



Friday 15th September 2023

Another great week at Alex Park. It has been a joy to welcome our first every Nursery children and their families to our school. Our nursery is something we have worked on creating for a long time and it has taken an incredible amount of work, but seeing the children in there now has already made it worth it. I hope they are all as happy as we are.

A few quick reminders:

- Uniform - thank you to everyone who has labelled their children's clothes. This is helping return any lost property. We will collect all items lost and not labelled and these can be collected from your child's playground on a Friday after school. Please take a moment to look if your child has lost something that week.
- Please ensure children do not play on the playground equipment before school. In the day, we supervise this and can ensure they are safe.
- If you are struggling to park near the school, we would always recommend parking in the car park near the reservoirs and walking through the park. It only takes a couple of minutes; reduces a lot of stress and is a nice walk.
- Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on PE days and only wears a stud on other days.

Reading Challenge

For special events, such as Star of the Week, our children get to go celebrate in our conference room. When we collected the children who had participated in the Reading Challenge, there were too many children to fit in the room! We were delighted that over 50 children read 6 books from the library this summer and it was great to see how proud they were of their certificate and themselves! A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts a child can have. It not only helps them with every aspect of their learning, it is also, as these children told me, 'really fun'



Star of the Week

Star of the Week is always my favourite part of the school week. A real trend in assembly this week was how hard the teachers found it just to choose one person. Also, how many 'high 5' were given out to the winners and the cheers they got from their classmates when their names were announced. Added to this, it is always a pleasure listening to the children's views about their school when we have drinks and biscuits. They all spoke very articulately about their class icon this week, which was nice to hear.

Nursery

What a fantastic start our nursery children have made. We have been very busy playing, exploring and learning!



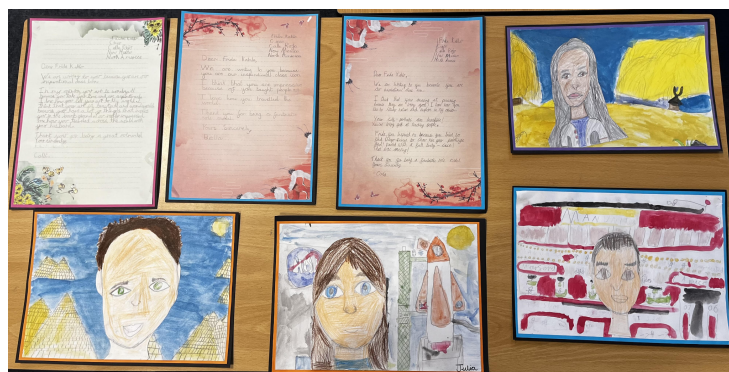
Year 2

Year 2 have been extremely creative this week. After having been inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and Nichola White in our last art lesson, we headed out to explore our school environment and see what materials we could find to create art with. We worked in teams to collect items and arrange them into different patterns and shapes. There was lots of fantastic collaboration and creativity involved!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the school year. Last week, we made self portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo and wrote letters to her about how she inspires us. The children loved exploring watercolour for our painting and learning all about how to draw a face accurately. This week, we have worked hard in our lessons and shown fantastic learning behaviours. Well done everyone!



Important Dates

Event	Details
Information for Year 6 parents	Thursday 21st September
Last day of Autumn 1 term	Friday 20th October
First day of Autumn 2 term	Tuesday 31st October
Parents Evening	Wednesday 22nd November - 6pm finish
Parents Evening	Thursday 23rd November - 7.45 finish

Over the next few weeks, we will provide further details of opportunities to come in for 'Stay and Read' and workshops to help you support your child.