



It has been a very busy start to 2015. We started with Dads into School closely followed by Edwardian Day. More about these and our other themed weeks.....

BOOK WEEK

We had a very exciting and fun filled Alwyn Book Week 2015. It began with year 1 and 2 taking part in a drama activity run by Perform to inspire and stimulate the imagination. The children pretended to travel through a jungle and met lots of different animals.



In addition, we were visited by the amazing poet, James Carter, who shared his poetry in a very interactive and musical manner. The children were introduced to rhyme, rhythm and fun poetry as well as having the opportunity to experience the writing process and play with words. The visit ended with a finale assembly where the children were able to share and perform their class poems with the rest of their year group. Examples of the poems written by the children are on the school website. The week also provided the opportunity for the children and staff to share their favourite books with their friends and some prepared some very good presentations.

Furthermore, Year 1 and 2 walked to the Boyn Grove library and had an interesting tour of the books and resources available there. The librarian showed the children the different sections of the library and explained how the library was organised. They all took part in a Harry Potter treasure trail where they had to find hidden objects from the book - some were a little tricky! Many children were surprised to hear that people not only visit to look at books but also use the computer for research and reading. The visit ended with a lovely story time.

Our week then ended in our famous Book Character Day. It was fantastic to see so many different costumes and hear the children talk about who they were dressed up as and the book they were from in such an exciting manner. Following this, we are amazed by the children's half term projects as they have put so much thought and effort into creating their book collages and models that will be displayed in school. It was a fantastic week and the children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Miss Grierson

DANCE FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 12th February, class 1JB participated in the Primary Dance Festival at the Magnet Leisure Centre. The theme was the Magna Carta and the children performed a dance interpreting a battle scene. They came up with many ideas for their dance. 1JB were one of many different classes from lots of different schools taking part in the event. The children really enjoyed doing their dance and everyone involved had a great time! The children's behaviour was exemplary and we are all so proud of them.



Mums and Dads

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our visiting Mums and Dads into school to share our learning and school work. The children really do benefit from this experience and enjoy sharing their school life. It was lovely to see so many parents working with all the children and taking such an interest.



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 and see them into their classroom when the teacher opens the door.

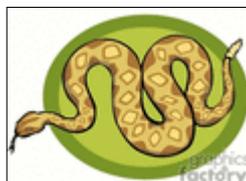
At the end of the day please collect your child(ren) from their outside classroom door. The teacher will give your child to you. They will only give your child to you or someone you have told us is picking up your child.

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.

Science Week

During the last week of November we had a science week at Alwyn. As well as participating in engaging science lessons in class, we were very lucky to have a visit from Zoolab in Years 1 and 2. The children loved learning about different animals through hands-on experience and asking questions about them. We were also delighted to welcome Professor Brainstorm back to Alwyn to yet again lead some amazing science workshops for each year group, really reinforcing the important message to children that "science is fun!"

Mrs Day



TECHNOLOGY

In November, Year 2 enjoyed a week of puppet making. They designed and made shadow, stick and string puppets. The project culminated in an afternoon of super class performances, where the children used stick puppets to tell traditional tales. They were great!

Snow was the focus of Year 1's Art Week in December. The children produced wonderful drawings of penguins and polar bears and the classrooms were beautifully decorated with their sparkly lolly-stick snowflakes.

Meanwhile, Year 2 learned about the artist, Henri Rousseau. The children looked at his paintings and tried working in the same style using oil pastels and collage. Their work was extremely imaginative, resulting in colourful classroom displays.

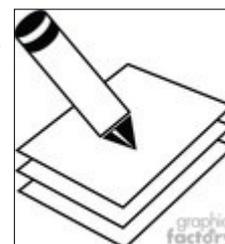
Mrs Clark



REQUEST from Little Alwyn.

Please could you donate scrap paper to us?

Computing paper, old headed paper etc. would be greatly appreciated.



SWIMMING

My name is Mr Alan Price, I am the swimming pool manager at Newlands girls school Maidenhead.

We are now offering children's swimming lessons at Newlands new 23m pool.

Lessons are available Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday after school.

If anyone is interested they can contact me alanprice@newlandsgirls.co.uk

or call 01628 502641 day time only.

Children can start with us from 4 up to 16

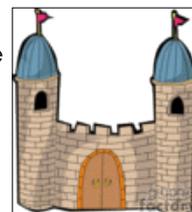
We also offer lifeguarding courses for children over 16.



Windsor Castle

The children in Year One went to Windsor Castle on Monday 2nd March. They were very excited to see the changing of the guard and hear the brass band. Many children wanted to dance! The children enjoyed looking around the State apartments and were amazed to see such enormous paintings on the walls and ceiling. They were even more amazed to see the Queen waving at us as she left Windsor Castle in her chauffeur driven car!!

Mrs Evans



Fire Fighters in Year 1

Year One enjoyed a visit from the firefighters in late February. They had been finding out about fire safety and the dangers of fire in our homes. Several children impressed us with their knowledge when doing their presentations to the rest of the class and as a result, many children were able to answer the firefighter's questions. Children enjoyed climbing aboard the fire engine and watching Miss Rooke dress up in their very heavy safety uniform.

Mrs Evans



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The Parent Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th February at 6.30 pm was attended by 17 fabulous parents who were introduced to our new Maths and English policies. These are now on our website.

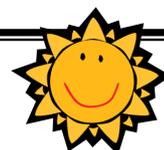
Next time it was suggested that we look at Transition, the PSHE policy, after school clubs and SATs. It was also suggested that we discuss the poor driving and parking that takes place just outside of school at drop-off and pick-up times!



Term ends on Thursday 2nd April at 2.55 p.m.

Children come back to school on Monday 20th April.

We all hope you have an enjoyable, restful and sunny Easter holiday!



Edwardian Day at Alwyn

On Friday 23rd January 2015, Years 1 and 2 stepped back in time to the Edwardian era. The children and staff came dressed in Edwardian clothes to experience a day of practical history.

When the children arrived in the morning they found that their classrooms had been transformed overnight! The children soon adapted to their new 'class rules' that included standing up when an adult entered the room, speaking only when spoken to and ensuring clean fingernails at all times!

Throughout the day activities included many lessons from this bygone era such as handwriting on slate, elocution, poetry recital, counting/times tables by rote and story-telling. Some children really got into character and brought in typical Edwardian lunches such as bread, cold ham, cheese, eggs or apples wrapped in paper or cloth. In the afternoon, the children also experienced traditional arts and crafts when they made their own peg dolls.

To ensure that the children all had their daily exercise Miss Cale taught an Edwardian drill lesson, which the children thoroughly enjoyed! All in all the children had a great day of 'hands on' history, with many wishing that they could sit in rows facing the teacher every day! Many thanks to all parents for providing some truly wonderful costumes.

Mrs Sugrue

Miss Cale demonstrating Drill.



Alwyn Road School in Edwardian Times.

