



As we come to the end of a super half-term we would like to wish you a happy holiday. We hope you have a good break and look forward to seeing you all on June 6th, ready for the last school term this academic year!

## PARENT COUNCIL

22 fabulous parents attended our Parent Council meeting on Monday 8th May. They listened to presentations on 'Assessment, Curriculum and SATs at Alwyn' and 'Transition' to and through the school and onto the next school. These presentations can be found on our website.



They were also informed about the actions we are taking to tackle the dangerous parking and driving around Alwyn at the beginning and end of the school day which includes asking PCSOs to patrol as often as possible. We have also been in contact with Councillor Marius Gilmore who shares our concerns and has contacted Philip Jacob (RBWM Traffic & Road Safety Engineer) on our behalf.

The attendees at this Parent Council meeting agreed that it would be a good idea if our parents contact Philip Jacob directly about our concerns so that he fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation.

His contact details are [Philip.Jacob@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:Philip.Jacob@rbwm.gov.uk)

## Year 2 History

Year 2 experienced a fortnight of 'life as an historian'. They had terrific fun researching the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel using books, the internet, film clips and a visit from a real life historian. Artefacts were handled with wild speculations of what the object could possibly have been used for. The children also had the opportunity to experience what it would be like to be an engineer (like Brunel) as they designed and built their own bridge and planned an eco-friendly car of the future. They had to work within a strict time frame and present their plans and ideas to an audience. What a good job they all made of it! Well done Year 2!



Miss Grierson

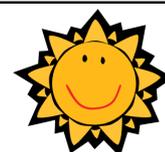
## Bikes and Scooters



I would like to remind everyone that children (and adults) should not ride scooters and bicycles in the playground. One of our children recently sustained a nasty injury when she was knocked over by another child riding a scooter! Please put bikes and scooters in the special racks we have provided next to Little Alwyn and by the school's front door.

Term ends on Friday 26th May.

Please come back to school on Tuesday 6th June!



### **Dropping Off and Picking Up.**

**Please be aware that it is school policy that you see your children into their classrooms at the start of the school day. Please wait with your child(ren) either in the playground or in the cloakroom before seeing them into their classroom when the teacher opens the door.**

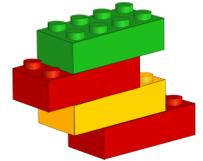
**At the end of the day please collect your child(ren) from outside their classroom door. The teacher will give your child to you. They will only give your child to you or someone you have told us is picking up your child.**

**If someone tries to pick up your child and we have not been informed by you then we will NOT let them go. We will phone you to confirm.**



### **YEAR 2 SCHOOL TRIP**

Year 2 children enjoyed a fabulous day out at the Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We spent the morning exploring all the different areas in the Discovery Centre and particularly enjoyed visiting the "Build It" section where the children had great fun designing and then working together to create buildings using giant Lego style blocks! It was very interesting to see science at work and to get involved in all the hands-on activities. After lunch we went for a walk in the woods before playing in the play area. We were very lucky with the weather which fortunately remained fine for our afternoon activities. All in all a very successful and enjoyable day trip! Many thanks again to all our adult helpers.



Mrs Wallin

### **Around the World Week**

The whole school went jet-setting around the globe during Around The World Week. Reception had a lot of fun trying out craft activities from England, USA, France and Egypt. They learnt some facts about each country and even got to taste some food on their travels!



Year 1 had opportunities to dance a samba in Brazil, decorate an Indian elephant, build a totem pole in Canada and make a beautiful Japanese cherry blossom painting. They also spent the mornings learning about the 4 nations which form the United Kingdom, before grabbing their passports and jetting off to another continent (classroom)!

Year 2's passports were stamped in Australia, Greece, Italy and South Africa. The children enjoyed art activities such as creating their own mythological Greek creatures to decorate a traditional urn and making and decorating a South African necklace. In Australia the children made aboriginal-style art whilst in Italy they had a go at creating their own Roman mosaics. What a busy week!

