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News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

This week Alexandra Primary school have been celebrating National Storytelling Week. We had fantastic literacy lessons exploring different ways of creating and retelling stories. For example, Year 6 performed myths and legends using character masks as props, Year 5 planned their stories after selecting characters, settings and props and Year 4 retold their partner a story.

Children discussed why story telling is important. Below are some of the responses:

- It helps our mind to grow – Sevin
- It is important because you can let your imagination go wild – El Salvador class
- Without storytelling you would be very bored or glued to technology – Sarah

The children also discussed stories and storytelling and the impact it has on wellbeing. Children in Puerto Rico discussed how stories help them to reduce anxiety.

- Stories at bedtime help me to relax and go to sleep - Kyan

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The aim is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly and creatively. This years theme is '**All fun and Games,**' on **Tuesday 8th February.**

Please look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you and your child started to help you to stay safe and positive online. You and your family can #PlayYourPart in creating a better internet by:

- Having conversations without judgement
- Knowing where you can learn more about your child's favourite apps and games
- Getting support if things go wrong
- Reassuring your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them

For more information visit the UK Safer Internet Centre - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

TRADITIONAL TALES IN NURSERY

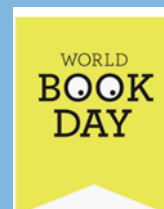
This half term Nursery's topic is Traditional Tales. This week they have been learning about the tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have enjoyed planting magic beans, painting pictures of giant beanstalks and building castles for the giant and his wife to live in.



Our value of the month is love

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PARENTS EVENING

If you haven't yet booked your meeting time for parents evening on **Thursday 10th February**, please do so via your Tucasi SCO pay account. Alternatively, please call the office where staff can help you with making the booking.

The parents evening **meeting links will be sent** to families on **Tuesday 8th February**. Please note there is a **DIFFERENT** link for **EACH** class. If you have children in different classes, please ensure you use the correct link for your allocated time.

A reminder that **children will finish early at 1:10** on Thursday 10th February. If you have arranged for someone else to collect this day, please make sure they are aware of the early finish.

Due to the **early finish for parents evening, Art Club & Music Club for KS2** will be **NOT** run on Thursday 10th February.

WORLD BOOK DAY

In 2022, we are celebrating the **25th anniversary** of World Book Day with the message for all children, **'You are a reader'**.

The theme this year is Harry Potter. On World Book Day, **Thursday 3rd March**, we are inviting every child across the school to dress-up as their favourite character from Harry Potter. In school, every child will be given the opportunity to make their own wand and hat. If they would like to make additional costume items at home, to wear on the day that would be fantastic.

There will be a prize in each phase for the most creative, home-made costume.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

If your child has packed lunch at school please ensure that you are providing a healthy balanced meal. The packed lunch must not include chocolate.

Click the link for further guidance about providing a healthy packed lunch <https://www.alexandraprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/care-of-your-child/school-dinners/>

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE RISE

Please note that from **19th April** the cost of school meals will rise to **£2.45**.

HALF TERM FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

If you are entitled to Free School Meals (**NOT KS1 universal free school meals**) you will receive your supermarket shopping voucher from WONDE (£15 per eligible child) by **Thursday 10th February** to help towards the cost of your child's lunch over half term.

If your circumstances have recently changed, please check if you are eligible: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

PARENTS SURVEY

In our last newsletter we gave some headlines from the recent Parents Survey. The figures we gave were from 49 responses to the survey.

To see the full survey on the school website please click the link <https://www.alexandraprimaryschool.co.uk/parent-survey-summary/>

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The children in Early Years have had great fun celebrating Chinese New Year. They created their own Lanterns which are thought to bring good fortune. They explored Chinese letters and traced different symbols. They also explored the year of their own Chinese zodiac.

This is the **Year of the Tiger**. We say Happy New Year to all members of our school community celebrating at this time.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team



KEY DATES Spring Term 2022

Saturday 5th February
Black Pound Day

Tuesday 8th February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 10th February
Parents Evening online
1:30—6:30
Children finish at 1:10

Friday 11th February
End of Term

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

Monday 21st February
Children return to school

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March
Dr Szyglo Science Show

WC 14th March
British Science Week

Friday 18th March
Red Nose Day

WC 21st March
Last Week of Spring
Clubs

Friday 1st April
End of Term
Children finish at 1:30

**Monday 4th April -
Monday 18th April**
School closed

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April
Children return to school

Friday 22nd April
Stephen Lawrence Day

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday
School closed

Tuesday 3rd May
KS1 testing begins

Monday 9th May
KS2 SATs testing week

Friday 27th May
End of Term



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