



## Newsletter 22nd November 2019

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News, information and events  
from Alexandra Primary School

### PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

All orders for your child's recent school photograph must be returned to the school office no later than **Monday 25th November** as they are being collected by the photography company on **Tuesday 26th November**.

### RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

The closing date for reception applications for September 2020 is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**.

We will be running receptions application online workshops to support families to make these applications. These sessions will run from **2:15 - 2:45** on the following dates:-

- Tuesday 3rd December 2019
- Tuesday 10th December 2019
- Tuesday 17th December 2019
- Tuesday 7th January 2020
- Tuesday 15th January 2020

### ATTENDANCE

There are **147** children with 100% attendance since the beginning of the year. These children will be first to receive a **bronze attendance certificate** (100% attendance in one term) if they maintain this until the end of term.

All of our data and evidence as well as national data shows that children who are punctual with good attendance will have better educational outcomes leading to better job opportunities in later life.

If your child is sick please call school to leave a message or speak to our attendance officers, Sharni Webster and Natalie Weekes. If we do not receive a first day absence call we will not authorise the child's absence. Multiple unauthorised absence will result in a referral to our Educational Welfare Officer and potentially to a fine.

Our school target for the year is **96%**; we currently have attendance figures of **96.0%**. We must give a special mention to **Reception Panama** who have attendance of **98.6%** in the past two weeks.

Also well done to **Mexico 4** who have an attendance of **98.5%** since the beginning of term and **18 children** with **100% attendance**.

Classes with most children with 100% attendance	
Class	Children
Mexico 4	18
El Salvador 6	14
Bolivia 3	14
Paraguay R	13
Panama R	12
Argentina 3	11
Nicaragua 4	11

Best attendance since September	
Class	%
Mexico 4	98.5
Paraguay R	97.2
Panama R	97.1
El Salvador 6	96.9
Bolivia 3	96.9
Argentina 3	96.8
Puerto Rico 5	96.4

Best attendance past 2 weeks	
Class	%
Panama R	98.6
Argentina 3	98.5
Bolivia 3	98.1
Colombia 2	97.2
Mexico 4	97.0
El Salvador 6	96.8

Our value of the month is  
**Tolerance**

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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We were treated to some wonderful drumming, dancing and singing this morning at Bolivia's Class assembly and we also found out all about their fantastic learning. What a great start to a Friday.

Check the table to the right for the remaining class assemblies for the autumn term. Spring term class assembly dates will be shared before the end of this term.



22.11	Argentina 3
29.11	Colombia 2
6.12	Chile 2

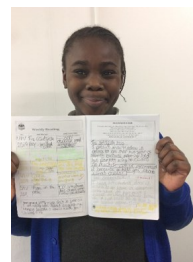
## PGL

After the parents meeting last week we still have a small number of spaces left for next years PGL residential trip. If you would like to book a place for your child please speak to the class teacher or to Fiona in the office.

## READING JOURNALS

Congratulations from Mrs Spencer to Olu who has been using her reading journal so well in the past week.

She has displayed her love of reading and extended her vocabulary and knowledge through her depth of reading.



## YEAR 6 SKILLS BUILDER

On **Tuesday 10th December**, year 6 will be showcasing their work from the **Skills Builder Construction Project** they have been undertaking this term. Families will be invited to share in this celebration. Look out for further information from the year 6 team closer to the time.



## PE

At Alexandra we believe that health, fitness and wellbeing are of paramount importance. Many activities taught in PE require children to work in groups to solve problems or as a team. These opportunities are excellent for developing both leadership and cooperation skills. Children are encouraged to be creative, cooperative and competitive and to face up to different challenges. Verbal communication is important and gives children the opportunity to express their opinions and develop self-esteem.

All classes from year 1 to year 6 have two PE lessons a week, one outdoor and one indoor. Indoor lessons alternate between gymnastics and dance. Outdoor lessons cover a range of sports including netball, hockey, football, basketball, cricket athletics and tennis.

We also have very popular after school sports clubs including next term, multi - sports, gymnastics, archery, fencing, ballet, girls football, basketball and boys football.

Our after-school clubs help develop children's skills and provide them with extra opportunities to utilise these skills in a competitive environment. Our girls and boys football clubs take place at Heartlands High School which is an excellent opportunity for the children to experience playing football on a larger, marked pitch. These clubs cost £4 per session.

We are hoping to develop opportunities for the children to participate in sports in a competitive environment throughout the spring and summer term.

## TRIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Please be aware that in future we will be requesting that all trip contributions be paid online using the **online Tucasi** schools payment service. If you need support to access this please come to the office to speak with Ade or Heidi.

## THE BIG DRAW AT ALEXANDRA

After half term, we returned to school for a week of creativity. Alexandra Primary took part in The Big Draw for the third year running, celebrating drawing and creativity. This year, we focused on the book 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds and explored the theme that everyone of us is creative in our own special way.

We were creative in various ways during the week - drawing with chalk in the playground, creating a 'dot graffiti wall', creating our own books for sketching and sketching in them every day. We finished the week by inviting parents to join us for a creative afternoon on the Friday. The theme of that afternoon was to create some art based around the idea of a dot!



Thankyou **Ms Kennedy** for all of your hard work to ensure this was such a success.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin  
**Leadership Team**

## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2019

**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

**Wednesday 18th December**

Attendance Celebration Assembly

**Thursday 19th December**

End of term

**School closes at 1:30**  
Children return to school

Monday 6th January 2020

**Friday 10th January**

Holiday Homework Celebration Assembly

**Wednesday 22nd January**

Scientist visit to Alexandra Primary

**Thursday 23rd January**

Choir to O2; Young Voices

**Thursday 30th January**

Year 4 to Tate Britain to see Year 3 Steve McQueen photography project



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