



Newsletter 12th February 2021 Issue 61 News, information and events from Alexandra Primary School

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to everyone celebrating Chinese New Year.

This year is the year of the Ox starting from Friday 12th February. People born in 1973, 1985, 1997 or 2009 were born in the year of the Ox.

Do you know anybody born between February 15th 1961 and February 4th 1962; if so they were born in the year of the Ox. An ox is diligent, dependable, strong and determined.

The Ox is second in the 12 year cycle of the animals for Chinese New Year. Do you know the first?

Do you know the story of the animals for the 12 years of the Chinese Zodiac? Maybe you can present what you know to your teacher in a poem or a piece of art work. Or retell the story in your own words.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 4th March**. Although we may be learning remotely, we will absolutely be celebrating our love of reading at Alexandra. Our theme this year is **'Fairy Tales with a Twist.'** Our writing for the first two weeks will be based on a core text linked to our theme.

On **Thursday 4th March**, we would like all children and adults to dress up as their favourite fairy tale character for registration and circle time.

HALF TERM FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

If you are eligible for free school meals, you will have received a £15 shopping voucher per eligible child from WONDE via your email.

This covers the half term holiday and has been funded by Haringey. If you haven't received your voucher, please check your junk or spam inbox in the first instance.

If it has not been received, please email the office - admin@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk

YEAR 1 VICTORIAN DAY

Ms Kaur delivered a remote history lesson as part of the study of Victorians; some of the children were so enthralled and inspired that they dressed up for Victorian day.

ONLINE READING RESOURCES

As you know, at Alexandra we love reading. Reading is simply a magical experience and we are always looking for new ways to access interesting reading material.

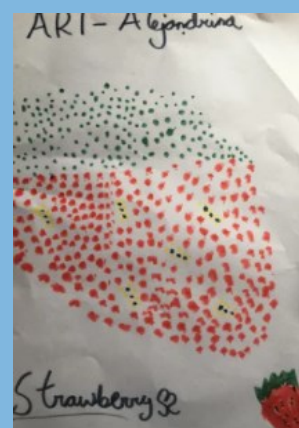
<http://www.getepic.com> is a great website to access a range of books to read for pleasure. Our school's log in code is 'mxy1661'.



Our value of the month is Love

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BUBBLE 3 ART WORK

Children in school have been enjoying art this half term. They have explored **chiaroscuro** (the treatment of light and shade in drawing and painting) by drawing apples in torch light using charcoal.

Recently they explored drawing trees, then created trees with masking tape and used water colour paints to fill the pages with colour.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS DURING REMOTE LEARNING

We understand the difficulties for families during this period of remote learning. The level of children engagement and family support has been really impressive. Below is some information and links for families to guide you to help your children during these challenging times.

Young Minds have created a useful, 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder.'

By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond) - <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Young Minds have also created a useful poster highlighting ways to give support to children when they have angry feelings or outbursts and may help families start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings - <https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf>

THE PRINCESS OF POLKA DOTS

Year 6 have explored the art work of **Yayoi Kusama**, a Japanese artist who is sometimes called 'The Princess of the Polka Dots.'

Although she makes lots of different types of art – paintings, sculptures, performances and installations – they all have one thing in common – DOTS!

HALF TERM SINGING WORKSHOPS

London Youth Choirs are offering two free **FEELGOOD SINGING** workshops over Half Term.

Wednesday 17th February; 11.00am-12.00pm – Teddy Bears' Picnic with Hannah King and Owain Park (ages 4-7).

Thursday 18th February; 9.30am-10.30am – Singing Voyage with Rachel Staunton (ages 7-11).

If you are interested, then please sign up for the workshop by going to this link:

<https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/feelgood-halfterm/>

HALF TERM

School will be closed for half term week between **Monday 15th February** and **Friday 19th February**. We implore families to take themselves away from computer screens and try to find time to reconnect with each other as a family and with nature. Take time to get outside to exercise and begin to enjoy what will hopefully be the onset of spring and the end of winter.

We are sure you will join with us in wishing all of our staff a well deserved rest and time for recuperation next week.

We will be back with remote learning on **Monday 22nd February**.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2021

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

Monday 8th March
International Women's 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

WC 17th May
Walk to School Week

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

Friday 23rd July
End of Term

Monday 26th July
Summer Holiday begins

