



Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

News, information and events
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OUTDOORS IN THE EARLY YEARS

We recently had some development work in the outdoor area for children in nursery and reception. Many thanks to the Berkeley Group (responsible for local property development) who facilitated this project

The children have been working as a team and collaborating on building using bricks.

When playing with the bricks, children said, "It's heavy, use two hands."

"I want to build a castle."

"I'm going to build a house."

In the garden the children have been learning not to step on the flowerbeds, reminding each other to be careful. They have sung some nursery rhymes in there and played games.

They were very excited about the pond, asking questions such as, "What will go in there?"

"Are there fish?"

"Can we get caterpillars and tadpoles?"

PARENTS EVENING

Remember to book your appointment for parents evening on **Thursday 29th February (children finish at 1:30)**.

Appointment slots are for **10 minutes**; the sessions **begin at 1:40 with the final slot for a 6:30 finish**.

If you require support to make the booking please contact our office team admin@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk

WELCOME IN WEDNESDAYS

We have two Welcome in Wednesdays this term. They are:-

- **6th March**; International Women's day
- **27th March**; Early Reading

The sessions begin at **9:00 in the house**; please come along to learn more and to share year experiences.

THE WALLACE COLLECTION

Year 2 had a marvellous day out in central London recently when they visited the Wallace Collection. They had the opportunity to walk around their very ornate galleries, stopping by a particular picture and using their 'artist eyes' to really look at the painting, trying to recreate it using colouring pencils.

They also visited the armoury and got to try on different pieces of armour and figure out which parts of the body they were for. What a full and fantastic day of learning they all had.

PHASE ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Each week we have phase assemblies where children receive certificates for being Star of the Week or for excellent work in their Reading Journal. It is also the assembly where we celebrate the class with the best attendance for the previous week.



Our value of the month is **love**

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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We finish our spring term class assemblies with **year 1, Cuba** class followed by **Costa Rica**.

Please come along to see your child share their learning. Class assemblies are in the **main hall on Friday mornings**, beginning at **9:00**.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

To acknowledge the start of the Chinese New Year, the children in reception have been making and decorating their own Chinese lanterns.

First, the children folded the card and cut slits. Next, they decorated their lanterns with tissue paper, colours and some magical sparkles. Finally, they rolled the paper into round shapes and stuck handles on them to make them into lanterns. They are displayed beautifully in the classrooms.



Happy Chinese New Year to all those celebrating.

ATTENDANCE

Our current overall attendance is **94.3%**; the school target is **96%**.

Very well done to **Venezuela** who had a remarkable **100%** attendance last week. Well done also to **Argentina & Bolivia** who continue to lead the way with the best attendance since the beginning of the school year.

We are very aware that good school attendance correlates positively with good educational outcomes, leading to improved employment prospects which in turn lead to better health and overall enhanced life chances.

Children who have poor attendance (below 94%) are likely to perform less well at school, have poorer literacy and numeracy skills, have lower self esteem and less confidence, find it more difficult to obtain and retain good jobs, which have enhanced pay and better working conditions.

Look out for details of our upcoming **ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE** in the next few weeks with related prizes for excellent attendance over a three week period, between the end of March into April.

MUSICAL SHOWCASE DATES

As we approach the end of term we will once again be sharing the musical talents of our children in the Musical Showcase.

The **dates and times** for the musical celebrations can be seen in the Key Dates section in the blue sidebar to the right.

VISIT TO THE MOSQUE

Year 6 children recently enjoyed a trip to the London Islamic Cultural Society and Mosque, our local Mosque.

The children learnt lots of interesting facts about the mosque and Islam. They also had a tour of the mosque.

END OF TERM

The spring term will end on **Thursday 28th March at 1:30**.

The Easter holiday is a two week break; school is **closed on Monday 15th April** for staff INSET.

Children return for the summer term on **Tuesday 16th April**; the school **day begins at 8:45**.

Date	Class
23.2	Cuba 1
1.3	Costa Rica 1

Best Attendance Last Week	
1	Venezuela 5 100%
2	Argentina 3 98.9%
3	El Salvador 6 98.2%

Best Attendance This Year	
1	Argentina 3 96.3%
2	Bolivia 3 95.5%
3	Mexico 4 95.2%



KEY DATES

Spring Term 2024
Friday 23rd February
Cuba 1 Class Assembly

Thursday 29th February
1:40— 6:30
Parents Evening
Children finish at 1:30

Friday 1st March
Costa Rica 1
Class Assembly
Wednesday 6th March
Welcome in Wednesday
International Women's
Day

Year 3 to Kew Gardens

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Friday 8th March
International Women's
Day

Monday 11th March
Year 4 to The British
Museum

Colombia class to
Railway Fields

Wednesday 13th March

Chile class to
Railway Fields

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day

WC Monday 18th March

Last week of Spring
Term Clubs

Monday 18th March
Year 6 to London Zoo

Thursday 21st March
9:00 Reception Musical
Showcase

2:45 Nursery Musical
Showcase

Friday 22nd March
9:00 Yr 1&2 Musical
Showcase

2:30 Yr 5&6 Musical
Showcase

Thursday 28th March
9:00 Yr 3&4 Musical
Showcase

11:30 Nursery Musical
Showcase

1:30 term Ends
Children finish at 1:30

**Friday 29th March -
Friday 12th April**
Easter Holiday
School Closed

Monday 15th April
Staff Inset
School Closed

Tuesday 16th April
8:45 Children return

