



Welcome back to school everyone. We hope you had a good half-term break. We have an exciting term ahead, with Edwardian Day, History and Geography Weeks, Technology Week and trips to look forward to! Please look out for information on class notice boards, letters, texts and the website.

BOOK WEEK

Hooray for Reading!

The last week of term was spent celebrating books and reading. On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February, Ruth Galloway, a published author/illustrator visited us and inspired the children with her fabulous books and amazing illustrations. The children were able to ask about the writing process and how books are produced.

Later in the week, Perform Drama group ran workshops with every class across the school where they explored common themes in fairy tales. These were action packed sessions that were highly interactive and helped foster an interest in story ideas and story telling. Then our week ended with Book Character Day. The children came into school dressed up as their favourite book character. It was fabulous to see the children in their dress up clothes and talk about their books and character.

HOMEWORK CHALLENGE: why not take on the challenge of creating a picture, collage or model linked with your favourite book or character? Bring it in to school to share with school friends and for a whole school display.

Miss Grierson



SWIMARATHON

Big congratulations to those who participated in the Swimathon.

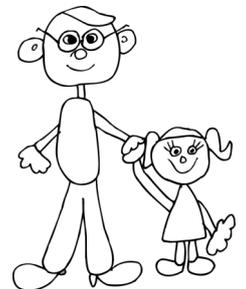
When all the sponsor money has been sent into school we will have raised an incredible £800 which will be shared between The Lions Club and Alwyn Infant School.

Well done everyone. Please see the photo display in the main entrance hall. Mrs Evans



Dads into School

We were delighted to have so many dads visit us in Year One and the children enjoyed reading and talking about the story of The Gingerbread Man. We made wanted posters, re-created the story on story maps and wrote different endings. Many dads lent a helping hand to make different rafts/boats for the gingerbread man to safely cross the river and dads were happy to put on a pinny and bake gingerbread men with the children for us to eat. Thank you to all the dads who joined us, we hope to see you in school again next year, if not before. Mrs Evans



Children in Year 2 were very pleased to welcome dads into their classrooms in January. The children were so happy to be able to demonstrate their amazing literacy skills and it was great to have Dads working with groups. Dads were particularly impressed with the fabulous adjectives that the children used in their work on 'The Tiger and the Jackal'. They also loved helping the children to find information to make posters about tigers. Thanks Dads for a fun week! Mrs Wallin

Music Week

We held our Music Week in January this year. We are really lucky to have so many musical parents, friends and children who came in during Music Week to play different instruments and sing for our children. Every day we had at least two different musical assemblies showcasing the talents of our amazing and generous parents. We had classical, rock, and popular musical interludes where the children were able to listen to a variety of musical genres. Thank you so much to all of you who kindly gave up your time to share your music with our children.



We also had a couple of music workshops encouraging the children to make music and dance themselves. Mr Glyn Williams, a composer and professor of music, whose niece is in Year 1 came to sing and encourage the children to play percussion. Many of our classes actually had the opportunity to sing and play to one of his own compositions which was exciting.

Years 1 and 2 also had some Brazilian Samba dance workshops where they had the opportunity to listen to some samba beats and also to learn some simple samba dance moves which looked great fun!

During the week the children experienced various different musical styles and instruments which added to and complemented our own music curriculum, which gives all children the opportunity to listen to, play and compose music during their time at Alwyn. Thank you all for your fantastic support. Mrs Sakal

News from Little Alwyn

A big thank you to the PTA for raising money for our fabulous new climbing frame. The children are very excited and are queuing to play on it. A reminder to make sure your child has a named water bottle in school each day. Strictly filled with water. No juice please. Although the temperature has become milder, reception children need a coat in school every day. We explore in our garden in all weathers.

Requests:

Little Alwyn would really appreciate any spare rolls of wallpaper for the children to draw and paint on. The children will be using the back of the paper so please do not send in any pre-pasted wallpaper rolls. Little Alwyn also urgently need any underwear, socks and tights your children may have grown out of!

Thanks from Mrs Harris



Parents' Evenings

Our whole school parents' evenings will be taking place on Tues 7th and Thurs 9th March and time slots will now be available to book online. You will receive a text with a link which will enable you to access the Parent's Evening website to book an appointment with your child's teacher. Please follow the instructions given on the recent letter sent out, a copy of which is on our website.

