



Friday 6th October 2023

I would like to say a huge thank you to our Year 5. It is always a pleasure to hear that other people think our children are as polite and caring as we think they are. The feedback we received from the people running their trip this week was extremely complimentary. I think good manners is something that is a common trait of all the children at Alex Park. Please tell your children we think they are great! Have a fantastic weekend!

Traffic and Parking

Of all the things we do in school, our number one priority is to ensure the children are safe and cared for. This doesn't stop at our school gates. There have been a couple of incidents involving cars driving too fast, or parking on double yellow lines, which have resulted in accidents. Please could people consider others when driving and parking near the school

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week. It was a pleasure to hear them speak so positively about our learning behaviours and how they have used them throughout this week. Furthermore, the children enjoyed having a voice and contributing to our school improvement. They had some excellent ideas on how we can continue to develop reading across school, which we are confident will have a positive impact on all children.



Rocksteady

This week children in KS1 and KS2 had the opportunity to see how to learn to play a musical instrument in their very own rock band, in an assembly given by Rocksteady. How amazing was that! Children can learn to play either a bass guitar, electric guitar, electric keyboard, drums and sing by participating in weekly lessons provided by Rocksteady. What amazing performers we are going to have at Alex Park!

If you would like to see more of the work of Rocksteady or sign your child up for music lessons so they can learn a specific instrument, please go to their website to find out more information. Your child should also have brought a letter home all about Rocksteady. www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/



Nursery

In Nursery over the past couple of weeks, we have been exploring how we feel. We have been talking about our feelings using new language and learning strategies to understand negative feelings. We have begun to understand how others feel through our developing friendships too. We have loved exploring *The Colour Monster* story through the provision and enjoyed creating our own 'mixed-up' monsters outside. We also had a fantastic time on Wednesday for our first Pedal Day of the year. We loved riding our scooters and bikes around the playground!



Reception

We have had a fun filled week in Reception this week! We enjoyed our first Pedal Day; it was great to see the children 'having a go' and talking about keeping safe and why it is important to wear a helmet. We have been learning about harvest and we collected our own tomatoes that the school has grown! We also had lots of fun baking bread just like the Little Red Hen and it was delicious!



In our Beliefs and Values unit this half term, we are exploring the question 'Which people are special and why?' We have been discussing people who have special jobs in our community and were lucky enough to have a visit from a school crossing patrol. She talked to us about why her job is important, what her role involves and what she likes about it. We think we have some future school crossing patrols in the making!



Year 4



We have been learning about different biomes and the foods that grow in them and we have looked at the food miles associated with our food choices. We know that carbon dioxide contributes to global warming so we need to try to reduce our own carbon footprints to protect the future of the planet.

Year 5

Year five loved their visit to Weaver Hall this week. We had an introduction to Anglo-Saxon and Viking life. Pupils "excavated" the burial of an Anglo-Saxon warrior and learnt what the artefacts told them about the warriors life and death. The children made a clay figure based on the Lewis Chess Piece. They also looked at the type of weapons and armour that would have been used and learned how to make a shield wall. A fantastic day was had by all!



Community news

Organiser - Edgeley Community Church

The **ART** of HongKongers

Art Exhibition

Workshops

- Print Making
- Jewellery Making
- Sound Bath
- Learning Simple Hongkongese (Cantonese)



22 Oct Sun
12:30 - 16:00
Edgeley Community Church
Edgeley Rd SK3 9NB

Important Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>
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