



Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

News, information and events
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WINTER MUSICAL SHOWCASE

We were delighted to recently have had the opportunity to share the children's talent during the Musical Showcases.

We started with Reception who were fantastic, then Nursery who were amazing. Then we had year 3 and 4 who were astounding before finishing the week with year 1 & 2 who were inspirational.

All of the shows were so well attended by families and friends of the children performing; thank you as always for your ongoing support which help to make these events so special.

Our Music Clubs also performed at their end of term shows; at Music Club the children learn to play a range of instruments including djembe drums, steel pans, ukulele and glockenspiels.

We will finish the term of Musical Showcases on Thursday with year 5 & 6 - we cannot wait to see their brilliance shine like a star.

Next term we are also looking forward to our Choir going to **The O2** to perform at **Young Voices**; this event will take place on **Tuesday 30th January**.

PUPIL PREMIUM & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that you may be eligible for Pupil Premium, Free School Meal entitlement, please come to the office to provide us with details and we will carry out the necessary checks for you on your behalf.

Pupil Premium is additional funding that the government gives to mainstream and special schools in England to help children from low income families. Families who are found **eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant & Free School Meals** could get support with the cost of trips, shopping vouchers and access to holiday clubs amongst other things.

We will be running support workshops on **Tuesday 9th January** and **16th January at 9:30 – 10:30am** to help our families apply for Free School Meals.

Come to the office and our office team will be available to guide you through this process.

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is unwell, when you call in to the office, please **choose Option 1** and **leave a message**. Alternatively, you can email the school office with the reasons for the absence.

Please let us know your **child's name, class and reasons for the absence**.



Our value of the month is **peace**

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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies will be returning in January; we will begin the class assemblies on **19th January** with **Colombia 2** followed by **Puerto Rico**.

See the table to the right (and the blue dates sidebar) to see if your child's class will have a class assembly during the spring term. If so, please make a date in your diary and come along to support and to see your child's learning.

Class assemblies are on a **Friday morning at 9:00** in the **main hall**.

SPRING TERM PARENTS EVENING

Spring Term Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 29th February, 1:40 — 6:30**.

The booking window for this will open on **Thursday 25th January**; information on how to book will be shared early in the spring term.

Please note, that on **Parents Evening (29th February)** the children **will finish school at 1:30**.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance **last week was 93.5%**; since **September it is 95.6%**. Our school target is **96%**.

Year 2 Chile class had the best attendance last week with **96.5%**

Argentina and **Bolivia**, year 3, have the best attendance since the beginning of term — well done to the children in year 3.

We gave out an impressive **107 Bronze certificates** this term, for children who have had **100% attendance** since the beginning of September - that is over 25% of the children who have not missed a school day since we returned after the summer break.

Nicaragua and **Mexico** were most impressive, with **15 children in each class receiving a Bronze Certificate**; an honourable mention must also be given to **Argentina (10)** and **Venezuela & El Salvador both with 9**.

WELCOME IN WEDNESDAY

The dates and events for **Welcome in Wednesday** during spring term are:

- 17th January; **Safer Internet**
- 7th February; **Children's Mental Health Week**
- 6th March; **International Women's Day**
- 27th March; **Early Reading**

PARENT/CARER DETAILS UPDATE

Early in the spring term, we will be sending out a '**Parent/ Carer Details Update Form**'; this will be sent via email.

It will be **Google Form** asking you to update your contact details and emergency contacts. The office team will then be able to update the information we hold on our system.

It is essential that we hold accurate and up to date information so that we can contact you when required.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We are saying goodbye to Mr Polydore at the end of term; we wish him well in his future ventures.

We wish everyone in our school community **joy and happiness** at this time; if you are celebrating **Christmas we wish you a Merry Christmas**.

Wishing everyone a **joyous, happy and prosperous New Year**.

The children return after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 9th January**; the **school day begins at 8:45**, gates will open at 8:35

| Date | Class |
|-----------|---------------|
| 19.1 | Colombia 2 |
| 26.1 | Puerto Rico 5 |
| 9.2 | Chile 2 |
| Half Term | |
| 23.2 | Cuba 1 |
| 1.3 | Costa Rica 1 |

| Best Attendance This Year | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Argentina 3 96.9% |
| 2 | Bolivia 3 96.8% |
| 3 | Mexico 4 96.4% |

| Best Attendance Last Week | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Chile 2 96.5% |
| 2 | Bolivia 3 95.9% |
| 3 | Puerto Rico 5 95.8% |

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 21st December

9:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Musical Showcase

Last day of term
Children finish at 1:30

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

Wednesday 10th January

Booking for spring term
clubs opens

Thursday 11th January

Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety
Workshop

WC Monday 15th January

Spring Clubs begin

Monday 15th January

Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday 17th January

Welcome in Wednesday
Safer Internet

Friday 19th January

Colombia 2
Class Assembly

Wednesday 24th January

Year 4 to London Zoo

Thursday 25th January

Reception & Year 6
Height & Weight Check

Thursday 25th January

Booking Opens for
Parents Evening

Friday 26th January

Puerto Rico 5
Class Assembly

Saturday 27th January

Holocaust Memorial Day

Tuesday 30th January

Choir to The O2
Young Voices

