



# ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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School was transformed this month into a colourful world of book characters and bed time stories, as we celebrated World Book Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. Across the school our children had fun exploring the characters and books that they were representing. Thank you to all family members for helping out to create colourful costumes for your child to wear, helping your child to bring their book character to life. Thank you to Mrs Mountford who planned and prepared so many literary treats for the children to enjoy throughout the day. Our school theme was 'Pirates' with many pirate related activities. Your child also brought a book token home with them at some which can be exchanged in any local book store. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success!

### Reading with your child

Please can you read regularly with your child (at least **3 times** each week) and sign their reading diary.

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

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

The annual Stoke School Sport Partnership Dance Extravaganza took part on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the Victoria Hall in Hanley. Our amazing Year 2 and Year 3 dancers performed sensationally well with music from famous local artists. They looked fabulous in their costumes and made us all very, very proud. Many thanks to Mrs Wearing for all her hard work in making the costumes. Congratulations once again to all of our wonderful

Football News Our school football team played in a recent football match against Sutherland Primary School. Sadly we were beaten by 4-1 with Zayan Arshad scoring an excellent first goal. Our team showed great strength with all the boys playing fantastically. The team consisted of some Year 4 and Year 5 boys who were playing against Year 6 level.



Just a reminder another chance for our children to express their creativity: **Design an Easter Egg using a hard boiled egg. The funnier the better!**



**Judging will be on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

### Bolton Gate Art Workshop

Year 6 children visited Bolton Gate Arts in Weston Coyney to take part in art work shops with local artists last week. Sadly due to the weather they were unable to have a tour around the farm. They looked at lots of inspiration from around the city to decorate Pot Bank Planters commemorating the history of Stoke on Trent. First they were able to sand down and then went on to create a design to paint. All the planters were made from recycled pallets. Everybody had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed participating in all the activities.

Thank you also for your donations towards our recent Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. The school community We raised £195.03 to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you for all your contributions.

**Prior Warning – SATs week begins May, 9<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023. Please DO NOT book any holidays or dentist appointments for this week as all Year 6 children must be in school.**



We are delighted to share the results of the recent book fair with you all. The total takings were £447.35 and from that the school receives a commission of £178.94 This is a great result and will really make a difference to our book resources in school, especially in these difficult times.

# Star of the Week



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

Class 3DO	Class 3CM	Class 4CF	Class 4CW	Year 5	Class 6RW	Class 6SW	Week Ending
Michael	Haaris	Zainab	Alysha	Amana, Hasan,Mahmood,	Ansar	Usmaan	17/02/23
Shameer	Sineen	Valentin	Noah	Ali Haydar, Haniya, Aston	Marwa	Natasha	03/03/23
Viktor	Treasure	Ayaan	Zayan	David,Amina Kimberley	Salma	Diogo	17/03/23



Headteacher's Awards 17/02/2023 Tommy,03/03/2023 Kimberley,17/03/2023 Gideon

## Mini Beasts Visit



This week the children had the opportunity to handle a selection of live mini beasts including sun beetles, millipedes and snails. They listened to a talk in the school hall on their habitats, their food and development. The children asked lots of interesting questions and there was a lot of giggling with braveness handling the mini beasts.

During the Easter break please can we ask that you continue to read regularly with your child (at least 3 times each week) and sign their reading diary. Please also support your child using Times Tables Rock Stars and any other learning activities signposted on the school website.

Please encourage your child to look after their reading books and homework diary. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag, reading book and homework diary into school every day as this also allows the teacher to read any messages from home written in their homework diary book.



We raised £108.65 to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you for all your contributions.



Please remind your child to bring in their water bottle into school.

**Please can you contact the School Office if you update your mobile telephone number, to enable us to have up to date contact details in the event of an emergency.**

### School Diary Dates

Schools Close	Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Half Term	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023 to Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
School opens for pupils	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Bank Holiday School Close	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Year 6 SATS week	Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Schools Close	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Half Term	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
School opens for pupils	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 6 Activity Week	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Schools Close	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

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