



# ALEXANDRA JUNIOR NEWS

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We welcome you all back after the half term break. We hope that all families have had a restful and enjoyable half term. Last term we enjoyed Year 5 presenting their Harvest Festival Assembly, Year 5 visited Longton Park to carry out geography sketches and Year 4 visited Stanley Head to learn about rivers and habitats.

I am also pleased to share with you that we have been selected to receive funding from Tesco to spend on nutritious fruit and vegetable for our pupils, through its new initiative as part of their community programme. The children can choose an item of fruit every morning to snack on in addition to the toast that we offer as well.

## Breakfast Club Opens at 8.15am at Alexandra Junior School

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
YEAR 3	8:50am	3:20pm
YEAR 4	8:40am	3:10pm
YEAR 5	8:50am	3:20pm
YEAR 6	8:40am	3:10pm

## Parents Consultation Afternoon

Please not forget to make an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress this term. This can either be at school or via a telephone appointment on the following days as below:

Year 3	19/11/2024
Year 4	19/11/2024
5LW	21/11/2024
5SW	28/11/2024
Year 6	19/11/2024

## School Council

The pupils on the School Council are elected by their classmates to provide a voice for the pupils and to work with Mrs Higgins on issues that are important to them. Our School Council is made of two children in each class. The aim of the School Council is to include children in the decision making within the school and allow them to have a voice about whatever concerns them. We encourage children to take an active part in the direction of the school and by supporting various charities through various whole school events.

School Council Members Akif, Muzammil, Georgina, Mustafa, Yaw, Ismaeel, Zayan and Talha.

Please also bear in mind that these are very busy afternoons for staff and we can only offer a short meeting due to the tight schedule and the numbers of families we need to see. However, if you do know that you require a longer appointment to discuss your child's progress, we are more than happy to accommodate this, but respectfully ask that you arrange for this to happen at an alternative time with your child's class teacher.

## Eco Council

The Eco Council is a group of who applied for the role after expressing their passion for the environment. They are Saynaa, Dylan, Jason, Balaaj, Haniya, Umama, Yasemin and Noah. The council members aim is to help the environment through school initiatives.

## 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

Together we raised £541.25 Thank you to everybody!

Week Ending 11/10/24	Week Ending 18/10/24	Week Ending 25/10/24	Week Ending 08/11/24	Week Ending 15/11/24
				
Ryan	Abiha	Faiza	Amaira	Luqman
Bisma	Dua	Bisma	Anum	Haris
Keira	Hamdan	Affan	Dean	Rayyaan
Balaaaj	Mason	Mania	Nastaeen	Haniya
Madestas	Aiza	Waleed	Umama	Himayat
Raheel	Logan	Justin	Viktor	Thomas
Aisha	Hennry	Karens	Hennry	Hazel
Zainab	Arfa	Samir	Harris	Jazmina

#### 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. It is our school policy that dinner money has to be paid up front on your Parentpay account. The cost of a daily lunch is £3.17 and £15.85 for the cost of school lunches for one week.



Affan, Valentin,  
Akif and Radu  
and Musab.

**Well Done!**

#### School Diary Dates

Year 4/Year 6 Parents Consultation Afternoon	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Year 3 Parents Consultation Afternoon	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
5LW Parents Consultation Afternoon	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Non Uniform day	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024
No Pen Day	Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
5SW Parents Consultation Afternoon	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Non Uniform day	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Year 5 Roman Workshop Day	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Non Uniform day	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Year 5 Space Camp Evening	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Lunch	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Fayre 2.00pm	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Y4 & Y6 Christmas Crafts with Parents	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Y3 & Y5 Christmas Crafts with Parents	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Party Day	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Christmas Holidays	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
School opens for pupils	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Last day of school	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
School Closes	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 25
School Reopens	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025



Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 2.00pm

If you have any unwanted toys, books or unopened toiletries that you are willing to donate, please send them into school as soon as possible.



#### Car Parking

When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please DO NOT park on any part of the painted yellow lines or zigzag crossings. These lines are there to protect your child's safety. Can we also request that the Staff Car Park entrance is not used for reversing or making any u -turns in the road. Please use the roundabout at the end of Meir Road if you wish to turn around. We have also had a number of complaints from local residents that cars are obstructing their drive ways! Our concern is the safety and wellbeing of our children around the school site.

#### Football and Tag Rugby News

The first match of the seasons was on 23/10/2024 against Sutherland Primary School. Our boys enjoyed the match, but sadly lost 2/4 but showed great enthusiasm. Noah was player of the match, saving many goals. Well done to each and every child, for many this was the first time they had represented the school.

Our girls played their first football match on 23/10/2024 against Sutherland Primary School. Several attempted strikes were made. Sadly the score was 0/2 and Emilia was player of the match. All the girls played well putting in a huge amount of effort. We are hopeful as the season continues, results will improve.

#### Year5/ Year 6 Tag Rugby

Our first venture of the season into Rugby, although our team were very keen unfortunately we came fourth. Lots of teamwork was on show with brilliant tries.

#### Sports Festival

A group of children were selected to participate at Trentham Academy taking part in twelve different activities. The activities included skipping, golf, tag. Great enthusiasm was shown by all the children taking part and all had a wonderful time.

**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.**