



# Alexandra Primary School Newsletter

News, information and events  
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## YEAR 6 & MATILDA

After working extremely hard throughout the year as they prepared for their SATs in May, our year 6 children have been working as hard again as they prepared for their end of year production of **Matilda**.

They showed exemplary commitment, allied with much talent and great effort to produce a magical performance that they can all be proud of.

We will miss our year 6 children as they move onto the next exciting phase of their life - secondary school. We wish them all well and hope that they continue to aspire, achieve & enjoy as they strive to be the best that they can be.

We must also thank at this point all of the staff who have worked to support, guide and educate these children as they have moved through Alexandra Primary School over the past seven years. We give special mention to the staff who have worked particularly hard over the past few months - **Ms Joseph, Ms Herda and Sam**.

## GOODBYE

As is traditional at the end of any school year, we have some staff that we are saying goodbye to; staff are moving on for many and varied reasons.

We are saying goodbye to **Elliot**, our School Business Manager, who in the short time he has been with us has made a positive impact on the team.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to **Tasnim** who has excelled with her work in Early Years and to **Lem** who has worked energetically to support year 4 and our football club.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to **Ms Nadiah, Ms Kelly and Ms Sudworth**; all teachers who have contributed so much to Alexandra Primary, now spreading their wings to travel to more exotic parts of the globe to continue their teaching careers.

It is also time to say goodbye to our inspirational Learning Mentor **Ms Weekes**, who has an opportunity to build and develop her skills at a new school with very exciting prospects.

**Ms Joseph** has had such a magnificent impact at Alexandra and is moving closer to home to develop her career further, a career that we believe will one day result in her being Head Teacher of her own school.

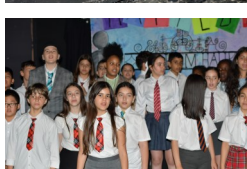
Finally we say goodbye to **Mr Coggin** who is leaving his role as Deputy Head after six and a half successful years at Alexandra Primary. We thank him for his commitment & passion to see every pupil achieve as well as they can.

We wish all of the staff leaving us the very best of luck with everything they are going to do in the future.

## END OF TERM

Remember, this term will finish on **Wednesday 24th July at 1:30**.

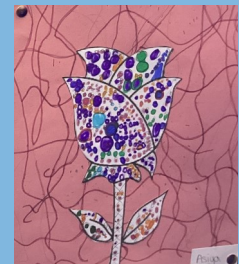
Children will return after the summer break on **Wednesday 4th September at 8:45**.



## Our value of the month is thoughtfulness

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## ATTENDANCE

We are delighted that we have had **79 children** with 100% attendance during the summer term. Special mentions to **Bolivia (7)**, **Mexico & Argentina (8)** and **Nicaragua** with 9 children who had 100% attendance this term. **Nicaragua** also had **4 children** with a **Gold Certificate for 100% attendance** all year; we had **17 children** across the school with 100% attendance throughout the year.

## YEAR 2 AT THE SEASIDE

Year 2 recently visited Southend on Sea to explore the beach. This was part of their geography learning, but also a chance to celebrate their learning throughout the year.

On arrival, they immediately started paddling in the **freezing cold sea**, creating sand castles and sculptures and searching for rocks and shells. Then, they enjoyed lunch sitting on the sand. Afterwards, they enjoyed the playground on the sand.

What a brilliant day was had by all.

## YEAR 4 OUT & ABOUT

Not content with going on many and varied exciting trips during the year, Nicaragua & Mexico classes have been spending much of the last few weeks getting out and about to further develop and enhance their learning opportunities.

They visited Mulberry Woodside Academy to create DNA models, make polymers and they made slime. Hmmm, sounds lovely!

They have also been to the park to have lots of fun and make more happy memories of their time in year 4.

Another wonderful day out was at The Science Museum to enhance their knowledge of electricity (and to have fun). Do not try the Benjamin Franklin kite and metal key experiment at home!!

## HEALTHY PICNIC IN THE PARK

In Design & Technology this term, Year 2 have been exploring food, specifically healthy picnics. They created their own sandwiches, then took them to the park.

After playing for a while, they ate their healthy sandwiches. Finally, they had an ice lolly to cool off after all that play. Another great day in year 2.

## ART WEEK

Alexandra Art Gallery opens next week to showcase the fabulous artwork produced during Art Week. Each class was given information of an artist and their work, which was used to inspire the children to produce their own masterpiece. They used water, acrylic paints, pastels, crayons as well as other tools and resources to create artwork that even the artist themselves would be impressed by.

Some examples can be seen here; others you will be able to find on the school website. Thank you **Ms Walker** for organising this wonderful work.

## MESSAGE FROM MRS CLARKE

As we reach the end of another joyful school year, I would like to say thank you to all our parents and carers for your support and involvement. Your partnership with us, whether through attending school events, helping with homework, or simply being there for your children, has made a significant impact on your child's education and our school community.

I would also like to thank our wonderful and dedicated staff for their passion and hard work this year. The children have grown and flourished due to staff hard work, diligence & care. To those who are leaving our Alexandra family, I wish them every success in their future adventures. Your positive impact will continue to be felt in the classroom and beyond.

To our Year 6 pupils, congratulations! You are ready to embark on a new journey at secondary school and beyond. We are incredibly proud of you and confident that you will continue to achieve great things.

I wish the whole school community a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer. I am excited about what the future holds and am looking forward to welcoming you back for another fantastic year in September.

Best Attendance	
1	Bolivia 3 95.2%
2	Chile 2 94.7%
3	Venezuela 5 94.6%



## KEY DATES

### Summer Term 2024

**Tuesday 23rd July**  
9:00 Yr 5 Celebration Assembly

2:15 Yr 2 Celebration Assembly

3:30 Yr 6 Disco

### Wednesday 24th July

9:00 Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

1:30 School finishes Term ends

### Thursday 25th July -

**Friday 30th August**  
Summer Holiday  
School Closed

### Autumn Term 2024

**Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September**  
Staff Inset  
School closed

### Wednesday 4th September

Children return  
Gates open at 8:35  
School begins at 8:45

### Thursday 26th September

Yr 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshop

### Monday 30th September

Yr 2 Great Fire of London Experience (workshop in school)

### Monday 14th - Friday 18th October

Yr 6 Residential at Pendarren, South Wales

**Friday 18th October**  
Yr 2 to The Wallace Collection

**Friday 25th October**  
End of autumn term 1

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**  
School Closed

**Monday 4th November**  
Staff INSET  
School Closed

**Tuesday 5th November**  
Children return

**Friday 8th November**  
Individual & sibling photographs

