



Alexandra Park Primary School
Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 10th February 2023

It has been another busy and brilliant week in school! In class, many of the children will have listened to their teacher read a story called 'Invisible String' It's an amazing story and one I have enjoyed reading to my girls. I'd recommend asking your children about the story and the message it tells.

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. This year, Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday 7th February

and the theme was "Talk About It." In class we discussed who to talk to should something you see on the Internet scare, upset or worry you. We will be following up on this in Class Forums next week. Children were also reminded about only using age appropriate apps. We would strongly advise parents to ensure children are not using the following apps as their age restriction is 13.



Alexandra Park Nursery

Following on our exciting announcement that we will have our school nursery in September we can now share some further information. We will be holding open sessions for prospective parents/carers to find out about the plans for our nursery and see the provision.

The dates are:

Wednesday 15th February 9:15am, 1:30pm or 4pm.

Thursday 2nd March 5:30pm.

To book onto an open session please email claire.williams@alexandraparkrprimary.uk

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our nursery children. You can find further information and apply for a place for your child from this link:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/maintained-nursery-admissions>

The closing date is **31st March 2023**. Please share this information with any parents/carers you may know with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

Science

This week in science, Year 2 have been learning about the importance of washing hands. They completed a comparative test by putting glitter on their hands and compared whether using a towel, washing with water or washing with water and soap was the best way to clean their hands.





Year 5 had a visit from a real scientist from Manchester Metropolitan University. Lucy came to speak to the children about air pollution and the side effects air pollution has on our bodies and the environment.

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week and completed various activities to support this year's theme of 'Let's Connect'. We used the text 'The Invisible String' to think about who we are connected to and created our own poster, which illustrated these connections. Our week ended with a class connection party on Dress to Express Day. We took part in various connection activities we had chosen, such as a class draw-along, a class dance and a game of snakes and ladders. We had lots of fun collaborating with each other and getting to know each other more!

We have been exploring winter and we enjoyed a winter walk to the park, looking for signs of seasonal change. The children used their senses to describe what they could see and hear on the walk, and we even spotted some snowdrops!

We also enjoyed our NOBOT Exhibition after school. It was lovely to see all the creative ideas that the children (and the grown-ups!) had. This has led to the children designing and making their own robots in our junk modelling area. The children and staff have had great fun designing their own car wash to support our topic on transport and journeys.



Year 2

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week we created a class book, where we all drew a self-portrait and then wrote positive affirmations about each other. We thought about the ways that we were all connected, and had to use our teamwork and problem-solving skills to pass a hoop around the circle without breaking hands! We also read the book *The Invisible String*, and thought about the different people that we are connected to even when we can't always see them. We've had a fantastic time and some great conversations about supporting each other and connecting in different ways.



Year 5 - Stockport Grammar Art Competition

Eight of our children had artwork chosen to represent Alexandra Park Primary at the annual Stockport Grammar School art competition. Our work was inspired by Ed Fairburn (who was specifically mentioned in a speech at the event; so we like to think that's because our artwork stood out and caught their eye). Our works were called *Map of an Icon* and were portraits of Michelle Obama and Stevie Wonder done in black pen on a map of their home state. All of our children chosen attended the event with their families and had a good evening, looking at all the different artwork on display. Unfortunately, our work was not chosen as a winner but all of the children should be extremely proud of what they achieved. We have attached some photographs of them with their work. Enjoy.



Star of the Week

One of the questions I always ask during my drinks and biscuits with the 'Stars of the Week' is 'What would you change if you were headteacher?' This week, I got my favourite answer yet from Lottie! 'I'd paint the school pink!'



Important Dates

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 17th February
- School reopens on Tuesday 28th February
- Closing date for Nursery applications **Friday 31st March**