



Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

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STEAM WEEK

Our engineers worked hard to plan, design, create, test and evaluate their models. Our structural engineers in EYFS-Year 2 created bridges. Marley from Chile class enthusiastically said, "When making a bridge, it is important to have strong lolly sticks so that it won't break if I rolled a car over it. I used triangle patterns and tape."

In Year 3 and 4, our green engineers made floating gardens. "We made floating gardens using recycled materials – this helps with climate change. My group made sure it floated by putting the lids on the bottles so water wouldn't come in and make it sink. We made our floating garden balanced on both sides. In real life, floating gardens help countries around the world when it floods." Melina (Bolivia Class)

Year 5 and 6 worked as automotive and electrical engineers. Renaya (El Salvador Class) enjoyed STEAM week and learnt so much about the engineering and design process. "Making the electrical car taught me about complete circuits and that creating something is all about trial and error. It was fun changing and improving my car. Also, we learnt about black female engineers in the automotive industry. It has inspired me to become an engineer – but a software engineer".

The children in nursery looked at images of Tower Bridge before having the chance to draw their own interpretation of Tower Bridge on a large piece of paper as a whole class. The children then split off into two groups and used different kinds of building materials to bring their designs to life.

Thank you **Ms Corales** and **Mrs Kennedy** for their work in promoting and organising STEAM Week.

MORNING GATE

As we continue to amend our daily practice to keep all of our school community as safe as possible during these Covid times, we have now reviewed our start of day procedures for the gate opening.

From **Tuesday 19th April**, all external gates will open at **8:40**, children can access the site at any gate and walk to their lining up space in the playground. Teachers will be in the playground to collect the children and take them up to class at **8:45**.

All gates will be locked at 8:45 - children arriving after this time will be marked as late and will need to come to the main gate and wait with their parents until the office team are ready to process the late children prior to going to class.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

As Covid restrictions begin to ease, we are now looking at the possibility of restarting class assemblies with families in attendance during the summer term. Our intention currently is to have 8 class assemblies during the summer term with assemblies delivered by years 2,3,4 & 5.

It is expected that the first class assembly will be with **Mexico 4** on **Friday 6th May**, starting at **9:00**. Further details will follow early in the summer term.

We are also hopeful we can have a **year 6 end of year production** and a leavers **assembly** which we have not been able to have during the past two Covid affected years.



Our value of the month is happiness

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YUSUF'S NARRATIVE POEM

Yusuf in year 6, El Salvador, wrote a narrative poem for homework after studying narrative poetry in class; he wrote a fantastic poem about the environment.

The Littered Land

*The earth is a disgrace,
We must stop the pollution we must embrace,
The big, bright solution to make our earth a better place,
We must get ready for the problems we have to face*

The full poem can be seen on the school website.



BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Remember that clocks go forward at **1:00 am** on **Sunday 27th March** to introduce BST.

OURSCHOOLSAPP

If you use 'OurSchoolsApp' we will not be continuing with it after the Easter break. A new app will be introduced next term called **MyChildAtSchool** – more information will follow in due course.

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for buying a red nose and for donating money to come dressed in non-uniform for Red Nose Day. Alexandra Primary children and families raised a staggering **£756**.

Thank you all for your contribution at this time which we appreciate is difficult for many families.

FSM SHOPPING VOUCHERS

For those families that are entitled to free school meals (not universal free school meals), Haringey will be providing a supermarket voucher worth **£35** for each eligible child for the Easter holidays.

The shopping voucher will be emailed to families via Wonde on **Tuesday 29th March**. Please check your junk or spam folder if you have not received it by **Wednesday 30th March**.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will not have clubs after school during the week commencing **28th March**.

Clubs are in the process of being organised for the summer term. You will be notified if your child has a place for clubs during the summer term, before the end of this term, 1st April.

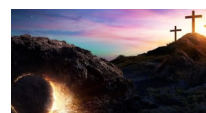
Summer term clubs will **begin wc 25th April**; the **final week** of summer term clubs will be **wc 4th July**.

RAMADAN & EASTER

As we approach the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan, we say to all of our school community who will be observing at this time, Ramadan Mubarak.

For all of our school community who will be celebrating Easter, Happy Easter.

Wishing all members of our school community, regardless of faith, peace and happiness at this holy time.



END OF TERM

Spring term ends on **Friday 1st April**. School will **finish** for children at **1:30** on this day.

Monday 18th April is Easter Monday so school will be closed. **Children return** to school on **Tuesday 19th April**.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team

KEY DATES

Spring Term 2022

WC 28th March

World Autism Awareness Week

Friday 1st April

End of Term

Children finish at 1:30

Saturday 2nd April
First Day of Ramadan

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

15th - 18th April
Easter Weekend

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

