



**Alexandra Park Primary School**  
*Care, Aspire, Achieve*

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

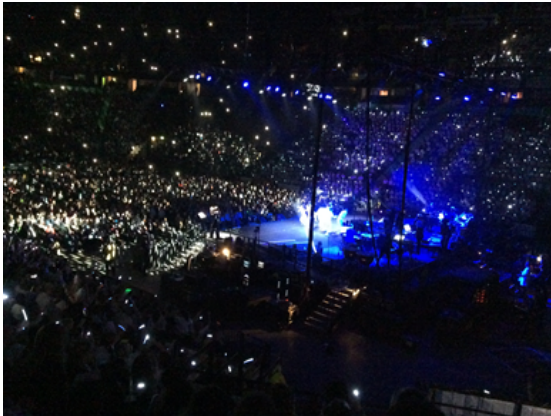
As headteacher of Alexandra Park, I want every aspect of our school to be the very best it can possibly be. I am fortunate that I work with a great team who are equally driven and committed to this goal. One aspect I have always thought can be better and have tried to improve a few times is the quality of our school meals. With this in mind, a new chef started 2 weeks ago and the difference is incredible. If you have been considering a hot meal for your child, I would definitely recommend giving it a try.

Below, Miss Simpson has added some information about Young Voices. I would like to add a huge thank you to her and Miss Oakley, Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Kirby and Miss Sykes for organising this truly amazing experience for the children. I would say in all my teaching career that this is the best thing I have ever seen. The opportunity for our children to sing with over 8000 other children in a stadium is amazing. If you think your child would enjoy this experience, and they are not already in the choir, I would definitely recommend they sign up! I've just looked through the photos and I'm glad there isn't one of me singing and dancing (they really aren't my strengths!) but at Young Voices no one cares and everyone just enjoys it. It really was amazing!

### Young Voices

On Monday 30 January, the choir of Alex Park, with children from Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, joined 8,000 children to sing their hearts out at 'Young Voices,' one of the largest children's choir concerts in the world. The event took place at the AO Manchester Arena and, following a full afternoon's rehearsal under the inspirational conductorship of David Lawrence, thousands of school children from Wales and the North of England were ready to perform, to amaze the audience and to have the time of their lives. The children were lucky enough to be able to sing, dance and perform with the Beatbox Collective, Urban Strides dance group, violinist Anna Phoebe and Heather Small from M People. The song choices ranged from classical pieces, through catchy television themes and on to modern day pop medleys. It was an awe-inspiring experience for everyone. For everyone it was an unforgettable afternoon and evening, a fabulous opportunity, a celebration of all sorts of music, an experience that will stay a memory for our children, staff, parents and carers for a lifetime.

We can't wait till next year!





## **Star of the Week**



Some amazing children for our Stars of the Week this Friday. They were full of ideas and all very proud of their achievement.

## **Science**

This week in science club, the children enjoyed observing bicarbonate of soda reacting with vinegar and washing up liquid to create a volcanic eruption. They experimented with different amounts of bicarbonate of soda.



## **Reception**

In Reception this week we enjoyed a visit to St Matthews Church to support our work on special places. The children have been sharing pictures of their special places and talking about why they are special to them. The children listened really well to Reverend Jeremy and asked lots of interesting questions.



### **Free School Holiday Club (from the County Community Trust)**

Stockport County Community Trust in partnership Benchmark have provided funding to allow children in the local community access to free holiday provision at Dial Park Primary School, Offerton during the February half term holidays from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February for Primary School children.

They want to allow as many children to access this free holiday provision as possible. Each child attending will receive daily physical activity in a fun and safe environment. In addition to this, each child will receive a free lunch and take part in enriching, educational, and organised activities with our team of coaches.

Please use the following link to apply for a place to attend any of the days.

<https://forms.gle/kbF9Tytr2usQknmn8>

All families will receive confirmation of their place upon completion of the online form.

For more information, please liaise with [m.bailey@stockportcounty.com](mailto:m.bailey@stockportcounty.com) or call the team on 0161 266 2700.



## Year 5 - Signs of Spring

Year 5 have recently started looking at non-chronological reports and were set to start working on a report to do with the signs of spring. As part of this, we headed out to Alexandra Park to look and listen for certain things: birds singing, new buds and fallen leaves to name a few. Whilst we were out and about the children came across some unusual things, which definitely stood out as unusual... the first thing they noticed was a large amount of fur caught in a downed tree branch. Upon further inspection, this tree branch had some teeth embedded into the wood and it was suggested by the pupils that whatever creature they belonged to had perhaps been trying to eat said wood. Most peculiarly were the large footprints found leading towards the tree and bushy area - they measured 34 cm in length (heel to big toe tip). Other things were found in the area - scratch marks in the mud, berries and gnawed bits of tree. I think it is safe to say our signs of spring report will not be done; instead a report on the mystery creature in its place. The mystery continues though for now.



## 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 17th February
- School reopens on Tuesday 28th February