



Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging

Show Kindness

Make Good Choices

OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What has been happening?

My First Class Photos

The Maidenhead Advertiser took photographs of the reception classes this week. They will appear in the Maidenhead Advertiser on Fri Oct 20th.

We look forward to seeing them!



Parent Workshop

It has been good to see so many parents attending our phonics and curriculum workshops. If you were unable to attend please look at our school websites for the powerpoint presentations which are under the curriculum tab.



Parent Helpers Required

All year groups are looking for parent helpers, to read with children. This can be for a short 30 mins period at the beginning or end of the day, or for longer if you are available. In reception parent helpers work with small groups of children doing art/craft activities or playing games with the children. If you are interested please speak to your class teacher. All volunteers are required to complete a DBS check. Mrs McCarthy in the school office can give you the paperwork.

Car Parking in Mulberry Walk

We continue to get complaints from our neighbours in Mulberry Walk. Please do not park across driveways, or in any areas where there is block paving. Thank you.



Class Goals

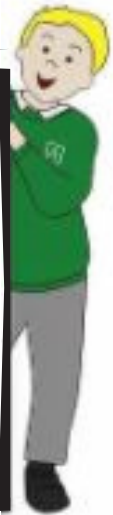
Class goals have started for Years 1 and 2. This is something the individual classes decide they need to work on, such as tucking in chairs, lining up quietly etc. They choose the goal on a Monday then work on it all week. During the Golden Book Assembly the children explain what their goal was and whether they achieved it or not. Ask your child about their goal this week. Did they work together and score a goal (achieve it)?



The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Use kind hands, feet and words
- Say how we feel
- Look and listen
- Always do our best



Remember to Order Lunches

If you would like your child to have a school dinner, remember to order it online. The deadline for ordering lunches is 8am on the day.

Please review the menu with your child to check they know what has been chosen for them each day and that they like it. Choose peas or beans, if asked.

Lunches for infant age children are fully funded so parents do not pay for them.

If your child does not have a packed lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with beans. We will no longer phone home for lunch orders

Open Door Policy

Here at Alwyn, we have an 'open door' policy. If you have any questions or concerns about anything at all to do with your child's education or well being, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher, phone for a chat or make an appointment if you would like a face to face meeting.



Look out for more school news on our [Alwyn facebook page](#).

Ideas for Learning Chats

What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Morgan?

In Reception this week we have been doing lots of matching of different objects, playing matching games and rhyming games. We have been finding out why we are all special and different. We have been playing lots of listening games to prepare us for when we start our Phonics. Please remember to send your child in with a coat EVERYDAY!

- Ask me to describe an object that is special to me.
- Ask me to tell you a pair of words that rhyme.
- Ask me what I do when I first go into school.
- Ask me to show you how to hold a pencil correctly.



What have Year 1 been doing this week, Miss Harris

Year 1 has had a very busy week! Each class went outside on a rock hunt where they collected rocks, then compared and grouped their findings. We have talked about how we can describe toys to each other. We can't wait to see the homework about each child's favourite toy and talk about and compare them in class. We have continued to think about the story, Dogger. We have been learning that to write a sentence we need a naming part and a doing/being part. We have then written some fabulous sentences which really impressed the teachers!

Ask me to read the words: thing, splash, ankle, three, think, witch

Ask me to tell you if the following sentences are correct or not:

- 4 is less than 8
- 6 is greater than 9
- 5 is less than 5
- 7 is greater than 2

Ask me to complete these sentence verbally:

- The dog was...
- Dave went to ...



Please remember to bring in a cycle helmet on a Wednesday, if your child has one. Thank you..

Finally over the next few week please collect some junk modelling ready for your child to make a robot in DT. Boxes should be no larger than cereal box size.

What have Year 2 been doing this week, Miss Frank

This week Year 2 have started learning their Harvest songs in preparation for the performance before half term. We've also been writing our own version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, we've had great fun and have used our imaginations to change the story, new versions include, The Three Frilly Goats Gruff, The Three Sporty Goats Gruff and even The Three Fancy Goats Gruff. We are very much enjoying our dedicated daily reading time which we call E.R.I.C- Everyone Reading In Class. We read a combination of our own reading books and choose from a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books from our class reading area.

Ask me how many different ways I can partition these numbers-
23 / 56 / 99

Ask me about the four basic mammal and bird needs for survival

Ask me to tell you about my version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Congratulations!

Children are enjoying Golden Book Assembly in Year 1 and 2

A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their achievements this week.

We are very proud of you!

KEY DATES!

