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News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

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love

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WORLD BOOK DAY

On **Thursday 3rd March**, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day with the message for all children, **'you are a reader'**.

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. The mission is to promote reading for pleasure; reading for pleasure is a big factor in a child's future success. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

Research found that **96.9% of children have heard of World Book Day** and **children who participate in World Book Day activities are more engaged in reading and books** than those who don't. Some of the positive impacts of World Book Day and reading for pleasure are: -

- Improvement in vocabulary in comparison to non-readers
- Correlation between regularity of reading for pleasure and better attainment in reading
- Improved performance in all subjects
- Reading for pleasure is one of the most important predictors of test scores at age 16, with better outcomes for readers, which improve life chances
- There is a strong correlation between regular reading for pleasure and mental wellbeing
- Reading improves a child's empathy skills

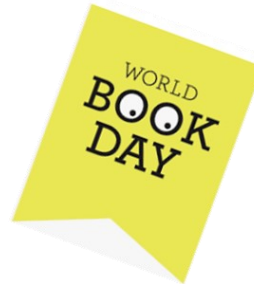
On **World Book Day on March 3rd**, dress up as your favourite character from Harry Potter. There will be a prize in each phase for the best home-made costumes.

BASE

We are pleased to inform you that we have joined up with an organisation called **BASE** (Body and Soul Education). BASE provides children with access to whole-body education and learning towards becoming physically and mentally fit for life.

Our BASE mentor will be at Alexandra Primary on Wednesdays and Thursdays every week. They will work 1 to1 and with groups to help develop our pupil's understanding of how the body and mind work together. BASE provides preventative and restorative measures in a safe, nurturing and engaging way, to help maximise every child's capability.

Our BASE mentor, Bradley, recently delivered an assembly to children in years 2-6. During the assembly, Bradley talked about how to deal with emotions and how to identify triggers. Please ask your children about this.



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RED NOSE DAY

Since the launch of Red Nose Day in 1988, it has become a much anticipated date for fun and fundraising. Red Nose Day 2022 is on **Friday 18th March**.

At Alexandra Primary, we will be contributing by selling **red noses** from **Monday 14th March** and throughout the week (until we sell out!). We will be asking for you to give **£2** to buy a red nose which will also entitle you to come to school on **Friday 18th March** in **non - uniform**.

If you do not wish to purchase a red nose, you can **contribute £1** on Friday for coming to school in non - uniform.

YEAR 4 ARTISTS

Last half term, year 4 explored collage, water colour paints and practised sketching and shading skills to create a final piece of art - a mixed media portrayal of birds on a tree.

To create the background, they used water colours and created different moods for the paintings. To create the birds, they used sketching skills and then explored shading them in different ways to create different effects.

At the end of the topic, they created a gallery in the classrooms, appreciating each other's art.

See the website for more examples of this fantastic art work.

COVID UPDATE

No doubt you will have heard or read about the announcement from the Prime Minister regarding living with COVID. Following on from that announcement earlier this week, we have sought and received advice from Public Health Haringey.

The advice tells us that we should continue with the schools operational guidance on keeping safe, helping to reduce the spread of COVID. We will ensure good hygiene for everyone including regular hand washing and sanitising, continue with the increased cleaning regime, keep indoor spaces well ventilated and follow local public health guidance on self isolation.

Children should not attend school if they have COVID symptoms or have had a recent positive test. Anyone in school who develops symptoms will be sent home and be asked to self isolate and book a PCR test before they are able to return. This guidance is in place until **April 1st**; guidance will be reviewed and updated when access to free testing ends.

EL SALVADOR OUTSTANDING HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Children in El Salvador 6 really impressed their teacher, Ms Rollason, with the outstanding quality of their holiday homework. The task was to make renewable energy models in preparation for their geography topic this half term.

It will be a difficult decision to choose the outstanding holiday homework at the celebration assembly.

You can see other examples of this wonderful work on the school website.

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Leadership Team



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2022

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 25th April
Choir to the O2 for Young Voices

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

**Monday 30th May -
Friday 3rd June**
School closed

Monday 6th June
INSET

Tuesday 7th June
Children return to school

Thursday 21st July
End of Term
Children finish at 1:30

**Friday 22nd July -
Wednesday 31st August**
School closed



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