



ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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Last week we celebrated the school's 50th Anniversary. The children had an exciting afternoon full of activities to commemorate this milestone. The activities included taking part in 1970's and 1980's typical children's playground games and school history quiz. All the children had the opportunity to design an image representing a different school decade on a paper plate, to be judged by Emma Bridgewater Pottery. A party lunch was enjoyed by everybody! A time capsule will be buried shortly in the school grounds and this will be opened up by children attending Alexandra Junior School in 2073! After school we entertained many past pupils through the decades who came to see how the school had progressed through the years. We displayed previous school work and photographs on memory boards, with all our visitors wanting to share their memories! The school celebrations were well documented by the Stoke Sentinel newspaper. With Christmas soon on the horizon, the children have lots of wonderful activities to look forward to over the next few weeks, especially the Christmas Fayre on Friday, 15th December 2023. We do look forward to welcoming everybody!



Y3 Visit Lowry Museum

Year 3 had an exciting day taking the train from Stoke Railway Station to Manchester. They had the experience of travelling by tram looking at the City sky scrapers to the Lowry Art Gallery. The children explored the original pictures of LS Lowry in the Gallery, as they are currently studying the artist this half term. They got the opportunity to see many of his original paintings and took part in a wonderful workshop sketching landscapes and shown how to paint in the style of Lowry and were able to create their own collages. Everybody enjoyed the day out with exceptional behaviour!

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended Parents' Evening last week. Our teachers really do appreciate the chance to meet with parents and carers, which enables us to work in a partnership together to help your children to progress at school. If you were unable to make it, please make an appointment with to meet your child's class teacher after school.

SATS Revision Club

Our SATs Booster classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. We hope that by attending this club your child will feel more prepared for their SATs tests in May 2024. Please can you encourage your child to stay after school until 3.55pm.

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



Week Ending 17/11/23	Week Ending 24/11/23	Week Ending 01/12/23
Hamza		Fatima
	Hafsa	Faizan
Zaina	Himayat	Treasure
Justin	Logan	Rayaan
Hajra	Jazmina	Zayan
Aqsa	Sameeul	Ahmed
Maham	Aleeza	Eridjona
Kamila	Hashim	Mahmoud

Well Done to
Ubaydullah, David and William



Thursday,
14th
December
2023

Year 5 Space Camp Evening

Last Friday Year 5 took part in an exciting after school Space Workshop looking through telescopes up at the moon and then creating a moon cycle using oreo cookies. They looked at star constellations and created their own constellation using torches and black card. Everybody enjoyed slices of pizza together with hot chocolate to keep everybody warm.

Seatbelt Information

We all know it is the law to wear a seatbelt, but some people need to be reminded!

- Everyone must wear seatbelts front and back, including grown-ups. Imagine how dangerous it is to be thrown around the car in an accident if you're not wearing a belt?
- Children's bones are still growing and can be seriously damaged in a crash if they are not properly protected.
- Children under the age of 12 and under 135cms in height must use the correct child seat for their size.



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.

School Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please could we remind you to send in a healthy packed lunch. Please do not send your child into school with any burgers, chips or related items.

It is our school policy that dinner money has to be paid up front on your child's Parentpay account.

Please be advised that should your Parentpay account go in arrears by £10.00, we will not continue to provide hot dinners. In that case please send your child into school with a packed lunch from home

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.



Children In Need Day

On Friday 14th November we celebrated Children in Need and our children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas or in their brightest, most colourful clothes. All donations received will be sent directly to the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

Scholastic £5.00 Design A Bookmark Competition Winners

Logan, Micheala, Ranya, Rayyan and Talha.

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.



The judging panel that have been selected to review six finalist books individually for the Royal Society Science Institution. They will meet twice a week during lunch time for their reading sessions. Well done to you all and we look forward to reading your book reviews!

School Diary Dates

Non Uniform Day

Christmas Activities with Parents and Carers

Whole School Christmas Church Service

Christmas Lunch In School

Christmas Fayre & Non Uniform Day

Christmas Activities with Parents and Carers

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Jumper Day

Schools Close

School Christmas Holidays

School opens for pupils

Schools Close

Half Term

Schools Close

Friday, 8th December 2023

Year 3 & Year 5 Thursday, 14th December

Tuesday, 12th December 2023

Thursday, 14th December 2023

Friday 15th December 2023

Year 4 & Year 6 Tuesday, 19th December

Wednesday, 20th December 2023

Thursday, 21st December 2023

Thursday, 21st December 2023

Monday, 25th December 2023– Friday, 5th January 2024

Monday, 8th January 2024

Friday, 9th February 2024

Monday, 12th to Friday, 16th February 2024

Friday, 22nd March 2024

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.

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Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to do well in the future.

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