



Alderwood
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the blustery weather we've experienced this week, children at Alderwood have continued to work calmly and with much confidence, unaffected by the whistling wind outside.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 took part in workshops this week, led by staff from the RSPB Wildlife Charity. As part of their investigations into minibeasts and wildlife, children had an opportunity to explore the wildlife in their local environment and pose questions to experts. Everyone enjoyed looking for colourful flowers, collecting leaves scattered by the wind, and spotting slithering snails!



As you already know, today is Red Nose Day. People across the UK will be coming together to do things big and small, that will add up to something massive. At Alderwood, we've dressed up as Disney characters and held a Disney themed disco in the Main Hall, during lunchtime. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended - clearly evident by how much they danced and sang along! What a lovely way to spend a Friday afternoon! A special thank you for your support in finding or making costumes this week - it's been great to observe Snow White, Moana and Captain Jack Sparrow enjoying their learning in their classrooms today.

It's certainly been an interesting week in *The House of Commons*; Members of Parliament have been voting on issues which affect us all. However, the most important votes have actually been cast today, here at Alderwood! All morning, children have been voting for their preferred candidate, to represent them on the School Council. After a rigorous and fair process, we're very close to finding out who will be our new School Council representatives; all votes are in....and they are now being counted! At Alderwood, the School Council plays a very important role and can positively guide our school towards a better future. We look forward to welcoming the new representatives and thank those children who have performed their duties so diligently over the past year. They should feel very proud of themselves!



Finally, a member of Palm Class (a real wildlife enthusiast), discovered a newt today in our school pond, whilst on the hunt for tadpoles. 'Isaac' the newt spent the day with us - generating much excitement - but has now returned to his natural habitat.

Compass Partnership News School Focus: Horn Park

Last week at Horn Park, we celebrated World Book Day in style! We kick started the week with a visit from the wonderful Karen McCombie who has written over 90 books! The children and staff were very excited to buy a signed copy of one of her books. As part of her visit, Year 5 and 6 took part in a suspense writing workshop where Karen shared her top tips for writing exciting stories whilst also inspiring the children to write their

own short suspense stories in groups. On Thursday, the school was filled with a wide variety of different book characters.

"World Book Day is amazing I love dressing up and reading because it's so interesting!"

Juno, Year 2

Everyone made such a fantastic effort and it was wonderful to see so many of us sharing our favourite stories and talking about why we love reading so much.

Compass Events

Compass Concert @ Thomas Tallis, 6:30 - 8pm **Thursday 28th March**. Please contact your school office to purchase tickets.

Mrs Cutajar

Miss Tilley

Dates for your Diary

NEW Stay & Play continues -
Every Tuesday at 2pm till 3pm

Gala Practice - Every Monday
(selected children only)

Tate Year 3 Project -
Tuesday 26th March

Crown Woods Dance Show -
Thursday 28th March

Compass Concert -
Thursday 28th March

Easter Celebrations Holy Trinity Church -
Tuesday 2nd April

APA Easter Egg Hunt -
Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th April

Yr1 - Yr6 Road Safety Workshop -
Thursday 4th April

**Last Day of Term -
Friday 5th April**

Easter Monday -
Monday 22nd April

**Children Return -
Tuesday 23rd April**

Assembly themes

Our core value for **March**
Is "**Confidence**".

Weekly Attendance

The class with the highest attendance last week was **Willow Class** with **99.3%**
We are aiming for 100% across the school.

★ This Week's 'Stars of the Week' ★

Beech - Andrew	Birch - Florence
Willow - Leo	Elm - Whole class
Maple - Maisy	Palm - David
Oak - Firat	

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