



Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

News, information and events
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YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Last week, our year 6 children had an amazing week of fun and learning at **Pendarren House** in **South Wales**.

They experienced canoeing, climbing, abseiling, mountain walking and river studies including going into caves and standing under a waterfall. They also had a visit to the coast where they looked in rockpools, walked along the cliff tops and spent time on the beach and in the sea.

They had opportunities to try new things and to challenge themselves to go beyond anything they had achieved previously. The children came home exhausted but filled with many memories that will last a life time.

Thankyou to the staff who went on this trip to ensure it was so successful: **Ms Joseph, Ms Birch, Ms Ohemeng, Lem** and **Ms Walker**. Also **Mrs Clarke** who made a visit to give everyone a much needed boost midweek.

Some of the comments the children made during this wonderful experience are below:-

- Wales is so different to London, it's so green! **Ayoub**
- I was proud of myself for getting to the top of the climbing wall. **Sevin**
- I achieved by feeling scared, but overcoming it. **Lwazi**
- I'm proud of myself for crawling through a tight space and making it out! **Lavin**
- I'm really proud that I made it through the cave as it was really tight and I didn't think I would make it. **Deyvid**
- I've loved seeing things I've never seen before. **Samuel**
- This is amazing, I have never been in the sea before! **Dylan**

If you are in year 5, speak to the year 6 children about this fantastic experience so you can begin to prepare yourself for your visit next year.

DONATIONS FOR BOOKS

We are in the process of developing our library. Much work has gone into this project over recent months. The next step is to purchase books; what is a library without books?

If you are able, we are asking for financial donations to support the purchase of library books. You can donate as little or as much as you are able to. You can donate as a one off or little and often.

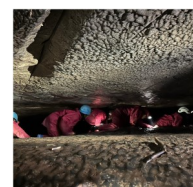
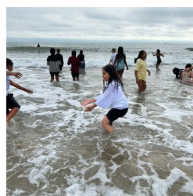
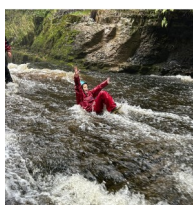
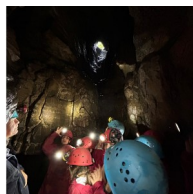
On Scopay is a donation tab for you to make a contribution. The donation window will be open until **28th March**. We will keep you informed as to how much we have raised.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

HALF TERM

School will be closed for half term next week (**Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October**). School is also **closed to children on Monday 30th October** for staff INSET.

Children return after half term at **8:45 on Tuesday 31st October**.



Our value of the month is pride

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**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

In the past two weeks, Venezuela and Mexico have shared their learning at class assembly. Both classes delivered with great confidence and were able to express clearly their understanding of what they have learnt this term.

Our next class assembly will be with **Argentina class, 10th November**. Assemblies are on **Friday** in the main hall at **9:00 am**; please come along to see your child sharing their learning.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance **last week was 96.6%**; since **September it is 96.0%**. Our school target is 96%.

Well done to **Chile** class who once again had the best attendance last week; only one child was absent throughout the week in **Chile** and **Argentina**.

Very well done **Argentina** who now have the best attendance since the beginning of term with an impressive **97.9%**. In **Argentina** and **Nicaragua**, only 10 children have had an absence since the beginning of term.

DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

We were delighted to have African Drummers in school this week as part of our celebration of Black History Month. The children really enjoyed playing the drums and year 6 had an opportunity to dance to the rhythm of the drums.

I enjoyed using numbers to play the beat of the drums. **Silvia**

SO SURREAL

In **Art Club** last week, the children discussed the work of **Pablo Picasso**, particularly his portraits.

They expressed opinions about his work and discussed which works they preferred and why.

Then they created their own surreal portraits using chalk pastels on different coloured sugar paper.

GOLD ARTSMARK

We are very proud to have been awarded the **Gold Artsmark Award at Alexandra Primary**.

This is in recognition of all the fantastic creativity that our children show in class and in clubs.

Areas the award recognises are:

- our work with local arts provider, **Collage Arts**, particularly our drama project funded by the **Paul Hamlyn Foundation**
- our wonderful musical teaching & learning
- the trialling of the Primary Baccalaureate in Year 5 this year
- development of our new creative curriculum, 'Belonging'

We are delighted to achieve this Gold Award, which reflects the work of many staff over recent years; however we must all give a huge degree of gratitude to our **Creative Arts Lead** over the past few years, who was the driver to ensure we achieved this award - thank you **Ms Kennedy**.

CONFLICT IN PALESTINE & ISRAEL

We have all seen and heard the news currently unfolding regarding the tragic events in Israel and The Gaza Strip. The scale of death and the developing humanitarian crisis we are witnessing can bring forth a range of emotions. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been impacted by these events, either directly or indirectly.

We understand that the situation is a very complex political situation with strongly held views on all sides.

It is therefore even more important that we continue, particularly in these challenging times, to promote the values of fairness, understanding, kindness, tolerance and inclusion.

If your child feels upset or just wants an opportunity to talk to someone in a safe space, please remind them that we are here. We have our learning mentor, Ms Weekes; our Inclusion Lead Ms Birch, as well as our school counsellor who has a drop-in session every Thursday lunchtime.

Date	Class
10.11	Argentina 3
24.11	Espana 6
1.12	Nicaragua 4
8.12	El Salvador 6

Best Attendance This Year	
1	Argentina 3 97.9%
2	Bolivia 3 97.6%
3	Nicaragua 4 97.3%

Best Attendance Last Week	
1	Chile 1 99.5%
2	Argentina 3 99.2%
3	El Salvador 6 98.2%



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 20th October
Black History Month
Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th October
3:10 End of half term

Monday 23rd October
- **Friday 27th October**
School Closed

Monday 30th October
staff INSET;
school closed

Tuesday 31st October
8:45 Children return to
school

Thursday 2nd
November
Individual & sibling
photographs

Wednesday 8th
November
Welcome in Wednesday
Positive Relationships &
Behaviour

Friday 10th November
Argentina Class
Assembly

WC Monday 13th
November
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November
Children in Need

Wednesday 22nd
November
Rec - Y6 Flu
Vaccinations

Friday 24th November
Espana Class Assembly

WC 27th November
Yrs 5 & 6 Bikeability

Friday 1st December
Nicaragua Class
Assembly

Tuesday 5th December
Y3 - 6 to Chickenshed
Theatre

Friday 8th December
El Salvador Class
Assembly
3:15 Winter Fair

Thursday 21st
December
End of term
Children finish at 1:30

