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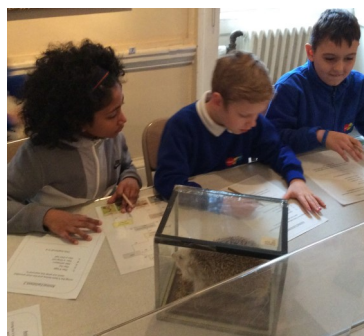
News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

YEAR 5 TRIP TO BRUCE CASTLE

Year 5 recently visited Bruce Castle to enhance their learning in science around classifying vertebrates. While they were there they also learnt about taxidermy.

The children identified 5 different type of vertebrates including fish and amphibians. Can you name any of the other three types of vertebrates?

If you can, then tell your teacher who can give you a sticker. They can then tell Ms Corales, who will be delighted to hear about children in our school who have a deep knowledge of science. You may also get a special mention in the newsletter.



TRAVELLING ABROAD

If you are intending to travel abroad during the Christmas break, please ensure you follow the travel advice around COVID testing. Travel rules have recently changed and, regardless of vaccination status, all families returning from abroad must take a COVID test on the second day after returning. **You must quarantine in your home while you await your test result.**

School re-opens to children on **Wednesday 5th January**; if you are quarantining at this time inform the school office admin@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk

Any family that takes their child out of school to travel abroad will not have the absence authorised. You also risk either receiving a fine or your child being removed from the school roll.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING VOUCHERS

If you are **eligible for free school meals**, you will receive a shopping voucher on **Friday 17th December** for **£30 per eligible child** to cover the Christmas holiday period. 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 **Tuesday 14th December**.

POPPY APPEAL

Thankyou to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Alexandra Primary raised a total of £214.97.

SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENTS

Please ensure you have paid for your child's school lunch by **Monday 13th December** for the end of term.

CHRISTMAS CAROL VIDEO

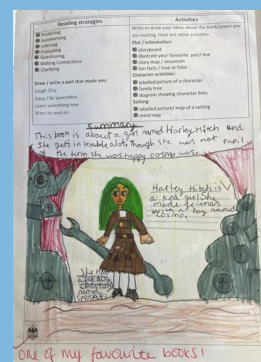
From the middle of next week you will be able to see the video of the children singing the Christmas Carol that they have been learning during the past few weeks.



Our value of the month is peace

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READING

Reading is such a critical element of learning - we know that being a successful reader opens the door to a world of understanding and interest. That is why we have such a huge focus as a school on reading from the very beginning of school, throughout the journey until children leave Alexandra.

We also aim to develop reading for pleasure as this is such a powerful way to develop vocabulary, imagination, critical thinking and to deepen knowledge.

A great way to celebrate the love of reading is through use of the reading journals. In fact, Nihal and Nouria's creative reading journals have stunned the authors of the books that they have been reading and commenting on. The authors were so impressed that they even sent them a message to say thank you.

Thankyou to Ms Joseph who is working so hard to raise the profile of and interest in reading throughout the school.

SCHOOL STREET

A number of year 6 children have recently been gathering data within their local community focusing on Western Road and The Common. The purpose of the data collection, in conjunction with Haringey Council, was to look at viable designs to make the roads and streets safer around Alexandra Primary.

The children had the opportunity to express what they would like to see more of locally to help make the roads safer and help to promote a greater sense of community.

We hope to have more information in the coming months about how this project is progressing.

FANTASTIC ART WORK

Wonderful art work recently completed by the children is on display around the school. Year 1 created self-portraits; Year 2 explored portraits; Year 3 created their own version of Egyptian Death Masks; Year 4 explored clay and designed, created and painted their own pots; Year 5 painted their own still-life canvases based on Paul Cezanne's work and Year 6 created pictures with one-point perspective.

The children used different materials in their work - sketching pencils, chalk pastels, charcoal, oil pastels and acrylic paints. We look forward to you coming into school to be able to see this work on display. In the meantime, you can see much of it on the school website.

Thankyou to **Ms Kennedy** for her work to make Alexandra such a creative hub.

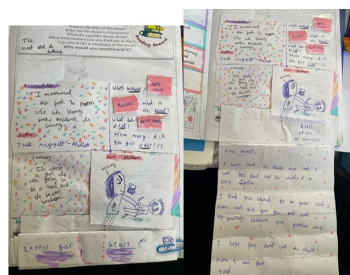
END OF TERM

The current school term ends on **Friday 17th December at 1:30.**

Children return to school after the Christmas break on **Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8:45.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community (children, families, staff, volunteers and governors) a very Happy Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 10th December
Christmas Dinner and
Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 14th
December**

Panto in a Day
EYFS, yrs. 1 & 2

Friday 17th December
Attendance Celebration
Assembly

Friday 17th December
End of Term
children finish at **1:30pm**

Monday 20th December
- **Monday 3rd January**
Christmas Holiday
School closed

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January
INSET School closed

Wednesday 5th January
Children return to school

Saturday 15th January
Applications for reception
places closes

**Wednesday 12th
January**
Choir to the O2 for Young
Voices

Monday 17th January
Martin Luther King Day

Thursday 27th January
International Holocaust
Remembrance Day

WC 31st January
National Storytelling
Week

Tuesday 1st February
Chinese New Year

Friday 11th February
End of Term

**Monday 14th February -
Friday 18th February**
School closed

Monday 21st February
Children return to school

