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News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

HOME LEARNING

We continue to be pleased with the engagement of the children with the home learning and the impressive quality of work that is being completed. It is so important that your children continue to persevere with the home learning whilst the country remains under lockdown.

We understand the challenges that families face (lack of devices, poor internet access, working, lockdown anxiety, multiple children demanding attention etc) when confronted with the prospect of home learning. Our expectation is that you follow a routine including a daily timetable to help manage the home learning. It may not always be possible to follow the timetable that the school has outlined, in that case adjust the timetable so that it is manageable for your family circumstances.

It is important that the daily routine involves children getting up and dressed in the morning and having a suitable bedtime; it is also important the children attend the daily live sessions which happen twice a day as this encourages engagement and supports learning.

It is also important to have times which help to maintain family relationships without adding anxiety and stress; try doing things together away from screen times such as eating, playing games, creative activities and your daily exercise such as a walk or bike ride to the local park.

We know and understand that the children learn best when in school being taught in the right learning environment with skilled, qualified, experienced staff. In the absence of school we ask that you manage the home learning as best you can and keep us informed of any challenges that you and your child may face so we can endeavour to support you.

As soon as we have clear guidance and advice (not senior government ministers plucking part baked dates from the air, media speculation and conjecture) about the school reopening we will share it with our school community. We have been notified that we will get two weeks notice prior to reopening the school fully to all of our children. However, it is not clear if this two week notice will include any period of school holiday.

In the meantime we are sure that you will support us in expressing gratitude to our staff for the work they are doing to support children working remotely, delivering online lessons whilst also delivering lessons to children who are in school at this time.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

If you are entitled to **Free School Meals** you will have been emailed a shopping voucher from Edenred that can be used towards your shopping.

This voucher covers a 4 week period and will take you up to **Friday 12th February**.

If you haven't received your voucher, please check your junk/spam email folder before contacting the office.

Haringey council have also informed us today that they will fund Free School Meal Vouchers for the week of half term, **15th - 19th February**. The office team will be in contact with you in due course with further information on how to redeem these vouchers.

Our value of the month is Courage

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Between **1-7 February**, Alexandra Primary School will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week.

This is a yearly event, organised by the children's mental health group

Place2Be. The theme for this year's

week is, **"Express Yourself."** According to Place2Be, *"Self-expression is about communicating your individuality. This can be through words, clothing and hairstyle, or through art forms such as writing, drawing, music and dance."*

In circle time, the children will be exploring a different form of self-expression each day. Place2Be and Alexandra Primary School believe that, *"by expressing ourselves thoughtfully, we can better communicate, collaborate and build a community with others,"* especially in times of hardship and crisis.

Very appropriate at the current time with the various challenges many people are facing at the moment.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Over the years, Safer Internet Day has become a landmark event in the Online safety domain. Now, more than ever, we realise the importance of keeping safe online. We will be celebrating this on **Tuesday 9th February**.

Safer Internet Day has grown beyond its traditional geographic zone and is now celebrated in approximately 170 countries worldwide. From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of the emerging online issues and current concerns.

Stay tuned for a project run by **Miss Kaur**, our Computing Subject Lead at Alexandra Primary.

To find out more visit: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/about>

On this day we will have a whole school focus. Teachers will be posting a video and poster on their Google Classroom streams on Tuesday 9th February. A whole school project will be generated as a result of this day.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Our recent Stars of the Week have included Letia, Kevin and Abdou in year 6 and Zerei in year 5.

FANTASTIC ART

Look at the amazing art work that has been produced at home by Philip and Kayla. The piece of work by Kayla is based on the work of Rasheed Araeen, a Karachi born, London-based conceptual artist, sculptor, painter, writer, and curator. He has been working as a visual artist bridging life, art and activism since his arrival in London from Pakistan in 1964.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

One way to forget about lockdown and home learning is to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend, supported by RSPB.

For more information follow the link and happy bird watching

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team

**EXPRESS
YOURSELF**

1 - 7 FEBRUARY 2021
#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2021

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 tbc

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
Half Term School Closed

Monday 7th June
INSET School closed

Tuesday 8th June
Summer 2 begins



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