



# Alexandra Park Primary School

*Care, Aspire, Achieve*

## Friday 22nd September 2023

Another great week! Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who came in for the information session. We hope you found it useful. If we can be of any further help, please let us know. Last week, I included some reminders about uniform and we appreciate the support with this. I think we have nearly every child in black shoes or trainers on both normal and PE days. The children are keeping their jewellery at home too, which is appreciated.

One thing which has been really positive is the introduction of 'Playground Leaders' in the juniors. The older children are doing a fantastic job of leading games and supporting the younger children. There are a lot more smiles and a very positive feel to lunch time.

### Star of the Week

Thank you to all the fantastic children who I met with for Star of the Week. We discussed some good ways we could improve the school but also they were also just really good company. We even had a brother winning combo!



## Nursery and Reception

We really enjoyed our visit from the Dental Nurse who talked to the children about why it is important to keep our teeth and gums healthy. The children listened really well and asked some fantastic questions!



## Year 1

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed learning about spirals in Art. Taking inspiration from Kandinsky and his artwork, we explored different media to create our own art. First, we used chalk on the playground to draw large scale spirals. We then transferred these skills to create smaller spirals in our art books.



### Year 3

In PSHE, we have been learning how to use the 'Calm Me' approach in our lessons, using the Jigsaw chime. We have practised breathing techniques and focused on being in a happy place where we feel calm and safe. This has helped us to understand the activity in our minds, relaxing them and calming their thoughts and emotions so that we can be in a place where we are able to do our best learning, create a peaceful atmosphere within our classrooms and develop the ability to be mindful.



In Geography we have been learning all about Fairtrade chocolate. We know how to spot the Fairtrade logo and we understand that it stands for paying a fair price to cocoa farmers so that they can provide their families with clean water, sufficient food and a good education. We *may* have even had a Fairtrade treat in lesson time!

### Stay and Read

It was great to see so many of our Year 1 and 2 parents join us for our first 'Stay and Read' session. The children really do love you joining them and returned to class with a huge smile. Once our Nursery and Reception children are settled into their classes and routines, we are hoping that they will join us too.



We look forward to seeing lots of you there next week!

# 100 Books READING CHALLENGE

## 100 Book Reading Challenge

This week, we have launched the '100 Book Reading Challenge' for years 3 to 6. We have purchased the top 100 recommended books for each year group for children and families to enjoy. Within each section, there is a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to celebrate a range of authors, themes and text types. Each class will collaborate and work towards reading all 100 books throughout the year. We know it is beneficial for children to share stories with others and listen to others read fluently. Therefore, we would encourage you to share books with your child, where possible, to help nurture their love of reading further. Thank you for all of your support in developing a positive reading culture and love of reading at home. We can't wait to see how many books the children have read and listen to their book reviews in class!



## Blue Peter Book Club Badge



We will be encouraging children to participate in lots of book talk within class to help develop their knowledge of authors and love of reading. Part of this will involve presenting verbal and written book reviews. Below is an opportunity for your child to complete a book review and send an application form into the BBC for their very own **Blue Peter Book Club badge**. It would be fantastic if we could

achieve some of these! If your child is successful, please ask them to bring their badge into school so we can celebrate their excellent reading. More details and the application form can be found at the following website address.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

## Local Events



**St Matthew's Church**

**Community Open Day**

**Saturday 23 September**  
**12-2pm**

**\*\*FREE\*\***  
**Entrance and Activities**

Face painting | Prayer Space | Crafts for kids | Find out about local community groups, energy savings, community support, and more...  
See our website and Facebook for more details

 St Matthew's Church | Grenville Street, | Edgeley



## Important Dates

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
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.