

ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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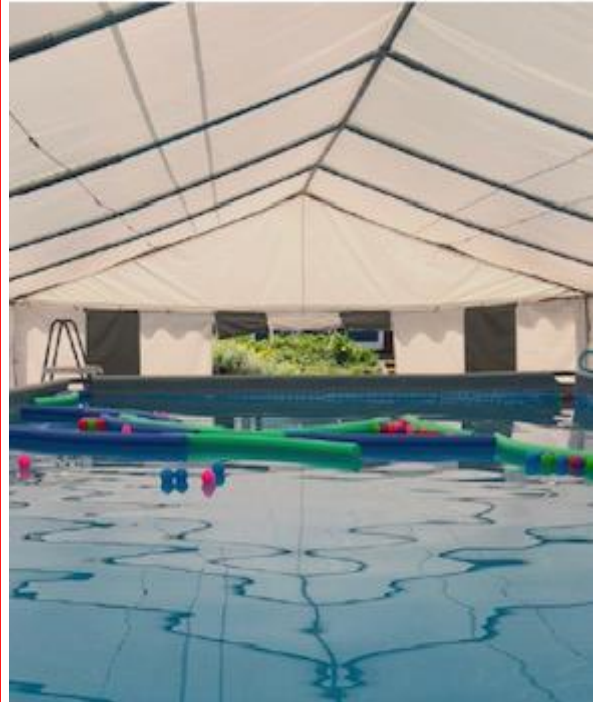
A special welcome to all of our new pupils and their families. It is a pleasure to welcome you all to Alexandra Junior School. We hope that you all thoroughly enjoy your time with us and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The start to the term has been very positive and wonderful to see our children looking so smart in our assemblies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the school hall. The teaching staff have commented on how settled the children have been and how well the school year has started, with some excellent work being produced already! Year 3 children have had a fabulous start to being in Year 3 and are settling well into their new classrooms and feel very grown up. The children have been enjoying the variety of our extra - curricular after school clubs that we offer and now we have waiting lists in all clubs with the exception of Futsal.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform to school every day including black school shoes. Jewellery should not be worn with the exception of small studded earrings which must be removed on the days of PE and swimming lessons. Thank you for your help and support in reinforcing these regulations with your children.

Attendance

Please send your child to school every day on time. Inform the school office if your child will be late or cannot attend.



Swimming Lessons

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children are benefiting from receiving regular weekly swimming lessons from qualified swimming instructors in the mobile swimming pool that has been hired until Autumn half term. The swimming pool is covered by a marquee so our pupils are protected from outside weather while they swim.

Lukas " I am enjoying my swimming lessons and I have learnt to swim".

Salma " I can now swim a width and I look forward to my swimming lessons!"

Macmillan Coffee Morning- Thank you to all parents and carers who came for a cup of tea and a slice of cake in the school hall on Friday, 30th September 2022. Together we raised £97.46 for this worthy charity. Thank you to all staff who baked the cakes. The AGJF Bake Off winner was Mrs Mountford with her key lime pie.

Bikeability Lessons

Year 4 took part in Level 1 and Year 5 children took part in Level 2 Bikeability training this week, learning important safety and life skills. The training was over two days, building their confidence and helps to develop practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. The sessions were run by the Bikeability Instructors in a fun and engaging environment. Well done, everybody!

Star of the Week



Well done to these children who have gone over and above to receive certificates:

	Class 3CM	Class 3DO	Class 4CF	Class 4CW	Class 5CV	Class 5BW	Class 6RW	Class 6SW
Week Ending 16/09/2022	Sineen Reid	Thomas Sillitto	Amimah Qasim	David Okebugwu	Mehr Zaheed	Alfie Smart	Abdul Jibril	Alexandra Kardasova
Week Ending 23/09/2022	Miley Demeterova	Waleed Wajed	Imaan Fatima	Toakasa Davule	Mahmoud Radwan	Amana Kadeer	Ansar Mohammed	Diogo Onofre Martins
Week Ending 30/09/2022	Logan McKenzie	Ayaan Ali	Sameeul Faisal	Gideon Ibukunolu	Heliz Hussin	Marek Rafael	Fiza Noor	Oliver Amsion

Headteacher's Awards  16/09/22 Zaina Rangzab  23/09/22 Falak Ali  Shashvitha Engala

Homework

Google Classroom homework will be released on Fridays. Please make sure that your child completes their tasks and clicks on the **TURN IN BUTTON**. This will advise your child's class teacher that their homework has been completed.

Homework – Please check your child's home school diary for their list of spellings. Following discussions with the pupils, we have made a change to the way we run our TT Rock Stars battles. Please encourage your child to play on TT Rock Stars and maybe they could be a champion in their battle!

Headlice

As many of you are aware, headlice can cause problems both at home or in school. Please try to check your child's hair regularly and if you see any headlice then treat both them and the whole family. To find out more about this then please follow the link <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

Reading with your child

Please can you read regularly with your child (at least **3 times** each week) and sign their reading diary. Please can we suggest that this routine is kept up as well as practising times tables on TT Rockstars.

Scholastic Book Fayre

Thank you to every child that bought a stationary item or a book at last week's Book Fayre. We raised £519 and this was a record amount for the school. As a result the school will be sent £208 in Scholastic book vouchers for new books to stock up our school library.

School Lunches

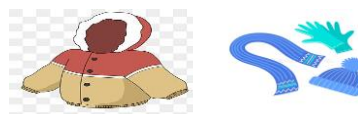
Please pay all school lunches in advance of the following week on your child's Parentpay account. At this time too many children are swapping between a school lunch and a packed lunch brought from home. Can we ask that a choice is made between a packed lunch and a school dinner for the whole of the week. Please see our new lunch menus on the school website.

Flu Immunisation Wednesday, 19th October 2022

The school nurses will be visiting school on **Wednesday 19th October 2022** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme. Please complete the consent form by <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list: **School Name is: Alexandra Junior School – 19th October 2022 – Flu** **Your school code is: ST143485-22**

Winter Coats As the colder weather is now settling in, please can all children come to school wearing a warm coat.



Safeguarding and Support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Mr Müller and Miss Rowe who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Parents' Consultation Afternoon

Thursday, 10th November 2022 and Friday, 11th November 2022, more information will follow shortly.

Info for Parents • You have recently received a paper Data Collection Forms requesting renewal of contact information. Many thanks to all that have already returned the form. If your forms are still in your child's bag or sitting at home, we would very much appreciate it completing and returning back to the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you

End of Day Procedure

Please note that Y3 and Y4 children **WILL NOT** be allowed to go home with a sibling from Y5 or Y6. However, they may be collected by a sibling from High School.

Medical Appointments

Please avoid making routine medical appointments during the school day (doctors, dentists and opticians.)

School Diary Dates

Half Term	Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th October 2022
School opens for pupils	Tuesday, 1 st November 2022
Children In Need	Friday, 18 th November 2022
Schools Close	Friday, 16 th December 2022
School opens for pupils	Wednesday, 4 th January 2023
Half Term	Monday, 20 th to Friday, 24 th February 2023

Can we ask that parents or carers only come to the school office to collect their children if this has been pre arranged.

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE, PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS CLOSE ALL SCHOOL GATES BEHIND THEM WHEN LEAVING SCHOOL PREMISES.

Please see lots of marvellous pictures on all school events on our school facebook site.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexandra-Junior-School/529483397177151>

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