

# Newsletter 15th January 2021 Issue 59 News, information and events from Alexandra Primary School

# Our value of the month is Courage

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### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well as we start a new year very differently from the way we had hoped to.

I am sure that adjusting to lockdown life is presenting challenges for many of you. The most important element in all of this is to keep yourselves and the wider community safe from Covid 19.

To do this we urge everyone to **follow the guidance** from the government, crucially **do not leave home unless absolutely necessary** and **do not mix with people outside of your own household**; this will to help reduce the spread of the infection.

Infection rates in Haringey are currently very high, above national and London infection rates. Please follow all guidance and make the right choices to help keep everyone in the community safe and well.

### **HOME LEARNING**

Well done to the children who are accessing the home learning being provided via **Google Classrooms** and **Tapestry** and those who are accessing the work through prepared printed packs.

It has been great to see so many children who are accessing the daily live sessions with your teachers, including phase assembly. We can also see so many of you who are watching the teaching videos prepared by your teachers then completing and posting the daily work. The routine of following the timetable will be very helpful and beneficial to you all during this period of home learning.

I am sure that you will join me in saying such a big thankyou to all of the teachers and staff who have been working tirelessly to create positive home learning experiences whilst also planning, preparing and teaching lessons for the children who continue to attend school each day.

### **COURAGE**

Our value for the month of January is Courage. Many of you are showing courage currently in so many ways including perseverance to continue to access and complete your home learning whilst staying positive as you learn remotely from your classmates. We know that families are showing great courage as you continue to support your children's home learning experience, which we know can present many challenges to you.

Also the staff at Alexandra Primary who are continuing to show great courage in the face of this virus, as they attend work daily to ensure the very best educational opportunities for the children in these challenging times.

# **FANTASTIC ART**

**Carina** in El Salvador posted the magnificent piece of art work (pictured right) that she worked on at home - an outstanding piece of artwork I am sure you will agree.



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### FELIX PROJECT

The school will continue to have the Felix Project delivering food to the school each week.

If you would like to come and collect a food parcel, please come to the main gate every Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm.

If you require more information or would like to arrange a time

for collection please contact the school office on 0208 888 9771 or email admin@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk

### **MATISSE**

One of the groups in school this week explored the work of French artist Henri Matisse (1869-1954).

Matisse used collage techniques such as folding, tearing, crumpling, overlapping and layering to create amazing giant works of art.

The children were inspired by looking at his work and watching a video of him in action to create their own collages.

We think they look fantastic.

### ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

During Circle Time, the children will be discussing different articles as part of being a Rights Respecting School.

Please take the time to discuss the article and related questions with your children at home.

### Article 15 - Freedom of association

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Have a think about the questions below and discuss them with your family. Remember to respect other people's opinions even if you disagree.

What does association mean? Where have you heard that word before?

What opportunities are there in school to associate with others?

Being in lockdown means that we can't associate with people the way we used to. What are the things you miss most?

Why do you think that there isn't actually a 'Right to have friends' in the charter?

Do all the people in the clubs and groups you belong to have to be your friend?

# **MUSIC**

If you want to see the fantastic work and learning during music lessons last term please go to the school website

https://www.alexandraprimaryschool.co.uk/provision/curriculum/musical-learning-at-alexandra/

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Some of our Stars of the Week who have shown great perseverance are Evelyn, Shevin, Elion and Elizabeth (year 3); Amani, Coco, Dominic and Victoria (year 4).

Coco also did some fantastic home learning about solids, liquids and gases, part of which involved chocolate. I am sure it included a taste test too!

Well done to all of our stars of this week.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin

Leadership Team











# **KEY DATES**

# **Spring Term 2021**

Friday15th January Reception Application Closes

WC 1st February Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 9th February** Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February End of Spring 1

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February Half Term School closed

Monday 22nd February Spring 2 begins

> WC 1st March **Book Week**

**Thursday 4th March** World Book Day

> WC 8th March STEAM Week

Friday 19th March Red Nose Day

Thursday 25th March Parents Evening

Sunday 28th March **BST** begins

Wednesday 31st March End of Term

Thursday 1st April -Friday 16th April Easter break School closed

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April Summer 1 begins

Thursday 22nd April Earth Day

Friday 28th May End of Summer 1

Monday 31st May -Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June Summer 2 begins

