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News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

We had a wonderful International Evening last week. The event was so well attended by members of our school community with everyone enjoying the music and food, along with face painting and flag making.

Throughout the day the children were so animated when they were talking about their family heritage and culture with such pride. Many of the children came into school wearing national dress or colours representing their family's country of origin.

It was such a special event and so important that we promote and celebrate as a school community the diverse cultural and ethnic community that we have at Alexandra Primary.

The event itself raised almost £300; a very big thankyou to all of the staff and the families who came together to make this such a successful celebration.



FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisation will be given to children from reception to year 6 on **Thursday 31st October**.

Please ensure that if you wish your child to receive the immunisation that you **return the consent form** to the office before this date.

ATTENDANCE

We currently have **187** children with **100%** attendance since the beginning of the school year; all of these children are currently in line to receive a bronze certificate for attendance in December.

A special mention must be given to **Puerto Rico 5** and **Reception Panama** who have 15 children with 100% attendance and **Reception Paraguay** and **Bolivia 3** with 16 children.

The final special mention is to **Mexico 4** who have an outstanding **22 children** still with **100% attendance** - well done to all of those children (and the families who support and encourage good attendance).

To receive a bronze certificate children need to have 100% attendance during one term during the year; to receive silver they need 100% attendance over two terms and for a gold, 100% attendance for the whole year.

THE BIG DRAW

On **Friday 1st November** at **2:30** families are invited to their child's class to see the outcome of the artwork during The Big Draw week.

PHOTOGRAPHS

On **Wednesday 6th November** we will have the photographer in school to take children's individual and sibling photographs.

Our value of the
month is
Pride

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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Check the table to the right so you know when to come along to see your child's class assembly next half term.

The **Mexico 4** class assembly which unfortunately had to be postponed this week will be rescheduled for the spring term - check future newsletters for confirmation of the date. During the spring term we will also have our first year one assemblies.

8.11	Nicaragua 4
15.11	Bolivia 3
22.11	Argentina 3
29.11	Colombia 2
6.12	Chile 2

YEAR 5 TO PGL

The date for PGL next year (**current year 5** children) is **Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October** at Marchant Hill in Surrey, the venue our year 6 children attended recently.

We have scheduled a meeting for parents on **Tuesday 12th November** at **3:15** to outline what the week will entail; this will be an opportunity for families to receive more detailed information about activities, cost and payment plans.

In the meantime we encourage children in year 5 to look at the website to discover many of the activities they are likely to undertake and to speak to year 6 children about their recent PGL experience.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Children in **year 6** need to apply for their secondary school place by **Thursday 31st October**. We have a final session in school to support this process on **Wednesday 30th October at 2:15**.

If you are unsure of the process or require support to complete the application please contact our office team who will be able to support you.

POPPIES

Remembrance Sunday is **10th November**; this is an opportunity to remember the human cost of war, conflict and acts of terrorism both past and current.

We will be selling poppies in the playground and from the office (suggested donation £1) for the two weeks before this date. We will also remind the children of why we remember and why the poppies are a significant symbol.



READING JOURNALS

After half term, children will be receiving their Reading Journals. It is essential for progress that children read between 15-20 minutes per day minimum. Please encourage your child to record the books they have been reading in their Journals.

There will be a launch for **EYFS- Year 2 parents** on **Wednesday 30th October** at **8:45** in the **EYFS hall**.

Come along to find out about:

- How to effectively use Reading Journals
- How to encourage independent reading
- Strategies to support your child with their reading

DENTIST VISIT

Over the last week, classes have been visited by a dentist from The Colosseum Dental Practice in Wood Green.

She spoke about oral hygiene and about the importance of cleaning your teeth every morning and evening. She also stressed the importance of keeping sugary drinks and snacks to a minimum.

Please talk to your child about the visit and find out what they learnt.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

On Friday we will be saying goodbye to our colleague Karen Nelson who has been at Alexandra Primary for over 17 years. Many of our children and families have known and been supported by Karen over this time.

I am sure you would like to join us in saying thank you and good luck to Karen for the future.

HALF TERM

Have a restful and relaxing half term break; remember to complete your holiday homework ready to celebrate at the Homework Celebration Assembly.

Children return to school at **8:45** on **Tuesday 29th October**.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin

Leadership Team

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

Friday 18th October
3:10 Black History Month Showcase

Friday 18th October
End of half term
(school closed
21.10 - 25.10)

Monday 28th October
INSET, school closed

Tuesday 29th October
Children return to school

WC 28th October
The Big Draw

Thursday 31st October
Flu Immunisation

Thursday 31st October
Secondary School Admissions deadline

Wednesday 6th November
Children's individual & siblings photograph day

WC 11th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November
3:15 Year 5 PGL meeting

Tuesday 10th December
2:30 Year 6 Enabling Enterprise Celebration

Thursday 12th December
Pantomime Day
KS 2 **Snow White** at Chickenshed
EYFS and KS1
Wizard of Oz in school

Friday 13th December
Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December
End of term
School closes at 1:30

Children return
Monday 6th January
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