

Newsletter 19th March 2021 Issue 63 News, information and events from Alexandra Primary School

Our value of the month is Happiness

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FULL SCHOOL OPENING

We were delighted that the return to full school opening went so smoothly last week. Out attendance figures were pleasing with an **overall attendance** of **96.5%** last week. Attendance figures **since September** are **96.7%**.

You will be aware that we have once again reviewed our arrangements for dropping off and collecting your children. We understand that having to queue at each end of the day does take time. I am sure that you appreciate we are endeavouring to keep all in our community safe during the pandemic.

The whole school have focused on PSHCE along with creativity. We've had a week of exploring our feelings about our recent experiences, looking forward with hope to the future, learning different mindfulness activities we can use to help us and also creating different art using different media.

This has included creating daffodils to symbolise hope and also our own rainbows to show gratitude to the NHS. It's been a great first week.

ASSESSMENTS

Due to the pandemic and the disruption that this has caused to schooling over the past twelve months, the government have announced that primary schools will not have assessments this year.

This includes the year 1 phonics check, year 2 end of key stage 1 assessments and key stage 2 tests at the end of year 6.

We are however continuing to assess all of our children in the way that we always do, to ensure that we know what progress children are making and what teachers need to teach next to close any gaps in learning.

We will report progress in learning of your child at parents evening at the end of March and in the end of year written report in July.

SILVER AND BRONZE CERTIFICATES

We were delighted that in December we had 135 children who received a Bronze Certificate for 100% attendance at school during the autumn term.

Those 135 children will be eligible for a **Silver Attendance Certificate** if they have **100% attendance** for this term - we will be measuring attendance since full reopening on the **8th March to the end of term**.

Children who did not receive a Bronze Attendance Certificate will be eligible to receive one if they have 100% attendance for the period of full school opening this term





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PARENTS EVENING

If you have not yet done so, please book your Parents Evening appointment for Wednesday 31st March. Parents evening is from 1:40 - 6:00, with each family allocated a ten minute appointment to discuss learning and progress of your child. To select your appointment please visit https://www.scopay.com/login.html and log-in.

If you have any queries, please email the office admin@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk .

Please remember that children will finish earlier on this day. End of day times for children on Wednesday 31st March are:

- •12:50 Reception, yr1, yr 2 & yr 3
- 1:00 Yr 4, yr 5 & yr 6

Families will be sent a link a few days prior to attend the meeting with their child's teacher.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

If you are eligible for free school meals you will receive a shopping voucher on Friday 26th March for £30 per eligible child to cover the Easter holiday. This is only for benefit related free school meals and not the universal free school meals scheme.

To find out if you are eligible please carry out an on-line check: https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/ by Thursday 25th March.

SKILLS BUILDER

In the summer term, each class will work on a skills builder project. These projects are a wonderful opportunity for children to develop essential skills; listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork.

The projects are:

Reception and Nursery - Fabulous Fashions

Year 1 - Gallery opening

Year 2 - Going Green

Year 3 - Making changes

Year 4 - Number Crunching

Year 5 - Breaking News

Year 6 - Big Business

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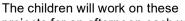












projects for an afternoon each week and we will celebrate their work on the school website.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year for World Book Day, the theme was, 'Fairy Tales with a Twist'. Whether at home or at school, children dressed up as a favourite fairy tale character to celebrate the day.

Remember to use your £1 digital book tokens and enjoy reading a range of lovely books.

READING SUPERSTARS

Oliver in Cuba and Rosalie in Chile have been our reading superstars recently for wonderful recording in their reading journal. Fantastic effort well done both of you for sharing your love of reading.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin Leadership Team



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2021

March

Online Booking for Parents Evening continues

Friday 19th March Red Nose Day

Sunday 28th March **BST** begins

Wednesday 31st March Parents Evening

Wednesday 31st March End of Term

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

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April Children return to school

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 Children return to school

> Friday 23rd July End of Term

Monday 26th July Tuesday 31st August School closed

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September **INSET** School closed

Thursday 2nd September Children return to school

