

10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Choral Speaking Competition



Classes 6 and 11 attended the Choral Speaking Festival on Wednesday at the Oldham Coliseum Theatre. Class 11 performed 'Raging Volcano' by Malou Evans and 'The Way through the Woods' by Rudyard Kipling. Class 6 performed 'Just like a Roman' Anon and 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Their performances were outstanding and the children and teachers were so proud of their achievements. A superb well done to all the children who took part.

Strike Information

The next Strike days are planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday the 16th of March next week. The plan will be the same as the last Strike Days and the school will be partially closed. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter.

Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March it is Comic Relief Day, children are invited to dress up as a 'Superhero.' We are asking for a donation of £1 to go towards Comic Relief. Thank you for your support.



Let's get reading - BOOM Reader

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl



Well done to all the children and families who have logged onto Boom reader. We are pleased to announce the most home reading logs recorded on Boom reader this week.

Position	Name	Reads at home
First Place	Zara Yasin Class 5	8 home reads
Second place	Haroon Mohammad Class 6	7 home reads
Third Place	Bilal Malik Samokhvalova Class 6 Maha Nazim Class 11 Lana Hayes Class 1	6 home reads

Spelling Shed Winners

Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	73,114,536	Haroon Mohammed - Class 6
2nd	42,027,784	Zakariyya Bin Jahid - Class 6
3rd	42,027,784	Sayed Shah - Class 6



TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!

The most accurate Class	Class 9
The most active class	Class 3 and 6
The most improved speed	Ayesha Jamil Class 8
The most active player	Abel Lupo Class 4

Word Aware

This week's word is 'synopsis'. Please encourage your child to use this word when out and about and complete the activities, which Miss Varley will share on Class Dojo.



Attendance

Well done to classes 2, 3 and 8 for achieving 96% attendance last week.

A reminder that school begins promptly at 8.40am.



Dates for next week:

Wednesday 15th March - Strike Day

Thursday 16th March - Strike Day

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief and Science workshops



09.03.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

In response to my earlier letter regarding the plans for strike action I am writing to inform you of how this will affect Alexandra Park Junior School on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**.

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. This means those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class(es) or undertake any other duties on the strike day.

It is therefore incumbent upon me to consider the impact that industrial action will have on the operation of the school. One of the key issues is to assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, partially open or closed. A detailed risk assessment has been conducted. This considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of children and staff and whether the school can run a full curriculum or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

As Headteacher, I and the Governing Board have decided that there will be a partial closure in all year 5 classes, the rest of the school will be open as usual.

- All classes in Year 3 will be open to all children
- All classes in Year 4 will be open to all children
- **All classes in year 5 will be closed – attendance will be prioritised for vulnerable children only.**
- All classes in Year 6 will be open to all children (in classes 11 and 12 they will undertake an amended curriculum to support them in the lead up to their Key Stage 2 SATs)

If your child is within years 3, 4 and 6 and has been notified of a place in year 5 then you must ensure that they attend school as usual.

If your child is in year 5, we apologise for the inconvenience and understand any frustration you may feel – the decision has not been taken lightly and is due to reduced staffing numbers which means we can only assure the safety and wellbeing of a limited number of children on these days.



Alexandra Park Junior School

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Work such as TT-Rockstars, Boom-reader and Spelling Shed will be available for children to access. Your child's attendance will not be affected due to their class closure. Any families who are eligible for FSM will be able to claim a voucher for the day through the usual WONDE system.

Clearly this is a difficult situation. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

I will of course keep you up-to-date with any further news or changes. If you have any questions or queries please do contact our office staff on the above phone number and email.

We thank you for your support,

Mrs. J Seabright
Headteacher

