



Friday 24th March 2023

Sometimes things happen which, when you stop and think about them, are quite mind blowing! The Spanish educational charity EduCaxia are partners with the EEF (Education Endowment Foundation) who we work for as a National Research School. EduCaxia is hoping to adopt a similar approach in Spain. To achieve this, they are working with the EEF in our country and arranged to go to their offices in London to see how, in England, schools are using an evidence informed approach to teaching and learning. You can learn a lot about teaching and learning from meetings and training but to really understand it the Spanish team wanted to see it in practice in a school. The primary school chosen, which the EEF thought best exemplified high quality teaching and learning was Alexandra Park! This was obviously a great honour for us as a school. There is a second aspect which I am equally proud of. I absolutely want our teaching to be as strong as possible and for all our children to be great learners, and it was nice for this to be showcased. However, they also commented on how kind, respectful and polite all the children were. These are great qualities too and I hope all the children are proud of themselves. I've spoken to the children whose classes were observed and told them how proud I am of them. Equally, I know all our children are great, not just those in the classes observed. Huge congratulations to all our children and our teachers.

Reception

In Reception we have been finding out more about Africa. The children have enjoyed learning about different environments and have had great fun creating their own safari trucks and jeeps outside. They have also been finding out about the different animals that live in Africa and have made links to prior learning about hot and cold places. The children have enjoyed developing their fine motor skills by using twigs and sticks to paint with ink.



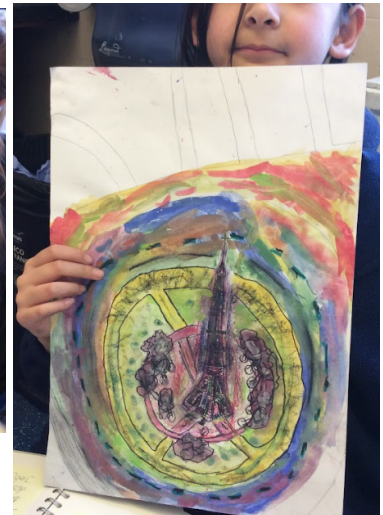


Year 4

The children have loved their history topic on the Romans. This week they worked in groups to prepare a short presentation of all they have learned. We were really impressed by the way they collaborated and can't wait to see the presentations next week.

Year 5

In Year 5, the children took part in a 'Crit', which is a way of celebrating and reflecting on your own and each other's work exactly just like artists would in specialist art colleges. The children created a multi-media cityscape inspired by artists such as Stephen Wiltshire (who can create cityscapes in perfect detail from memory!) and Rachel Jones, whose abstract work influenced much of the work on display. It was great to see the children using technical vocabulary and reflecting on their process like true artists. Well done Year 5!



Star of the Week



Congratulations to our stars of the week! It was amazing to hear about all the hard work across school. It was also wonderful to talk to the children about how they live out our school values of Care, Aspire, Achieve everyday.

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**
- Spring coffee and cake event **Friday 31st March**