



Newsletter
 8th November 2019
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 News, information and events
 from Alexandra Primary School

Our value of the
 month is
Tolerance

PANTOMIME

Families of children in Key Stage 2 (years 3,4,5 & 6) will have received a letter this week about the exciting visit to the Chickenshed Theatre on Thursday 12th December. The children will be watching a performance of the children's classic story Snow White.



We visited the theatre last year to see the pantomime A Christmas Carol. The children were wonderfully entertained with one child stating, "This was the best thing I have ever done." Another child said, " I love this theatre."

The contribution is **£10** to be made on the **Tucasi** payment system; please also return your reply slip to the class teacher to enable us to plan for packed lunch preparation and to help to reduce waste.

On the same day (**12th December**) children in **nursery, reception, year 1** and **year 2** will have the opportunity in school to watch a performance of **The Wizard of Oz**.

ATTENDANCE

We currently have **174** children with **100%** attendance since the beginning of the school year. If that is maintained until the end of the term they will receive a bronze attendance certificate.

Attendance certificates are given out for 100%attendance:-

- BRONZE, 100% attendance for 1 term in the year
- SILVER, 100% attendance for two terms in the year
- GOLD, 100% attendance for the whole year

It is very evident that good attendance and punctuality at school will create improved and enhanced education, training and job opportunities in later life. It also helps to develop improved social skills and the ability to face challenges in a positive way.

Thank you to the families who continue to work with us as we strive to improve attendance for all of our children.

Please remember, if your child is sick and unable to attend school, to call the school on the first day of absence to leave a message or speak to our attendance leads Sharni Webster or Natalie Weekes.

Our school target for the year is **96%**; we currently have attendance figures of **95.9%**.

| Classes with most children with 100% attendance | |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Class | Children |
| Mexico 4 | 20 |
| Paraguay R | 16 |
| Bolivia 3 | 15 |
| Panama R | 14 |
| Puerto Rico 5 | 13 |
| Nicaragua 4 | 13 |

| Best attendance since September | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Class | % |
| Mexico 4 | 98.9 |
| Paraguay R | 97.7 |
| Puerto Rico 5 | 96.8 |
| Panama R | 96.6 |
| El Salvador 6 | 96.4 |
| Bolivia 3 | 96.4 |
| Argentina 3 | 96.4 |

| Best attendance past 2 weeks | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Class | % |
| Bolivia 3 | 100 |
| Puerto Rico 5 | 100 |
| Colombia 2 | 99.1 |
| Mexico 4 | 99.1 |
| Venezuela 5 | 98.6 |
| Argentina 3 | 98.2 |
| Panama R | 97.8 |
| Costa Rica 1 | 97.0 |
| Espana 6 | 96.9 |
| Chile 2 | 96.8 |

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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Check the table to the right for the remaining class assemblies for the autumn term.

YEAR 5 TO PGL

We have a meeting on **Tuesday 12th November at 3:15** for families of current year 5 children. This meeting will outline the exciting opportunities for attending PGL in year 6, **October 2020**.

READING JOURNALS

Your children have all now received their Reading Journals. They should be recording their reading experiences in the journal and returning the journal to school daily. Reading daily is an essential component of good learning and we expect our children to complete their journal to reflect their love of reading.

Many children have shown their love of reading by completing their journal to exemplary standards including Lorin in year 6.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Many of our children and families have supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy at school. The poppy is an important symbol of remembrance at this time of year. Ask your child if they can remember why the poppy is so important.

Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, at 11:00 there will be a 2 minute period of silence. In school we will have our own period of silence and reflection with the children at 11:00.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them*
(extract from For the Fallen by Lawrence Binyon)



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Alexandra Primary School will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week** from **11th – 15th November**. The theme for this week is **Change Starts with Us**.

On **Tuesday 12th November**, we invite children to wear odd socks to school to celebrate their individuality. Please join us on **Friday 15th November at 2.30pm**. Children will share their work in class and you will have the opportunity to find out how we have celebrated Anti-Bullying Week.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

As we approach December we begin to think about the end of term Christmas celebrations. It would be lovely to see families come along and support us at as many of the event's as you possibly can.

Dates for your diary are:-

- Tuesday 10th December; 9:15/2:00 EYFS Nativity
- Friday 13th December; 2:15 KS1 Nativity
- Tuesday 17th December; 2:15 KS2 Carol Concert
- Tuesday 17th December; 3:10 Winter Celebration with Families

Please also make a note and remember that term ends on **Thursday 19th December at 1:30**.

SKILLS BUILDER HUB

Each class this year will have an exciting opportunity to take part in a Skills Builder project. These projects provide an opportunity for children to learn and apply new essential skill steps in a real-life challenge. Each project explicitly teaches three essential skills, for example creative thinking or teamwork.

This term Year 6 are working on a project called Construction Counts where they will apply maths and science skills to design a new building; creating and sharing a 3D model.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team



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

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

WC 11th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November
3:15 Year 5 PGL meeting

Thursday 14th November
3:15 Phonics Meeting - Year 1 Parents; EYFS Hall

Tuesday 10th December
9:00/2:00 EYFS Nativity

Tuesday 10th December
2:30 Year 6 Skills Builder Hub 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

Friday 13th December
2:15 KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 17th December
2:15 KS2 Carol Concert

Tuesday 17th December
3:10 Winter Celebration with families

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

Children return
Monday 6th January
2020

Friday 10th January
Holiday Homework
Celebration Assembly

Thursday 23rd January
Choir to O2;
Young Voices

