



# Alexandra Park Primary School

*Care, Aspire, Achieve*

## Friday 17th March 2023

WOW! What a busy week in school. We have had science week, a trip to the Air Raid Shelters and even had two children present their case for community gardens in the council chambers of Stockport Town Hall. It has been fantastic to walk around school and see the children enjoying their science activities and talking confidently in class forums about working scientifically. I also had a great time helping Year 6 investigate which hoop gliders would fly the furthest this afternoon. It was clear that the children have loved the activities planned for them this week. See below for some and these and look out on Seesaw for further photos.

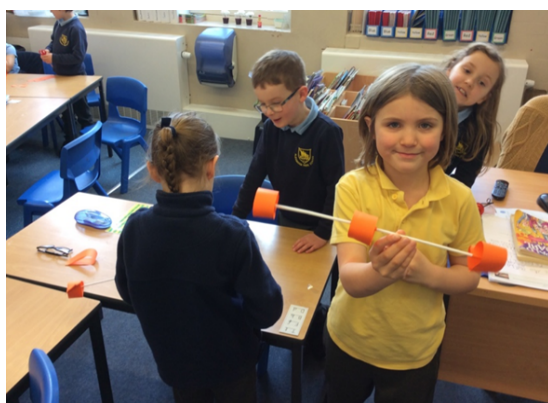
Can we please remind everyone to walk with scooters and bikes on the playground at hometime please. It gets very busy with a lot of people entering and leaving the playgrounds to collect children. Recently there have been a couple of accidents with children falling off bikes or being ridden into by scooters. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

### Science Week

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week. The children have enjoyed taking part in different science investigations in their class forums such as: Do bigger ice lollies melt quicker than small ice lollies? What happens to flowers if you put them in water with food colouring? Does a sweet taste different if you hold your nose?

They have also been working scientifically and completed a comparative and fair test.

**Year 1** worked scientifically to change/adapt a hoop glider. After construction, we compared which one would fly the furthest. There was some amazing collaboration across the two classes and even some great problem solving.



**Year 2** made rocket mice and investigated which type of bottle was the best to send their mouse the highest. They were amazed to see how many mice hit the ceiling!



**Year 3** made lava lamps and compared which type of vitamin tablet made the lava lamp last the longest.



**Year 4** tested which material was the best insulator to stop an ice cube from melting. They also explored what happens when we mix bicarbonate of soda with vinegar!



**Year 5** tested which material was the best insulator to stop a piece of chocolate from melting. The investigation was a simplified model of how scientists might test different materials to use as heat shields for space exploration!





Today, the whole school completed an investigation on who could make paper fly the farthest. The children investigated how they could adapt hoop gliders to fly further.

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Stockport Air Raid Shelters. We went 40 feet below the sandstone cliffs into the tunnels to experience what life would have been like during the Blitz in Stockport during WWII. We also learned all about salvaging old items to fashion new clothes, how to put on a gas mask and even saw real deactivated bombs that would have been used by the Germans in the war. The children really enjoyed their trip and watching history come to life!



## Year 4

Year 4 were invited to contribute to the Climate Action Assembly in the council chambers at Stockport Town Hall. We prepared an argument FOR community gardens as a way to reduce our carbon footprint. Sid and Walter represented our school and spoke confidently in front of the Deputy Mayor. Amazingly, our action idea was voted as the most important and it will be put to the council for consideration! Well done Year 4!



## Star of the Week



Last week's Stars of the Week all spoke enthusiastically about Science Week. They said that they enjoyed carrying out different experiments, even the ones that didn't quite work! Well done everyone for another great week demonstrating our school values of Care, Aspire, Achieve.



## Wellbeing Ambassadors

This week our Stars of the Week are our new Wellbeing Ambassadors. Congratulations to everyone who was chosen today. The children will be meeting with Mrs Millward next week to get started in their new role. We also want to say a massive thank you to our outgoing Wellbeing Ambassadors who all did a fantastic job.



## 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 31st March
- School reopens on Tuesday 18th April
- Closing date for Nursery applications **Friday 31st March**