



**Newsletter**  
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News, information and events  
from Alexandra Primary School

Our value of the  
month is  
**Courage**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Happy New Year to all members of our school community. We hope you had a peaceful break and that your children are now ready to continue their learning during the spring term.

**PARENTS EVENING**

The online booking system for Parents Evening is now open for you to make appointments to meet your child's class teacher.

You should have received a letter last week to inform you of the booking process. If you have not received it, please check your child's book bag, speak to the class teacher or ask the office for a copy of the letter.

Parents Evening is on **Wednesday 12th February**, 1:40 - 7:00, **school closes at 1:30** on this day.

We have a number of classes with over 50% of bookings already made. Please book promptly to ensure you have a time that is suitable for you to attend to learn about your child's learning and progress.

**ATTENDANCE**

Children are required by law to attend school. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that their child does attend school and is on time.

We will not authorise repeated absence without sound medical proof and we will not authorise term time holiday. If children have repeated unauthorised absence from school or have attendances below our expectations we will have meetings with parents and then refer to the Education Welfare Officer.

If absence does not then improve, parents will be liable to prosecution.

Attendance since September	
Class	%
Mexico	97.0
El Salvador 6	96.2
Venezuela 5	95.6
Puerto Rico 5	95.5
Argentina 3	94.9
Colombia 2	94.8
Nicaragua 4	94.7
Paraguay R	94.5

Attendance past 2 weeks	
Class	%
Mexico 4	99.0
Panama R	98.6
Espana 6	98.3
Venezuela 5	97.2
Nicaragua 4	97.1
Puerto Rico 5	96.6
Argentina 3	96.5
Bolivia 3	95.9

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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Costa Rica 1 had their first class assembly today. It was a wonderful assembly, the children spoke confidently and shared their wonderful learning.

Thankyou to family members who attended to support the assembly this morning.

Next week it will be the turn of Cuba 1 followed by the year 6 classes.

## STEAM WEEK

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) week is week commencing **27<sup>th</sup> January**. The theme is: **We Are Engineers**.

During STEAM week, pupils will be given a STEAM challenge which involves finding a solution to a variety of hands-on and practical activities by creating, designing, innovating and evaluating models.

There will also be a **STEAM Fair on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** after school from **3:10-4:00**.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

On **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** we will be joining schools across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2020**. The theme for this year is: **Together for a Better Internet**.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on everyone to join together in helping to create a better internet. Safer Internet Day is designed to empower young people to take control of their digital lives.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Alexandra and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

## READING JOURNALS

Congratulations to Mirvjen and Damilola from Puerto Rico class for using their Reading Journals so well and consistently.

## NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Panama and Paraguay classes have launched into their storytelling topic based on traditional tales and fairy tales. They have been reading and acting out puppet shows for Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs.

Nursery have been looking at 'Old MacDonald had a Farm.' They have been singing the song and adding actions to the song. Also they have worked together on a group collage to create the farmer, the farm and the animals for a class display.

EYFS are developing our outdoor area provision and hope that the children will come home and tell you about the improvements over the next few weeks. As part of these, we are holding a **gardening morning on Saturday** – please come along to support if you have the time (**9:30 – 11:30**).

**Coffee and biscuits provided!**

## SPORTS CLUBS

Remember that your child must change into their PE kit when attending after school sports clubs.

## YOUNG VOICES

On **Thursday 23rd January**, our fabulous school choir will be going to the O2 to perform as part of the Young Voices concert, the largest school choir concert in the world.



## BOLIVIA GO WILD

Bolivia 3 are going to Forest School in Alexandra Palace this term to develop their learning experiences. Check the website for more information and photographs of this exciting learning opportunity.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin  
**Leadership Team**

17.1	Costa Rica 1
24.1	Cuba 1
31.1	Espana 6
7.2	El Salvador 6
14.2	Venezuela 5
Half Term	
13.3	Puerto Rico 5
20.3	Mexico 4
27.3	Nicaragua 4



## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2020

**Thursday 16th January**  
Online booking for Parents Evening opens

**Wednesday 22nd January**

Scientist visit to Alexandra Primary

**Thursday 23rd January**  
Choir to O2;  
Young Voices

**WC 27th January**  
STEAM Week

**Thursday 30th January**  
Year 4 to Tate Britain to see Year 3 Steve McQueen photography project

**Friday 31st January**  
3:10 STEAM Fair

**Tuesday 11th February**  
Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 12th February**

1:40—7:00 Parents Evening

**(children finish at 1:30)**

**Friday 14th February**  
3:10 end of spring 1

**Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February**  
School closed

**Children return to school**

8:45 Monday 24th February 2020

**WC 2nd March**  
Book Week

**Thursday 5th March**  
World Book day

**Friday 3rd April**  
End of Term

**School closes at 1:30**

### SummerTerm 2020

**Children return to school**

8:45 Monday 20th April