A huge thank you to all the families who donated artefacts, books and pictures to us for the week, what a well travelled group you are!

Mrs Barnes & Welsh Mrs Evans

### **YEAR 1 SCHOOL TRIPS**

Year One children have had two very exciting school trips recently. We would like to thank the parents/carers who were able to help us on each day. We hope you enjoyed the day out as much as we did.



On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March/Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Year One went to Birdworld to support the science curriculum. Children saw a variety of birds and were able to classify birds, mammals and reptiles. Although it rained and rained on one of the days the trips were a great success and the children and adults really enjoyed themselves.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May/Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May Year One went to Windsor Castle. Once again, we had a very enjoyable day out, learning about Queen Elizabeth II and what her responsibilities are. We learned about a knight's job and talked about the parts of the castle. The talk in The Moat Room was led by Mrs Lonsdale, a parent of two fabulous boys who came to Alwyn and we would like to express our thanks for her interesting and exciting presentation. Her jokes just get better and better!  
Mrs Evans



### **Grandparents into School Day at Alwyn**

The children at Alwyn were delighted to bring their Grandparents into school to share in their activities and to share with the other children.

The Grandparents of the Year 2 children stepped into the history topic of Brunel and so used their expertise and guidance to help groups to build bridges from newspaper. There was much competition to see which group could build the strongest bridge though none quite lived up to the original Maidenhead bridge.

The Grandparents visiting Year 1 participated in a weaving activity with individual children. I am sure you will have the opportunity to view the results soon, which are spectacular.

Mrs Palmer



## ART WEEK

Children thoroughly enjoyed Art Week which took place earlier this term. Year 1 children learnt about the American sculptor Louise Nevelson. They created a fact file and then produced their own amazing work using a cardboard box filled with a variety of materials. These included bottle tops, cotton reels and string! Reception children and Year 2 enjoyed working with artist Amanda Schenk. Each reception class created a group piece of artwork using bright, bold coloured paints. Each piece looked different with amazing shapes, line and texture. Year 2 had a busy week, starting off by looking at the Impressionist painter Monet. The children created their own dotted drawings and paintings and also worked on the computer to create a piece inspired by Monet. Year 2 ended the week by looking at Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly series with Amanda Schenk and creating their own paintings. The children thought about how to do a colour wash for the background and added in trees while thinking about perspective.

Miss Martin



## D T WEEK

This term Year 1 have had DT week where the topic was based around buildings. The children started off by creating a circle map filled with ideas of different buildings. The children then chose their favourite and made them out of a variety of materials, including cardboard boxes, corrugated card, straws, lolly sticks, cotton buds and more. There were a number of different buildings with some children creating shops, cafes, police stations, castles and even tree houses! Not only did the children think about how they wanted their building to look, they also thought like engineers, for example where they would need hinges for doors. After the pieces of art were completed, the buildings were then put together to make an ideal town. What a fun week the children had!

Miss Martin



## EDWARDIAN DAY AT ALWYN

*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March Alwyn was a very changed school with all the children and staff dressed in Edwardian clothing and a change to the rules and curriculum. Children were required to stand when an adult entered the room and address the adults as Ma'am. Gone were computers and white boards; in their place slate boards and slate pencils or black paper and white chalk. Chanting of tables could be heard and everyone was required to participate in 'drill' in the playground before returning to their classrooms. During their experience of life gone by the children did get to participate in technical drawing and make peg dolls. Their immersion in another period of time should remain with the children and give them the sense of changes over time and how different things were for children when the school first began.*

Mrs Palmer



## Little Alwyn Request.....

Reception need plants for their sensory garden. If you have any shrubs, or herbs that you can take a cutting from, or no longer want in your garden, please bring them to school! We have a large assortment of pots if you need one to pot into, just speak to a reception teacher.

Mrs Harris

