



Alexandra
Primary School

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Thought for the Day:

**“Worry is like a rocking chair:
it gives you something to do
but never gets you anywhere.”**

~ Erma Bombeck

Question of the Week:

Does everything have a taste?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the summer term. The children have returned refreshed, recharged and ready to learn. Please look at the dates list to see what is coming up over the next few months. Some of Year 6 are off on School Journey this week and hopefully will have good weather. Nursery really enjoyed the farm animals that came to school.

Nursery: In Nursery we have consolidated our learning on Farm animals by talking about our farm visit and rereading our farm focus books. We have introduced the vocabulary of weight and are encouraging children to talk about the weight of a variety of objects ("The stone is heavy and the acorn is light.") Our focus sound this week was 'i'. Ask your child to sing you the itchy insect song. Children have also been sharing their Eid celebration news with their friends.

Reception: The Reception children have started this half term showing lots of interest in the new topic of "mini-beasts". They have been learning lots of facts about the similarities and the differences between the many different types of mini-beasts and also they have been learning to be respectful towards the mini-beasts they find in our garden. The Maths focus has been surrounding estimation, estimation of quantity, measurement and weight. In Phonics we have been recapping sounds and practising reading and writing words and sentences using the sounds.

Year 1: The children in Year 1 have returned from the holiday with a positive attitude to their learning. They have been learning about non-fiction text related to dinosaurs for English. For Maths the children have been sorting into different categories and groups, they have been learning to count equal groups of objects as well. In Letters and sounds this week the children have been consolidating and applying their knowledge of phase 5 alternative pronunciations and alternative spellings.

Year 2: Year 2 have started to read our new book 'The Night Pirates' as part of our 'Ahoy!' topic. We looked carefully at the front cover and the blurb and made predictions about what might happen in the story. In Maths we worked on giving directions, using a treasure map to practice. We used language including quarter turn and half turn and forward 3 steps, left 4 steps etc. We also practiced clockwise and anticlockwise. In Science we began our new unit about materials. We looked at a range of materials and went on a material hunt around the school. We then created a bar graph to show the most common types of material used around the building.

Year 3: This week Year 3 has been looking at features Poetry and they have particularly enjoyed making calligrams and using amazing alliteration in their writing! In Maths, we have started our new topic of time where children have been practising telling the time on both analogue and digital to the nearest minute. Using our ICT research, we have created exciting and informative biographies about the founder of Islam. Year 3 are also excited to start their tennis workshop this week. Well done to all the children who have produced some Plant Posters for homework. Thank you to parents for your continuous support.

Year 4: This week, Year 4 has been expanding their knowledge about time and duration in Maths. In English, the children have used persuasive techniques successfully to create their own advertisements. In Topic, Year 4 have worked very hard to research an Edwardian and justified why they thought their researched Edwardian was most successful. The children prepared impressive speeches using persuasive devices to convey their facts and opinions. In Science, year 4 have engaged in cross curricular learning of Maths and Science by classifying herbivores, omnivores and carnivores A great week of learning Year 4! Well Done!

Year 5: The children arrived back to school refreshed after the break and ready to show all they have learnt in the termly assessments which took place this week. As well as assessments, children are completing their Science unit on 'Living Things in their Habitats' with an in-depth view of the life cycle of insects and a comparative study of different members of the animal kingdom. In Topic, children have completed their study of the ancient Maya kingdoms of Central America with an evaluation of their many achievements.

Year 6: It has been a week full of excitement and learning in Year 6! With only six weeks left of primary school, the students have been preparing for their upcoming transition to secondary school. We have been fortunate enough to have visits from Lampton School, Dormers Wells High School and Bolder Academy. In the classroom, children applied their mathematical knowledge to their understanding of rationing during the war. In English, we read a book called Rose Blanche (which is set during WW2) and focused on specific characters. Children used lots of powerful vocabulary, imagery and inferencing to write a diary entry from the perspective of these characters. Rehearsals for the end of year production have also started this week and the children are already showing off their incredible talent. Finally, the teachers have been busy preparing the students who are going on residential- we are all very excited! There will be lots of interesting activities planned for those students who will still be attending school.

Notices:

Parents, please remember that there is a great deal of useful information on the school website www.alexandra.hounslow.sch.uk. In the parents' section we have put a link to Hounslow FSD website. Here there is information about services and support available for families in Hounslow

Following a government decision, May Day Bank Holiday in 2020 will now be on Friday 8th May 2020. This is to coincide with and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe). School will be open to children on Monday 4th May 2020. Please find attached our revised Term Holidays dates for 2019/2020.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.93%.

Congratulations to 3s and 4H for 100% attendance.

School attendance for the week was over 97%.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised



Key Dates for the term:

23rd April Summer Term Begins	13th June Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
25th April Year 6 World War 2 Workshop	14th June 2M Class Assembly
2nd May Year 5 Maya Workshop	20th June Year 6 Outside Chance Workshop
10th May Yellow Class Assembly	21st June Blue Class Assembly
13th May - 16th May SATs Week for Year 6	25th June Year 6 Hounslow Citizenship Scheme
20th May Walk to School Week	26th June Year 6 End of Year trip
21st May Year 6 Stixx Project	28th June Summer Fayre / Red Class Assembly
22nd May Year 6 Stixx Project	2nd July Year 6 Secondary Transfer Day
23rd May Polling Day - School Closed for pupils	9th July Year 6 End of Year Concert (evening)
24th May INSET – School Closed for pupils	10th July Year 6 End of Year Concert (am)
27th May – 31st May Half Term	11th July Parents Meetings
3rd June Class Photos	18th July Year 6 Graduation
	19th July Last day of the Summer Term
10th June – 14th June Year 6 Residential Trip	School Closes at 1:30pm - No aftercare





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Term and Holiday Dates
2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019		
Inset Day 1	Monday 2 nd September	Closed
First Day of Term	Tuesday 3 rd September	Open
Half Term Break	Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October	Closed
Return to School	Monday 28 th October	Open
Last Day of Term	Thursday 19 th December - school closes at 1.30pm	Open
Christmas Break – Thursday 19th December to Friday 3rd January		Closed
SPRING TERM 2020		
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th January	Open
Inset Day 2	Friday 14 th February	Closed
Half Term Break	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Closed
Return to School	Monday 24 th February	Open
Last Day of Term	Friday 3 rd April - school closes 1.30pm	Open
Spring Holiday Break – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April		Closed
SUMMER TERM 2020		
First Day of Term	Monday 20 th April	Open
Inset Day 3/Polling Day	Thursday 7 th May	Closed
*May Day	Friday 8 th May	Closed
Half Term Break	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Closed
Return to School	Monday 1 st June	Open
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th July - school closes at 1.30pm	Open
Inset Day 4	Monday 20 th July	Closed
Inset Day 5	Tuesday 21 st July	Closed
There is no Extended Day Care in the afternoon on the last day of each term when school closes at 1.30pm		

Please ensure you make a note of the above dates, as holidays when school is open are NOT allowed.

***MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY DATE AMENDED.**