



# Alwyn Infant School



Build Belonging

Show Kindness

Make Good Choices

## OUR SCHOOL NEWS

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### What has been happening?

#### Pip the polite parrot

Last week in our assemblies KS1 thought about being polite, and how we can be polite to our friends and family. Year 1 children were introduced to Pip the polite parrot and Year 2 remembered the school reward system for being polite. If your child has been overheard being polite in school then they will get a feather put on Pip and receive a certificate.



#### Alwyn Kindness Tree



This week in our KS1 assemblies we have been thinking about being kind. We have read books about kindness and learnt about different ways to be kind.

Similar to Pip the polite parrot,

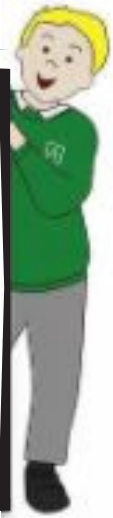
when a child is seen being kind to others, they will get a leaf put on the Kindness Tree and receive a certificate.

If your child brings home a certificate for either Pip the polite parrot, or the Kindness Tree, please give them lots of praise. We are looking forward to seeing Pip with lots of feathers and the Alwyn Kindness Tree full of leaves!

### 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.

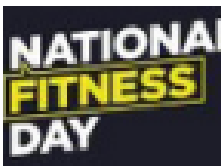
If your child does not have a packed lunch, they will be given a jacket potato with beans. We will no longer phone home for lunch orders

#### PE KITS

KS1 children need to come to school wearing PE kits on their PE days. The PE kit should consist of an Alwyn T-Shirt, or plain black, green or white T-shirt, Navy, grey or black shorts/joggers. Sporty shoes and school jumper.

Please for the link to our school website for more information.

<https://www.alwyn.org.uk/school-uniform>



On Wednesday the whole school took part in National Fitness Day 2023. This was a fantastic opportunity to highlight the importance of physical activity not just on our fitness but

also our mental and social wellbeing. At 10am, we all joined a zoom exercise class where we 'climbed ladders', did lunges, jogged on the spot etc for 10 minutes. The children thought about how they were feeling. Most said they felt more awake, energised and a little sweaty. The most heart-warming thing was the collective smiles and a sense of belonging and friendship that was evident throughout the exercise.



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

# Ideas for Learning Chats

## What has been happening in Reception, Mrs Evans?

This week in reception we have been singing lots of new number songs and nursery rhymes. We had great fun printing with bubble wrap and seeing what type of marks the bubble wrap made. We have been practising holding a pencil and drawing the 'c' shape. This is in preparation for letter writing and to learn where many letters start from.



Ask me to sing you a number song and a nursery rhyme.

Ask me who Bertie owl is.

Ask me how I can keep healthy.

Ask me what I have printed with this week.



A reminder to send your child in with a coat EVERYDAY!

## What have Year 1 been doing this week, Mrs Novelle

This week in Year 1 we have been reading a new book called Dogger. The children have enjoyed this exciting story and were delighted that Dave and his teddy Dogger were reunited at the end of the story. In Science, we investigated different objects and discussed what materials they were made of. The super scientists of year one then described their objects using scientific vocabulary. Well done Year 1!

Ask me to tell you 1 more than 2, 4, 7

Ask me to tell you 1 less than 5, 2, 9

Ask me to tell you how Dave got Dogger back.

Ask me to read the words: quack, squid, chick, speech, leech.

Ask me to find you an object that is rough and hard.

Ask me to find you an object that is smooth and soft



Please remember to bring in a cycle helmet on a

Wednesday, if your child has one. Thank you.

## What have Year 2 been doing this week, Mrs MacLeod?

This week in maths, we have had fun with bead strings, arrow cards and dienes. We have used the resources to make and partition 2 digit numbers into Tens and Ones. We have enjoyed learning about mammals in science and sorting mammals into different groups. We also learnt what mammals need to survive. There has been lots of trip, trapping in the classrooms in our English lessons as we joined in with the traditional tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We also got into role as the troll and the Billy Goats and we made puppets so we could perform the story to our partner. Finally, as part of fitness week, we exerted lots of energy by taking part in a 10 minute fitness challenge with other schools over zoom. What a fun, active week!

Ask me to partition 26 into Tens and Ones

Ask me to draw dienes to represent the number 43

Ask me to name a mammal.

Ask me what a mammal needs to survive.

Ask me to describe my character from the Billy Goats Gruff story.

Ask me to use a simile to describe my character.

## 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!

26th September  
My First Class Photograph  
(Maidenhead Advertiser)  
Reception

28th September, 2.30pm  
Parent Workshop: Phonics in  
Reception

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

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

10 & 12th October  
Parents Consultations (Face to  
face)

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



# Alwyn and Courthouse PTA

Clothes Collection Tuesday 26 September

**REMINDER!** PTA Clothes Collection next Tuesday - please leave under the gazebo by Courthouse fence.

## 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](http://www.alwyncourthousepta.com)

# Community Information

## Maidenhead Stay and Play with TAG!



## The Autism Group (TAG) Maidenhead Parent Support Group Dates

5 High Street  
Maidenhead SL6 1JN  
(Entry by door to left of Mail Boxes Etc)

Contact Sharon for more details and booking  
[sharon@theautismgroup.org.uk](mailto:sharon@theautismgroup.org.uk)

Friday 6 Oct	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 3 Nov	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 1 Dec	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 5 Jan 2024	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 2 Feb	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 1 Mar	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
No meeting April – school holidays	
Friday 3 May	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 7 Jun	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
Friday 5 July	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theautismgroup/>  
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TAG is a Service Provider to GEMS.  GEMS is the East Berks Autism and ADHD Service. See website for details of workshops, home visit service and social opportunities for children and young people.  
<https://www.gems4health.com/>  
01753 373 244, Freephone: 0800 999 1342,  
Email: [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)

**An informal support group for parents of pre-school autistic children and/or siblings. Facilitated by trained TAG staff and volunteers.**

- **When?** 10.00—11.30 am during term time. Usually the last Friday of month but with some change due to holidays.
- **Where?** Larchfield Family Hub, Bargeman Rd, Maidenhead SL6 2SG
- **Who?** Parents and their pre-school autistic children and/or pre-school siblings are welcome to attend.
- **What?** Meet like-minded parents to share tips and experiences. Our parent support worker is there to answer any questions as well.
- Toys, refreshments and a safe play space will be available.
- Booking is essential - numbers are limited. Please contact Sharon for more details and booking  
Email [sharon@theautismgroup.org.uk](mailto:sharon@theautismgroup.org.uk)  
or text /phone 07515 486064
- **Please note: parents are responsible for their children.**