and use the reading journal to support this process. It is important that children continue to use their new reading journals as a way to record, respond and interpret their reading personally.

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

We welcome your support in ensuring your child is collected from the playground **promptly at 3:30pm** and no later than 3:40pm; failure to collect your child on time will result in them being enrolled as an emergency admission to the after school club at a cost of £13.00 payable on collection.

Our value of
the month is
COURAGE

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ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to Y4 Mexico class for a wonderful start to the new year with the first class assembly of 2018. It was fantastic to see such a range of work shared at the assembly with children displaying so much confidence and pride as well as speaking with such clarity. A big thankyou to the families of the children in Mexico class who attended the assembly in such large numbers. The dates for the Spring term class assemblies are shown here. As always, our office team will remind parents each week.

Date	Class
19 th January 2018	5 Venezuela
26 th January 2018	4 Nicaragua
2 nd February 2018	2 Colombia
9 th February 2018	5 Puerto Rico
23 rd February 2018	3 Bolivia
2 nd March 2018	2 Chile
9 th March 2018	3 Argentina
16 th March 2018	1 Costa Rica
23 rd March 2018	1 Cuba

We had a celebration assembly during the first week after the holidays to showcase all the wonderful learning the children did about their class countries. Puerto Rico, Venezuela, El Salvador and Espana in Years 5 and 6 made holiday brochures, information leaflets and produced exceptional artwork.

ALEXANDRA PRIMARY PERFORM

In the last week of term, we had a Winter Sing Along after school, starting with a rendition by the teachers of 'Last Christmas'. Parents, carers and children joined in with singing traditional carols and much fun was had.

The Alexandra Primary choir visited a local sheltered housing scheme for elderly people. We really enjoyed the visit and it was much appreciated by the residents as can be seen from the letter we received from Adeteju Ojelade, Coordinator for Homes for Haringey:

'Your presence and that of your pupils brought a lively ambience and made it even more special. Our Residents thoroughly enjoyed the company of the children and felt young at heart. We look forward to visiting your school and having more cross generational activities with your pupils in the summer.'

At the end of term, our music club pupils gave a terrific performance for parents and carers. We had piano and violin solos, a ukulele ensemble, a violin quartet, amazing performances on the drums. What fantastic talent we have at this school!

We do have spaces in for **Year 3 and Year 4** children in our **Tuesday music club from 3.30 - 4.30pm**. If you are interested in your child attending, please ask the office for a letter about it.

UKULELE

Year 4 Mexico have had their first ukulele lesson of the year; they have been learning how to hold the instrument in the correct position and have practised tuning it.



Best wishes,
Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team

KEY DATES

**Spring Term
2018**

**Return to school
Thursday, 4th
January 2018**

Half term holiday
Monday 12th –
Friday 16th
February 2018

Return to school
Monday 19th
February 2018

End of term
Thursday 29th
March 2018 at
2pm

*School closed -
Bank Holiday
Friday 30th
March 2018*

*School closed -
Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd
April 2018*

**Return to
school
Monday 16th
April 2018**

