



# ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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Welcome back to school and Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to spend time with friends and family members. The children have settled back into school well after the holidays and had been excited to see their friends and teachers again. This term will be equally as busy. I know that teachers have lots of exciting things planned for their classes that will support and develop the children's learning. Thank you to everybody who were able to come to our Christmas School Fayre. Together we raised a fantastic £841. This will be used on future funding requests for resources across the school. As always this would not be possible without your continued support. Miss Foxall has now left us to take her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and will keep you updated when the baby arrives.

Our building work has now finally been completed in the Seddon Block and we have successfully re designed this complex to recreate four further classrooms to be used later on this term.

## New Year Resolution/Attendance

At the end of last term there had been a dip in our school attendance and punctuality grid. There may well be a good reason for this pre-Christmas dip but we are now at the start of a new year and a new term! Let's try to improve these figures! Attendance should be over 97% in every year group. Arriving at school on time should be achievable for all families. We want all children to benefit from a calm start. It is an important part of the school day. Please can we ask all parents and carers to maintain the drive to support your child to maximise their school time in school in 2024. The benefits should be clear in your child's progress! Remember - no emergency appointments that take time out of the school day. No holidays or days off in term-time. Establish good morning routines so you can arrive on time. Thank you for your support in this matter!



Year 4 visit to Stafford Castle

Year 4 children all had the most enjoyable day visiting Stafford Castle as part of their Alexandra Promise to visit a castle. They had the opportunity to walk round the castle grounds through the outer bailey, the inner bailey and we then charged up the motte to the keep, imagining we were attacking the castle in Norman times. As well as trying on chain mail, armour, helmets and other outfits we were able to hold and observe weapons and then mint a Norman coin. We all agreed it had been a very interesting and exciting day, imagining we were living in Norman times.

## Year 6 visit to Emma Bridgewater Factory

6SW had the opportunity to visit the Emma Bridgewater Factory on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January for the morning. The children enjoyed a tour around the factory discovering how the pottery is made, learning about the artist and had the opportunity to design their own plate.



## Year 3 visit to Liverpool World Museum

Year 3 had a fantastic time exploring the World Museum in Liverpool on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. They had the opportunity look at two exhibitions on Space and Around the Word, which was all about looking at different cultures and civilisations. They journeyed along the Nile and through the Ancient Egyptian display, where they explored various aspects of life in ancient Egypt and even saw some real Egyptian mummies! The children were able to study and handle genuine artefacts. A fun day was enjoyed by all!

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



Well Done to Maya  
and Kamila



Week Ending 12/01/24	Fatima	Yawar	Umama	Ismaeel	David	Qasim	Aleeza	Heliz
19/01/24			Yaw	Arijana	Aiza	Lexi	Kaiden	Lukas

Future School Visits



- Year 3 3CM 24/01/2024 Emma Bridgewater Factory Tour
- Year 3 - 3CW 30/01/2024 Newcastle under Lyme Synagogue
- Year 3 - 3CW 31/01/2024 Emma Bridgewater Factory Tour
- Year 5 visit to Gladstone Museum March 2024

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.

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Year group	Time
Monday	ASM Basketball	5 & 6	3.20-4.10pm
Tuesday	ASM Basketball	3 & 4	3.20-4.10pm
Tuesday	SAT's Revision Club	6	3.15-3.55pm
Thursday	ASM Dodgeball	3 & 4	3.20-4.10pm
Friday	PVFC Football	5 & 6	3.20-4.10pm
Thursday	SAT's Revision Club	6	3.15-3.55pm
Friday	PVFC Football	5 & 6	3.20-4.10pm

School Diary Dates

School Close	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half Term	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Schools Close	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
Schools Open	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day/Schools Close	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
School Close	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Schools Open	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Schools Close	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

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