

1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 residential - Kingswood



Year 6 returned from their two night Residential stay in Wales today. They have taken part in activities to build their confidence and resilience by taking on fun challenges. The trip has provided a much needed breath of fresh air (with some rain) and a rush of adrenaline for our year 6 children. They will have made many memories and should be proud of their achievements. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Griffin for organising the trip and to Mrs Griffin, Mr Hamil, Mr Clarke and Miss Nolan for giving up their time to attend the trip.

Lunchtime Celebration

Children have indeed settled back into school life once again and they are also demonstrating excellent behaviour at lunchtimes. Our super midday staff are recognising the efforts of our children and have been awarding privilege cards at lunchtime so that chosen children can enjoy a special lunch throughout the week.



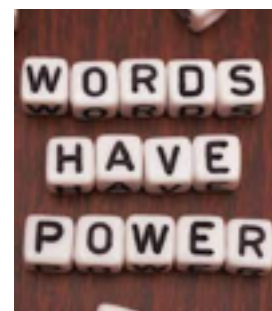
Letterjoin

In order to ensure that children catch up again with their writing skills we wish to send out again details of how children can practice their handwriting skills at home. Letter join is our handwriting scheme and is free for the children to use at home. We have for over two years now seen a huge impact on children's writing by using this interactive tool. For more information please visit letterjoin.co.uk

There is also more information attached to this newsletter.

Word Aware

A school priority this year is to ensure that our children become 'Effective Word Learners.'
'Children's acquisition and command of vocabulary are key to their learning and progress across the whole curriculum. Teachers should therefore develop vocabulary actively, building systematically on children's current knowledge.'
In order for families to support their children at home. We will be adding simple ideas and activities to help promote vocabulary at home.



Family Lives Support

<http://www.familylives.org.uk>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent-line). Please call us on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. (Free from landlines and most mobiles)

Helpline hours:

Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm

Weekends 10am to 3pm

The service is unable to offer legal or medical advice.

SMILE

Next week we launch our whole school handwriting competition. The poem which the children will write is a poem by Spike Milligan. This is a lovely poem and we wished to spread the smile with our families at home. Children you can read this poem out loud to your families and make them smile.

Smile: A Poem by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realised its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!



ATTENDANCE

We have had a great start to the term with fantastic attendance. Well done to classes 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11 and 12 for achieving over 96% attendance last week.
Overall attendance is 96.6% WOW!



COVID Test results - REMINDER

A reminder to parents to send any results to us directly regarding COVID test results. This email is covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

We thank all parents for the immediate responses we have had. You have certainly worked with staff to support the safety of children and staff with high levels of communication.

