



Alexandra Park Primary School
Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 21st July 2023

I have had the pleasure of reading all your children's reports this week. Hearing about the progress they have made both academically, and as people, has been fantastic. The one overall quality which stood out above everything else is how kind and caring your children are. Please tell them that we are all very proud of them.

Another highlight of my week has been welcoming our new nursery children to our school during their for their stay and play sessions. It has been wonderful getting to know them and their families and we are very much looking forward to them joining our school in September.

Year 5 parents, after the Oscars I spoke to you about how proud we are of your children. A weekend in PGL has only reinforced my opinion of how great a group of children they are. They were an absolute joy to take. I'm already looking forward to taking them again next year, as well as our current Year 4's.

My final thought is a thank you to my team. There has been a lot of events recently where they have had to go above and beyond what would normally be expected of them - PGL, shows, and the disco. I really do appreciate the extra effort you go to. Thank you to all the parent helpers at the disco too. It was a great event, enjoyed by all.

Reading Challenge

On many many occasions I have spoken about how important reading is to children's education and their future. I am delighted that 93% of our children have left school at the expected level, compared to a national average of 73%. However, we can do more, both as a school and as parents. Anything we can do to develop the children's love of reading will have a positive impact on your child. We have spent this week talking about the Reading Challenge from the library. Please do everything you can to encourage your child to take part. Not only will they become better readers but when they come back it gives your child's new teacher to praise them for what

they have done. In my experience as a class teacher, this early recognition and praise they receive for their hard work and reading can become contagious and children can see this as a springboard to even more success over the year. As a school, we are determined to get to the stage where every child leaves as a great reader!



Share and Care



I love this event! It is fantastic to see how as a community we all come together to help each other. There is nothing better than seeing someone walking out of school with something they will get a lot of pleasure from - especially when it is free. Thank you to everyone for your generosity, and equally thank you to everyone who came along and took something.

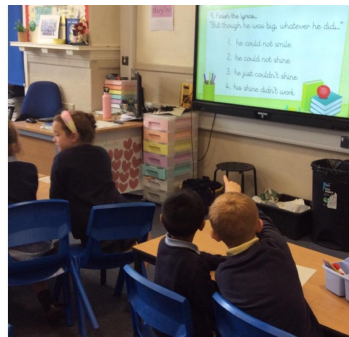
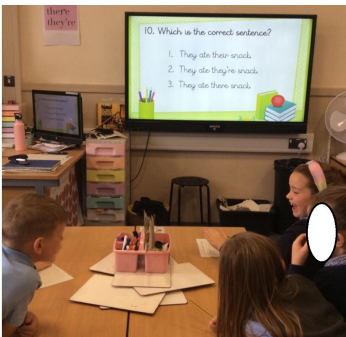
Year 1

The children in Year 1 have begun an exciting unit of Art over the past couple of weeks. We began by looking closely at different marks and textures on feathers, and recreating them with pencil in our sketchbooks. On Thursday, we were exploring texture again by manipulating different types of paper. We talked about taking 2D paper and creating 3D sculptures and we experimented with scrunch, tears, folds and cutting. We can't wait to make our paper birds on Monday!



Year 2

Today the Year 2 children took part in 'The Ultimate Year 2 Quiz of the Year!'. It was filled with questions and memories from all the things we have done this year, including history, geography, and even lyrics from our Nativity! We were blown away by how much the children could remember and they absolutely loved reminiscing about their time in Year 2 and all the amazing things they have learnt!



Year 4

This week we have been taste testing various sandwich fillings in preparation for our end of year picnic next week. The children had various opinions on some of the choices varying from “super yummy” to “super yukky!”



Important Dates

- Stay and Read will **not** be on in the final week of the year (27th July)
- Year 6 Leavers BBQ **Tuesday 24th July 4:30 - 5:30pm**
- Year 6 leavers show **Wednesday 25th July 1:30pm and 5pm**
- School breaks up for half-term on **Thursday 27th July**
- School reopens on **Tuesday 5th September**
- Nursery children start on **Monday 11th September**