



Alexandra Park Primary School

Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 21st October 2022

The final Friday of a half term is always a very special day at our school as we celebrate the amazing achievements of our children through our Care in the Community Awards. It is an absolute joy to see and hear about all the things the children have done over this half term to help their community.

Well done to Luna and Sol for helping at a local care home. Brians, for really going the extra mile to help his brother and the environment, especially animals! It was great to see how many children are being proactive and picking up litter. Well done to Maisie, Fred, Eddie, Oscar, Lillian and Iris. We were very impressed to hear about how Grace had helped the Afghan and Ukranian refugees, as well as homeless people. Also, how Daniel has helped his mum after her operation, Robyn has been making cards from recyclable materials, and how her sister Martha is doing a sponsored Danceathon for Tommy's appeal. You can see from the picture, Arthur has done a fantastic job of transforming his front garden, much to the admiration of passers by. I know Chloe's neighbour appreciates the support she has been providing for her too. All the children received a certificate in assembly and were invited to a special tea party. The overall winners this half term all showed in lots of ways why they deserve to be our 'Care in The Community' Champions. Well done to Grace, Brians and Eddie.

Have a fantastic half term break everyone - school reopens on Tuesday 1st November.





New and Nearly New Give Away!

We often speak to the children about how rewarding it is to help others. In our school wellbeing strategy for staff, we also have a focus on doing things which make other people's day. I hope that everyone who donated anything (a staggering 16 tables full!) for our giveaway has a smile on their face when they read this, as it was a fantastic event and great to see how many people were able to take items which will be reused by them and their families. I know my youngest daughter's first question when I get home will be 'Did anyone take my roller skates and boots?' They both donated a few items and were very excited to do so. We will definitely run a similar event in the future!



Black History Month

Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers who came into school to celebrate the last day of Black History Month. As a school we are passionate about representation in the curriculum and ensuring that our children get to learn about many different inspirational people from all different walks of life. It has been an incredible month with some fantastic learning happening across the whole school. The children have been inspired by different individuals from the past and present day and have had opportunities to create art work, recite poems, celebrate music of black origin and so much more. It was fantastic for the children to be able to share all of their learning as we know they are very proud of their achievements.

Girls' football team

A huge well done to the girls' football team. Today, they participated in a tournament that was hosted by the Manchester United Foundation. Throughout the games, the girls used their collaboration and showed fantastic determination. Not only did they score 19 goals across the tournament, they came 2nd out of the 8 teams that took part. What an achievement!



Reception

We had a great day on Wednesday celebrating Farmyard Day. The children looked amazing in their farmyard outfits and had great fun taking part with farmyard songs, dancing and crafts. It was great to welcome so many parents into school to join in with the fun! We have also been baking our own bread this week and we worked as a team to stir, knead and prepare the dough. It was delicious!



We have also been thinking about seasonal change and what happens in Autumn. Reception took a trip to Alexandra Park to observe the seasonal changes and we used our senses to describe what we could see, hear and feel. We noticed so many leaves had fallen from the trees and we could see so many colours!



Year 1

For Black History Month, Year 1 has been learning about the Maasai tribe. We discussed how their community is different to ours, and we also talked about things that are similar. We looked closely at the beautiful jewellery they wear and designed our own. We used paper plates and included lots of tribal patterns, like the Maasai necklaces. We had lots of fun and we loved showing them to our parents too!



Year 4

As a part of our Black History Month project, Year 4 read “Cloud Busting” by Malorie Blackman. When Malorie was a child, she noticed that none of the books she read featured Black main characters. Malorie decided to write her own books about Black characters to address this problem. After reading “Cloud Busting,” we wrote our feelings and responses to the issues it raised.

Year 6 Science Day

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a full day of science. The aim of the day was to work scientifically, sorting and classifying items that will float and sink, completing a fair test to investigate whether the surface area of an object affects how quickly it sinks and pattern seeking, where they found out if there was a relationship between the length of your foot and the length from your wrist to your elbow. They also were dropping balls into flour and investigating whether the mass of the ball affects the size of the crater it's created.



Important Dates

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- School breaks up for half term on **Friday 21st October**
- School reopens on **Tuesday 1st November**
- Parents evenings **Wednesday 9th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm**
- Parents evening **Thursday 10th November 3.15pm to 7.30pm**
- Stockport Academy Christmas Market - Saturday 26th November 11am - 2pm