



Friday 9th February 2024

Headteacher's message

It was great to finish the half term with Children's Mental Health Week, and seeing all the children in their own clothes, 'expressing themselves' today.

I hope you and your children all have a great half term holiday and we will see you when we return on Tuesday 20th February.

World Book Week

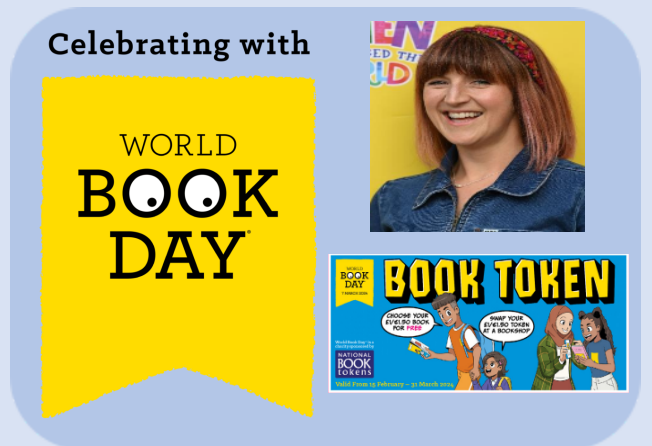
We want all of our pupils to develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and enjoy the improved life chances this brings them. This year, we're championing children's reading choices, encouraging all children to **'READ YOUR WAY'**.

World Book Week supports our work with developing a reading for pleasure culture across school. We will be launching World Book Week on Monday 4th March in an assembly, which will then be followed by a variety of fun activities throughout the week. We will end the week on Friday 8th March with our **Vocabulary Dress Up Day** and **author visit** - Please see Seesaw for more details. Today, your child will have also brought home their World Book Day token. They can spend this from **Thursday 15th February until Sunday 31st March 2024**. We are excited to see which books they choose! If you would like to see the World Book Day texts, please use the link below.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

Reception

Reception had a fantastic Explorer Day! They started the day boarding either Cresswell Airlines or Otley Airlines and took off to various destinations around the world. They visited the desert, mountains and rainforest all in one day! The children were amazing explorers and used maps and globes to track their journey.



Year 1 and 2

This half term Year 1 have been creating character descriptions linked to our class text Lost and Found. To celebrate our amazing work we took our found posters to Year 2 to see if they could match them to the right character! In return, Year 2 read their funny animal poems to the Year 1 children which had us all in fits of laughter. Well done everyone!



Year 5

This week we learnt how to use different watercolour techniques. We then applied our skills by recreating the sketches of the school landscape we did last week.



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed taking part in the Children's Mental Health Week activities. We particularly enjoyed creating the spirals showing what is important to us.



Young Voices 2024

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, 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 Natalie Williams, Urban Strides dance group, and rapper MC Grammar. The song choices ranged from classical pieces, through catchy Disney 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 and an experience that will last for a long time.



Year 2 Dance Festival

This week a small group of Year 2 street dancers went to a dance festival held at Prospect Vale Primary School. They took part in fun activities with the other schools and performed their own dance routine. They showed so much Care and collaboration with the other children and each other, and represented our school brilliantly!



Year 4 - Writing

This week Year 4 finished writing their character profiles about giants. They shared their writing with Year 3, who loved hearing the facts and description of the fairy tale creatures.



Care in the Community Champions

Seeing and hearing about all the amazing things your children have been doing to Care in the Community' over the last half term is always a highlight of our school calendar. There were children who had collected litter, raised money for charity, helped relatives and neighbours - so many kind acts. I loved having drinks and biscuits and listening to everything they had done. Well done all!



Wellbeing Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the wellbeing drop in session this morning. We hope you were able to get some useful information. For anyone who was unable to attend who would like further information contact Charlotte Millward at charlotte.millward@alexandraparkprimary.uk at any time.



Important dates

Start of spring 2	Tuesday 20th February 2024
GB Athlete Sponsored Event (more details to follow next week).	Wednesday 21st February 2024
Y4 Trip to Chester (Romans)	Wednesday 28th February 2024
Vocabulary Dress-up Day and author visit - Kate Pankhurst.	Friday 8th March 2024
Y3 Trip to Manchester Museum - Egyptians	Monday 18th March 2024



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