



Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

News, information and events
Friday 1st December 2023
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SCIENCE DAY

Recently, the children in year 3 & 4 had a fantastic interactive science day about **States of Matter**. They were able to hypothesise, predict, infer and communicate their thoughts in a range of real and fun interactive experiments with different materials.

It was such a powerful learning opportunity which really enhanced the children's science skills and knowledge.

My favourite part of the workshop was when we went outside and put mentos into the fizzy drink and watched it explode into the air. **Kaleah**

I really enjoyed the workshop, it was so fun and engaging. **Kaylan**



CHRISTMAS & WINTER CELEBRATIONS

As we head in to the final three school weeks of this term, we have begun to think about the end of term Christmas and winter celebrations.

On **Tuesday 5th December, years 3,4,5 & 6** will be going to Chickenshed Theatre in Southgate for a magical performance of **The Toymakers Child**.

On the same afternoon, children in **nursery, reception, year 1 & 2** will be watching a performance of **Tales from the Shed** in school.

On **Friday 8th December** we will be having our school **Winter Fair** beginning at **3:15** in the main school hall; this is a whole school community event and we are really looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. **Thursday 7th December will be a non - uniform day**; we are asking you to bring donations for the Tombola. Please try to bring the contributions early in the week, before Thursday if possible.

Our **Winter Musical Showcases** begin on **Thursday 14th December**.

- 9:00 Reception; EYFS Hall
- 11:00 Nursery; nursery
- 2:00 years 3 & 4; main hall

Friday 15th December

- 2:00 Year 1 & 2; main hall

Thursday 21st December

- 9:00 years 5 & 6; main hall

On **Tuesday 19th December**, we will have our **Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day**.

Thursday 21st December is the last day of term. **Children will finish at 1:30**.

Children return to school after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**; the school day begins at **8:45**.

NO PENS DAY

This week Alexandra participated in '**No Pens Day Wednesday**'. Children throughout the school worked out effective and practical ways to record their learning without picking up a pen! In different classes, there were team building activities, lots of discussions, role play with children and adults learning sign language.

It was a really successful day, made possible by our creative team of staff, as well as our fabulous **Inclusion Ambassadors** who acted as the **Pen Police**, ensuring no pens were used throughout the day.



Our value of the month is **peace**

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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We have had some wonderful class assemblies this term, most recently a fantastic journey back in time to World War 2 with Espana. During this assembly we got a sense of how it felt for the many children who were evacuated from the big cities and industrial areas of the UK. Some children spent many months, even years away from their families during this time.

We will have a new schedule for class assemblies for the start of the spring term. Next term will include assemblies from Puerto Rico, Colombia and Chile.

PRINTING

Our Year 5 Art Club enjoyed printing recently. First, they drew their design, then they used a pencil to carve out their design on the Styrofoam. After that they used a roller and printing ink to cover it. Finally, they printed their work.

They thoroughly enjoyed the process and were delighted with the results. We hope that you like them too.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance **last week was 95.3%**; since **September it is 96%**. Our school target is **96%**.

Very well done to the children in **Bolivia** class who last week, yet again, had the best attendance with an impressive **99.3%**. Well done to the six classes who had attendance above 96% last week; as well as Bolivia, Costa Rica, Chile, Argentina, Mexico and El Salvador.

Continuing to be impressive, **Bolivia** also have the best attendance since the beginning of term with **97.3%**.

At the end of term we will be celebrating the children who have had **100% attendance since September**. They will receive a **Bronze Certificate** to mark this significant achievement.

Each term we reward **100% attendance** with certificates; if a child has **two terms** of 100% attendance they will receive a **Silver Certificate**. If they manage the **whole school year**, they will receive a **Gold Certificate**.

CALLING CHESS FANS

The **London Chess Classic** takes place in London from **Friday 1st December to Sunday 10th December**. Although the tournament is not open to the public, all the action from the tournament will be broadcast live online via **Londonchessclassic.com**

MOUNT KILIMANJARO

We were delighted to hear about the recent magnificent achievement by one of our parents. Ngabisa, Lwazi's mum, climbed **Mount Kilimanjaro** in Tanzania.

It is the tallest mountain in Africa, the fourth highest peak in the world and the tallest free standing mountain - that is not part of a range such as Everest which is part of the Himalayan peaks. Kilimanjaro is only 205 miles from The Equator.

Date	Class
1.12	Nicaragua 4
8.12	El Salvador 6



Best Attendance This Year	
1	Bolivia 3 97.3%
2	Argentina 3 97%
3	Mexico 4 96.6%

Best Attendance Last Week	
1	Bolivia 3 99.3%
2	Costa Rica 1 97.4%
3	Chile 2 97%



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st December
Nicaragua Class Assembly

Tuesday 5th December
11:45 Y3 - 6 to Chickenshed Theatre
1:30 EYFS, yr1 & yr 2 Panto in a Day in school

Wednesday 6th December
Y2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop
Y4 River Boat trip
Y6 Imperial War Museum trip

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

Wednesday 13th December
9:00 Parents Spanish Workshop

Thursday 14th December
9:00 Reception Musical Showcase
11:00 Nursery Musical Showcase
2:00 Yrs 3 & 4 Musical Showcase

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2:00 Yrs 1 & 2 Musical Showcase

Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

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9:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Musical Showcase
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School Closed Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January

Spring Term 2024
Monday 8th January
Staff INSET school closed

Tuesday 9th January
Children return
School day begins at 8:45

