



Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

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SCIENCE DAY

Dr Andrew Szydlo, an internationally acclaimed chemist and scientist, wowed Alexandra children this week with his mind-blowing and hair-raising experiments. He demonstrated a variety of chemical reactions which included the chemistry of colour to pyrotechnics and high explosives.

"I liked the science experiments because it had loud bangs. When the scientist made fire by mixing medicines to other chemicals, I was completely mind-blown!" – Ayman, Mexico Class

"When he mixed acids together, it created chemical reactions – some were smoky, some changed colour, some exploded into flames and some made loud bangs. It made me like science even more." – Chanae, Nicaragua Class

This celebration of science was part of the wider celebration of science for **Science Week** which is the week beginning **14th March**. During the week, children will study the work of female scientists under the heading of **We Are Engineers**.

The week of study will include investigating how energy causes motion or creates change. Pupils will be given a STEAM challenge which involves finding a solution to a variety of hands-on and practical activities by creating, designing and innovating models.

LEARNING IN YEAR 1

This term, children in year 1 are exploring famous landmarks around Britain. The children were busy creating their own landmark models over the half term break in preparation for the project. The children have also researched significant landmarks around the world and have created a fact file.

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, they used scientific methods to create a rainbow effect using wizard skittles and lemonade. The children really enjoyed experimenting, predicting and being scientists.

SCHOOL DINNER PRICE INCREASE

A reminder that from **Tuesday 19th April** the cost of a school lunch will increase to **£2.45 per day / £12.25 per week**.



Our value of the month is happiness

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SPANISH

This term in Spanish, children are using their Spanish speaking skills to discuss hobbies and interests. Ask them to share what they have learnt.

SILVER & BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Each term we celebrate those children who have **100% attendance**. At the end of the term we will be giving out silver and bronze attendance certificates.

Silver certificates will go to children who have 100% attendance since September; bronze will go to those who have 100% attendance since January.

Currently we have 73 children in line for a silver and 93 in line for a bronze certificate.

RED NOSE DAY

From **Monday 14th March**, we will be selling red noses in the playground at the end of the day. The cost of each red nose is **£2.00** and this includes a donation for the non-uniform day on Red Nose Day. If your child is in nursery you can purchase a nose when collecting your child at the end of the session; if they are in reception, you can buy a red nose from staff at the middle gate at 3:10.

If you do not wish to buy a red nose, children can still come into school in **non-uniform** on **Friday 18th March** for a **£1 donation**.

All proceeds will go directly to Comic Relief.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To mark World Book Day at Alexandra Primary School, we celebrated 25 years of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Every class across the school was fully immersed in the story through reading the book and using it as a stimulus for writing.

On World Book Day, we dressed up as our favourite characters from Harry Potter, celebrated our favourite books and transformed our classrooms into museums, exhibiting the amazing learning we had produced.

Alexandra's Reading Ambassadors from Years 4-6 shared their favourite books in assembly. The whole school then paraded in their fantastic costumes.

I preferred the book to the film as the book has more detail and it is more captivating – Laura

Thank you Ms. Joseph for making World Book Day such a fantastic, memorable experience.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Children in year 5 & 6 have shown great perseverance in writing this week, as well as solving difficult mixed number problems during maths and creating their own personalised reading journals.

END OF TERM

The **last week for all clubs** this term will be **wc 21st March**.

There will not be any clubs in the last week of term, wc 28th March.

This term ends on Friday 1st April at 1:30.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2022

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

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September
INSET
School closed



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