



Alexandra Park Primary School
Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 23rd September 2022

It has been great to see so many parents in school this week. We are delighted that Stay and Read is proving to be very popular again. I hope that you all enjoy it as much as the children. Enjoying reading is a huge part of helping all the children improve their reading. I was equally pleased to see over 50 families in total attend the phonics and early reading workshops. I hope you all found it useful and that it helps you support your child.

I have had some very positive conversations with parents around attendance. If your child's attendance does drop, I will give you a call to see how we can work together to improve it. It is so important that every child is in school whenever possible as it helps so much with not only their learning but their friendships and social and emotional development. If I can be of any help, you are more than welcome to speak to me.

Visitors

All our teachers have been looking at how we can provide your children with as many Aspire Opportunities as we can. We are however conscious of the financial implications trips have so we will often invite people in to speak to the children. This week the dental nurse came in to talk to us about the importance of keeping teeth and gums healthy and making healthy food choices. She was delighted to see so many big, bright smiles!



Celebrating Words Day

This year we are having a huge focus on developing the children's confidence and ability to articulate what they know; how they feel; and importantly what is important to them. As well as the class forums, we are having a focus on extending the children's vocabulary. We have deliberately set out to make this as fun and engaging as possible. As you know, to help achieve this goal we held a celebrating word day on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time celebrating a wide range of vocabulary. We were very impressed with your choices as well as your explanations of the vocabulary words and plans for how you could use these in your work. Well done, everyone.



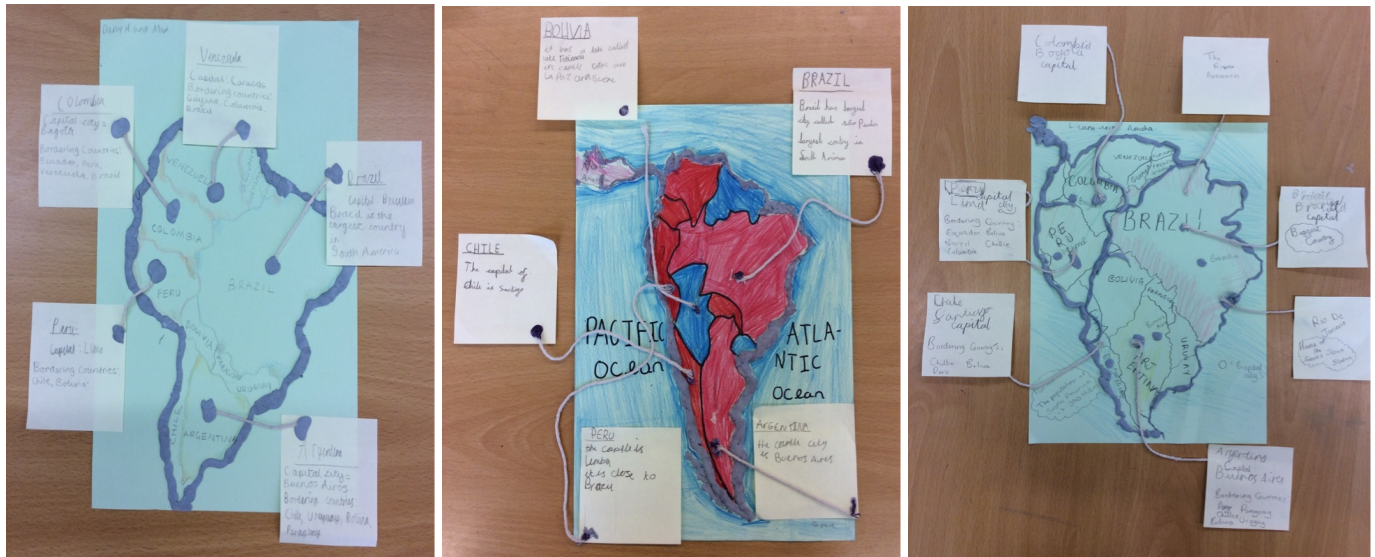
Phonics workshops



It was lovely to see so many parents in school this morning and this afternoon at our phonics workshops. Providing the children with the highest quality reading education will always be a priority and we know that phonics plays a vital role in this. Supporting the children to become confident and successful readers will impact not just on their success and experiences at school but also throughout their lives. As always, we have a better chance of achieving this if we work together so a huge thank you to all those parents who could attend. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Seneviratne for hosting the event.

Year 6 - Geography

This week in geography, Year 6 have been learning about the continent South America. We enjoyed using key vocabulary such as hemisphere, equator and lines of longitude and latitude to describe a location. Furthermore, the children did a brilliant job of creating their own map using creativity and collaboration. Well done, Year 6.



Important Dates

We are excited to inform you that this year we will be celebrating Black History Month. This will involve studying achievements of both historic and modern day people, with a particular focus on people from the UK. We will be looking at Black History through art, music, PE, science and lots of other exciting activities across the month. We will be ending the month with a showcase of children's learning where we will be inviting parents into classrooms at the end of the day to see just what exciting things your children have been learning about. The showcase will be on Friday 21st October. For more information about Black History Month and this year's theme please visit <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>.

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- Care in the Community nomination to be sent in via Seesaw on Friday 14th October
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 21st October
- School reopens on Tuesday 1st November
- Parents evenings Wednesday 9th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm
- Parents evening Thursday 10th November 3.15pm to 7.30pm