2nd October, 2.30pm
Parent Workshop: Maths in Reception

5th October
CENSUS Day - please order your child a school lunch to help our budget

9th October, 2.30pm
Parent Workshop: Maths in Year 1 & 2

10 & 12th October
Parents Consultations

16th October
Flu Vaccinations

18th October
School Photographer

20th October, 2.15pm
Year 2 Harvest Assembly
End of term, usual finish time

20th October
End of Term

Half term break
23rd to 27th October

INSET DAY 30th October
First day of term 2
31st October

December
Christmas Performances
Reception 9.30am
Ash 5th / Oak 6th / Elm 7th

Year 1 9.30am
11th / 12th / 13th Dec 9.30am
Classes to be confirmed

Year 2
13th Dec 2.30pm

Alwyn and Courthouse PTA

Clothes Collection

Thank you to the PTA for a successful event!

What happens to the clothes?

The clothing will make journeys all over the world starting their new life! This can be a purpose built second hand store in Eastern Europe or South America, or a market stall in East or West Africa, providing valuable employment for importers, warehouse staff, transport companies and stall holders as well as affordable clothes for local people.

The PTA need support!

If you would like to get involved with helping to organise social events and you can spare a few hours a term. Please contact the PTA www.alwyncourthousepta.com



Look at some of the activities the PTA would like to plan this term, but they need parent support to be able to do them all!

Preloved uniform sale @ Courthouse school hall if possible?

Quiz and AGM

Christmas Raffle launch

Christmas Toy Auction launch

Christmas Main Auction launch

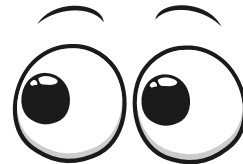
Tombola donations and sorting

CHRISTMAS FAIR @ Courthouse

Doorstep Santa @ streets of Courthouse and Alwyn catchments

Elfridges Alwyn all years after school @ Alwyn

Christmas Concert - Refreshments @ playground



Look out for the PTA newsletter to parents.

Community Information



East Berkshire Neurodiversity Network

SHARE



THE FREEDOM PROGRAMME

A group to talk about how to move forward and make me stronger in myself

- Do you feel afraid of your partner a lot of the time? Is your partner excessively jealous or possessive?
- Do you feel you are walking on eggshells to avoid making your partner angry or aggressive?
- Does your partner blame you for everything?
- Does your partner pressure you to have sex when you don't want to?
- Is your partner constantly criticising you and putting you down in front of others?
- Does your partner tell you what to wear, who to see and where you can or cannot go?

CONTACT

We welcome self referrals and referrals from any organisation.

FAMILY HUB

E: familyhubs@achievingforchildren.org.uk

BEVERLEY BECK

T: 07919 560903

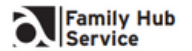
For further general details about the programme visit the AFCInfo website:
<https://rbwm.afcinfo.org.uk/FamilyHubService>

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE SIGNS THAT YOU COULD BE SUFFERING FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

The FREEDOM Programme is a free, confidential, supportive and non-judgemental group open to any woman experiencing domestic abuse, or who is still affected by the impact of domestic abuse from past relationships.

It is an 11 week rolling programme which runs for two hours each week, run by trained facilitators.

You will be free to come, free to go, free to think, free to feel, free to laugh, free to cry, free to share, free to choose, free to be yourself, free to be empowered



BREATHE

A programme supporting children and young people in RBWM who are or have been affected by unhealthy, conflicting and abusive behaviours in parent or carer relationships.

The programme aims to:

- increase confidence and esteem
- reflect on past experiences
- increase understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships
- learn strategies to support wellbeing
- understand how to keep safe

The programme is delivered in partnership with the Family Hub Service and the DASH Charity

Referral link:

<https://forms.gle/Kfyn7cLXWHkVmmkH9>

Contact information

familyhubs@achievingforchildren.org.uk

For more information please visit:



Inhale
Exhale



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

GEMS are a hosting a number of **FREE** online workshops in the new academic year designed for Parents & Carers:

- 28 September, 10-12: Adolescence - **AUTISM SUPPORT** - For parents & carers of secondary school aged children.
- 3 October, 7-9pm: Sleep - Autism & ADHD - **AUTISM, DUAL DIAGNOSIS & ADHD SUPPORT** - For Parents & carers of pre school, primary & secondary school aged children.
- 4, 11 & 18 October, 7-9pm: Over 5's Autism Course - A 3 week course - **AUTISM SUPPORT** - For parents & carers supporting children over the age of 5.

To book your place, please contact the team on:
gems.4health@nhs.net / 0800 999 1342

First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

6th October - Big on Bouncing - Slough *cost involved

20th October - Halloween Quiz - Online

3rd November - Rugby Fun - RBWM - Windsor

17th November - Create your own Mr Men or Little Miss Character/Story - Online

1st December - Make your own Christmas Decorations - Bracknell

15th December - Christmas Film Quiz - Online

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration:

Gems.4health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire

