

Alexandra Park News

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, lots of people visit our school. This is both an opportunity for us to support teachers and schools in our area and a great chance for us to learn and develop our own teaching and learning.

Our visitor this week was a leading education author and speaker who came to observe high-quality teaching and learning. What stood out most to him—and made me incredibly proud—was his observation that your children genuinely care: about themselves, about each other, and about being the best they can be.

He went on to say that this is because our team holds the same high standards for themselves and, most importantly, because they truly care for the children—and the children know it.

I couldn't be prouder of everyone connected to our school. Thank you all!

Assemblies

Of all the stories I've every heard and used in assembly, this one is always my favourite. It's called the 'Tale of the starfish'

A young girl was walking along a beach, upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied,

"Well, I made a difference for that one!"

Let's chat: How can you make a small difference to someone this week?

Stars of the Week



Thank you to all our 'Stars of the Week' Not only have they shone and been their best selves this week, they were also brilliant in discussion ideas for how we can improve lunchtimes.

EYFS

This week, Nursery have enjoyed making the most of the beautiful sunshine by doing some large-scale painting outdoors. We talked about the colours we were using and mixing, the patterns we were making and we also experimented with and used different tools to make marks. We love being creative!



KS1

Year 2 built bridges this week to consolidate our recent learning in Design Technology. We made our structures strong and stable by using structures like arches and including railings and ramps.

Everyone showed brilliant collaboration, creativity and determination, and we had some amazing



KS2



On 28th March, **Year 3** went to Manchester Museum to take part in an Ancient Egyptians workshop. As well as getting to touch and investigate some amazing Egyptian artefacts, we also got to pay a visit to Stan the resident T-rex!

On Wednesday 2nd April, **Year 6** experienced what it was like to be an evacuee during WW2 by attending the air raid shelters and Staircase House Museum. We had a wonderful day and learned a lot, including some of the songs British children sang about Adolf Hitler. "I found it interesting how one air raid shelter could hold so much history," was just one of many comments shared by the children when reflecting on the trip! As you can see, they

also looked amazing in their clothes of the time!



Important Dates

Friday 11th April 2025	Earth Day - whole school. See Seesaw for details
Friday 11th April 2025	End of Spring 2 term
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Start of Summer 1 term