



## Newsletter

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News, information and events  
from Alexandra Primary School

Our value of the  
month is  
**Love**

### YEAR 4 AS ART

In September 2018, as part of an ambitious project created by London-born Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen, invited every primary school in London to be part of a giant collective portrait, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 school children in a milestone year in their development.

Steve McQueen's project captured this moment of excitement, anticipation and hope through the medium of the traditional class photograph, with rows of children sitting or standing alongside their teachers.

Recently Year 4 visited the Tate Britain to view their picture on a big screen and then in the gallery along with all the other class portraits including over 75,000 children.

The children were thrilled to see their portrait on display in one of the world's most famous galleries.

**Entry to The Tate Britain is free** so why not go along with your child to view this amazing exhibition. While you are there pop along to the Tate Modern to see other artwork by Steve McQueen currently on display.

### BOOK WEEK

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** by dressing up as characters from **Peter Pan** and celebrating in assemblies with families. See the posters and the letter for the times of the assemblies happening that morning. For two weeks, our writing will be based around this classic and magical story of the boy who never grew up.

As part of the celebration of books we will have a storyteller in school on **Monday 2nd March**. Your child will also be receiving a **£1 book token** to buy one of a series of books to celebrate Book Week.

### ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance has continued to rise throughout this term after much illness during the autumn term. We are currently at 95% attendance so still need to continue to improve to achieve our target of 96%.

It is the parents legal responsibility to ensure that children attend school. Poor attendance will have a detrimental impact on education and future career opportunities.



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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

See the table to the right for the class assemblies planned during spring term 2.

## READING JOURNAL

Congratulations to Danny in Nicaragua for using his Reading Journal so well.

## CONSIDERATE DRIVERS

We ask you again to please be considerate drivers when dropping off and collecting your children.

Do not park on double yellow lines, do not park on the zig zags by the crossings and do not leave your car engine idling (engine running when stationary) whilst you are waiting.

Please help us to make the road crossing safer for our children and families and help to improve the air quality for the children. It is well documented that poorer air quality can lead to underlying health issues in children and young adults.

We will continue to work with the highways department to help us enforce safer parking around our school.

## SPELLINGS

Your child receives spellings home every week; to support them with learning these spellings here are some strategies:

- Look, Cover, Write, Check: giving children the independence to learn spellings
- Talk about what each word means and put it in a sentence
- Circle the hard part of the word for it to stand out
- Look at the syllables of a word: dan/ger
- Think of a fun way for the child to remember it (singing it, draw it)

## STEAM WEEK

STEAM week was such fun – fantastic learning was seen with amazing problem solving, cooperation and initiative.

Pupils engaged in a variety of hands-on practical activities; Year 1 and 2 were civil engineers, Year 3 and 4 were mechanical engineers and Year 5 and 6 were electrical engineers. Pupils placed their hard hats on to design, create and innovate a variety of models.

We were so proud to show off all our hard work at the STEAM fair.

In addition, we learnt about fearless females within the STEAM field such as: Jane Goodall, Iqbal Al Assad and Katherine Johnson.

Well done and thank you **Ms Corrales** for such a well-planned, fun and engaging week.

## FOREST SCHOOL

**Bolivia 3** have had a fantastic opportunity to attend Forest School at Alexandra Palace this term. This has included a range of learning including finding out about the web of life, how creatures depend on one another for survival and how it is so important for our eco system.

## YEAR 2 STUDYING RELIGION

Recently Year 2 visited St Paul's church to support their learning about Christianity in RE. They learnt about why Christians go to church and the priest explained about all the important objects they could see in the building. They saw a font where babies are baptised and saw the bread and wine used for Communion.

Year 2 had a great afternoon and enjoyed learning more about the church.

## HALF TERM

School will be closed for one week (17th February - 21st February); children will **return to school on Monday 24th February at 8:45**.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin  
**Leadership Team**

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| 13.3 | Puerto Rico 5 |
| 20.3 | Mexico 4      |
| 27.3 | Nicaragua 4   |



## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2020

**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

**Monday 24th February**  
Yrs 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop

**Wednesday 26th February**  
6:00 Governors Meeting

**Thursday 27th February**  
2:45 Y1 Parents Phonics Meeting

**WC 2nd March**  
Book Week including Storyteller on Monday

**Thursday 5th March**  
World Book day

**Friday 6th March**  
World Book day Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 13th March**  
Sports Relief

**Friday 3rd April**  
End of Term  
**School closes at 1:30**

### Summer Term 2020

**Children return to school**  
8:45 Monday 20th April

**Friday 8th May**  
Bank Holiday  
School closed

**Friday 22nd May**  
3:10 End of summer 1

**Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May**  
School closed

**Monday 1st June**  
INSET Day

