



Alexandra Park Primary School
Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 17th February 2023

I have spent a lot of time in classes this week looking at the children's work. The one thing that has stood out is the ever increasing pride they are showing in what they do. I hope this is something that transcends from their work to every aspect of their lives. Over the half term there have been lots of fantastic experiences for the children - Chester Zoo, Young Voices and Chester Roman Day. The thing I wanted to highlight is that without fail your children are always praised on their friendliness, behaviour and manners. Please let them know how impressed we are with all of them.

Have a great holiday and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 28th February!

Alexandra Park Nursery

We have enjoyed welcoming existing and prospective parents/carers and children to our nursery open sessions this week. There is one more session on Thursday 2nd March at 5:30pm.

To book onto this 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.

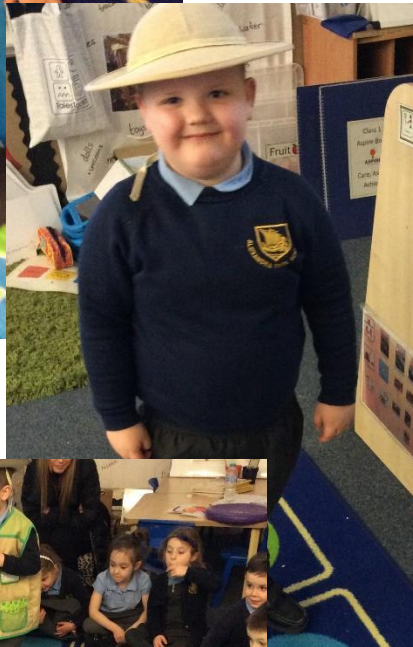
Science

This week in science, Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to experience a planetarium. Whilst in the planetarium, they learnt about our solar system, why Earth is the only habitable planet and why Saturn has rings.



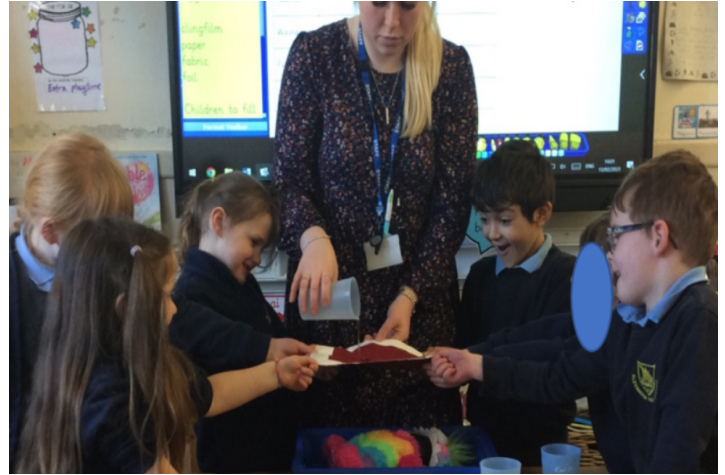
Reception

This week in Reception we had great fun during Explorer Day. We went around the world in one day learning about different environments such as deserts, mountains, rainforests and oceans. We talked about the differences to our own environment and the children asked some fantastic questions, we definitely have some future explorers in Reception!



Year 1

In Year 1, we conducted an experiment to find the most suitable material for Ted's umbrella. We discussed the properties of each material and then made a whole class prediction. We talked about what an umbrella needed to be (waterproof, bendy) and then discussed the suitability of each material during the experiment.



Year 2

This week we went on a walk around our local area in Geography. We were looking for human and physical features around Edgeley and we did a great job of collecting a list of features that we spotted. We had a great time exploring our local area!



Year 4 Trip to Chester

The children loved their trip to Chester to learn more about the Romans. They put on armour and carried shields on a fun visit to the amphitheatre led by a Roman soldier called Atticus. They also took on the role of Roman builders and slaves as well as finding out how archaeologists learn about the past.



Year 6 - Design and Technology

Year 6 have had a fantastic time this week designing and creating their own wooden toys for children in reception. They have explored the use of different CAMS and evaluated their work effectively throughout the whole process. We were extremely impressed with their teamwork, resilience and pride. After half term, we will further personalise these and complete a full evaluation of our products. Excellent work, Year 6.



World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. As in previous years, we will not be asking children to dress up. This year, to celebrate our love of reading, we have organised a very special way in which our children can not only celebrate but also demonstrate our school value of Care. We are launching an appeal called 'Share a story'. As a school who love reading, and have been enjoying our own new school library, we're partnering with a Primary School in The Gambia to help equip them with a school library.

The link with the school is through Miss Erskine, who lived in The Gambia for sixteen years and went back to teach at the school from 2019-2020. Children in The Gambia love reading but most of them have very limited access to books, if any.

We're asking you to partner with us by donating any children's books that you no longer need. We'll be collecting the books on World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) and shipping them to The Gambia. Ideally, we'd like books that are still in good condition so that we can equip the school with books that will last a long time. There is also the option to make a monetary donation on World Book Day that will be used to cover the cost of shipping the books to The Gambia.

We are very proud to be supporting such a worthwhile cause. In assembly, Miss Erskine will talk to the children about the school in The Gambia, her experiences and the new library that the books the children donate will create.

We also have a multi award winning author visit for our children in Years 5 and 6! Elle McNicoll will talk to the children about her new book Like a Curse. This is the follow up to Like a Charm that we know many of the children have enjoyed already. Children will have the chance to buy a signed copy of her latest book, more information will follow after half term. You can find a review of her book here <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/l/like-a-charm/>

As in previous years, children will get a book voucher to use on a variety of £1 books. Information on the books, authors and where to get the books can be found here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Dress to Express Day

Thanks to everyone who was able to donate for our Dress to Express Day. We raised £205 which will be donated to Place2Be. <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Star of the Week

All the children this week were an absolute pleasure to talk to. Today was Daisy's last day before she starts a new adventure in Australia. Daisy - it has been a joy having you at our school. You are a delightful girl and we all wish you every happiness in your future.



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
- Nursery Open Session Thursday 2nd March at 5:30pm
- World Book Day **Thursday 2nd March** - Donations of books/money for shipping sent into school please
- Closing date for Nursery applications **Friday 31st March**