Alexandra Park Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 8th March 2024

Headteacher's Message

Most schools do World Book Day: I'm delighted that we have just finished World Book Week - and what a great week it's been!

It was great to see the children's creativity in their choice of outfits. They have responded brilliant to meeting a real author today. Most of all through, it has been great to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about reading. Everything we can do as a school and as parents to encourage the children to read helps them as learners, and opens doors to new opportunities for them.

Thank you for your support with this!



World Book Week

Wow! What a fantastic week in school celebrating reading for pleasure. Below are just some of the wonderful activities the children have taken part in to develop a further love of reading:

- Book parties creating a nice reading environment and older children reading with younger.
- Extreme Reading Challenge shared daily
- 'Mystery Reader' challenges from the adults
- Library visits
- 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions
- Online author events for World Book Day including Michael Rosen and Helen Stephens.
- In school author visit from Kate Pankhurst who delivered workshops, career presentations, story time and a writing and drawing activity.
- Vocabulary dress-up day
- Book token competition

Thank you for all of your continued support outside of the classroom with developing a love reading. We have lots more ideas coming soon!







Nursery

Over the last couple of weeks, Nursery have loved exploring their new topic of learning, Down in the Jungle. We have enhanced our Understanding of the World learning by talking about what the jungle looks like, what we might find there and which animals live there. We have created our own jungle scenes, enjoyed reading stories and singing lots of jungle rhymes too!



Year 3

In Year 3 we have been polishing our rhyming skills by writing poems to entertain each other this week.

Follow the link below and you should be able to view our performances!



Link

Year 4

Year 4 loved their virtual Footy and Booky talk and Michael Rosen's Big 50 Year Show. They were so engaged throughout hearing the footballers talk about reading they showed a great understanding of the value of reading for pleasure.



Reception

We had a great time sharing books with Year 3. It was great to see the children interacting together and sharing a love of books!



2 Zephaniah

This week, 2 Zephaniah went to Pizza Express and made their own pizzas. They learnt all about the ingredients and some amazing facts. Did you know that pizzas originate from Egypt, not Italy! They were excellently behaved and incredibly polite throughout the trip.

2 Thunberg are looking looking forward to their visit later in the year.



Feedback, Feedback, Feedback

This week, we welcomed a class of SCITT trainee teachers to our school to learn more about effective feedback, assessment and writing outcomes. Our Y6 children really enjoyed working alongside these teachers to discuss and improve their adventure narratives and think about their next steps of learning.



Year 1

This week we consolidated our Beliefs and Values learning by visiting the local church - St Matthews. Inside the church, we explored the different things that were significant to Christians. We thoroughly enjoyed our day and exploring the things that we had learnt about this half term.



Important dates

Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March
Comic Relief Cake and Coffee event	Friday 15th March
End of spring 2 term	Thursday 28th March 2024
Closing Date for School Nursery Applications	Sunday 31st March 2024