Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy



October 2019

We value $\ensuremath{\textbf{your voice}}$ and would like you to join us

on our journey of improvement.

In the last month....

Communitea Event

Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed their 'Communitea' Event on Friday 13th September as part of their topic this term. The Mayor of Newark came along and enjoyed talking to the children and parents. The afternoon had a real sense of community spirit.





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along or who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised an amazing ± 186.00 !!!

NSPCC

We have welcomed members of the NSPCC into school to present assemblies to both key stage 1 and key stage 2. Key stage 2 children also took part in a workshop based upon how to be safe both at home and in school. The children enjoyed this very much indeed.

Year 5 and 6 Topic Presentation

On Friday 27th September, Year 5 and 6 children invited their parents into school to come and look at their topic presentations – "Newark Through The Ages". Mrs Irene Brown, Newark Town Mayor, also came along with some artifacts to show the children. Also, a big thank you to Mr Nick Buckland who came into school to talk about his experiences growing up in Newark. A great fun day was had by all. **Mini Police**

This week was the start of our Year 5 children becoming Mini Police. They had a presentation delivered by the Local Beat Team and the Wildlife Crime Officer. The lesson was to give the children basic knowledge of Wildlife and Rural Crime – what it is, who it affects and what the police are doing to tackle this issue. Well done to the children for their fantastic questions and answers. No Rural Crime presentation would be complete without the Police Quad making an apprearance!!



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Dates for your diary:

Mon 14th Oct – Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6pm

Tues 15th Oct – Acorn AM – Parents' Picnic – 11.15am

Tues 15th Oct – Acorn PM – Parents' Picnic – 12.30pm

Tues 15th Oct – Larch 1 & 2 – Parent's Picnic – 2.45pm

Wed 16th Oct – Year 2 – LEAD Performing Arts Day

Wed 16th Oct – Parents' Evening 6pm – 8pm

Fri 18th Oct – Parents' Assembly – 2.30pm – Everyone welcome

Fri 18th Oct – Break up for half term

Mon 4th Nov – Return to school

(please note we are off for 2 weeks)

Mon 4^{th} Nov – Whole school topic introduction – details to follow

Thurs 7th Nov – Fri 8th Nov – Year 4 Trip to Hagg Farm

Thurs 14th Nov – School Nursing Team in for Flu Immunisations

Tues 19th Nov – Individual School Photos

Thurs 21^{st} Nov – Guest Speaker – Alison Cope to speak to Yrs 5 & 6

Thurs 21st Nov – Yr 5 & 6 Parent's invited to come in at 9am to hear speaker Alison Cope. Details to follow.

Fri 29th Nov – LEAD Science Day – Year 3's – details to follow

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Key Stage 1 Picnic Afternoon

On Tuesday 10th September Key Stage 1 children invited their parents/carers into school in the afternoon to help them prepare some picnic food. Parents helped the children make sandwiches, chopped up cucumber and carrot sticks and also decorated iced biscuits. These were then enjoyed outside in the sunshine whilst listening to teachers reading stories.

<u>Life Bus</u>

We welcomed the Life Bus into school on Wednesday 2nd October for Years 2, 3 and 4. The children took it in turns to go onto the bus to learn about how to keep healthy, understanding feelings and took part in interactive sessions regarding how the brain works.

Salvation Army

Over the years, the Salvation Army have helped many of our families at school. We would like to return this kindness by donating Christmas gifts that can go to families and children who won't otherwise have any presents.

If you are able to make any donations of new or unwanted presents (in good condition), please bring them to the office. We will then pass these to the Salvation Army on your behalf. Let's help make a family smile this Christmas.

Staffing

We are currently recruiting for an Assistant Headteacher for January. Miss Kent will still be teaching at the school, and supporting the new member of staff in their role.

Important Notices

• Please can we remind you of the code of conduct that we have asked parents to sign:

"The school staff work hard to make sure children are safe and happy. If I have an issue to discuss, I will come to the school staff and <u>not</u> put my concerns in the public domain (Facebook etc)"

"All staff have a right to feel safe in their working environment. I understand that the school will not tolerate abusive language or threatening behavior, and may take further action if necessary".

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call into the office so that they can make you an appointment.

- You will have seen the email sent out regarding the use of trainers on the school field throughout winter. Please ensure the trainers are in a bag.
- Please remember that Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am each day and will stop serving by 8.20am. The price for a breakfast is £2.50 per child per day.
- Mrs Ward, the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), will be available at both parents' evenings in the hall. If you wish to discuss anything with her regarding your child, please raise this with your child's class teacher first and ask to speak to her after you have had your appointment.

• Attendance:

- Please remember that routine dentist appointments should be made outside school hours.
- Children should not be picked up early except in <u>exceptional circumstances</u>. To avoid disruption to assembly at the end
 of the school day, please phone earlier in the day to make arrangements for children not to go into assembly. The office
 staff have been asked not to interrupt assembly to take children out.

Remember if you have any issues to discuss, Rob Jones is available in school on a Wednesday, or you can phone him on 07900223045.

Student Voice:

"I enjoyed the NSPCC Workshop – they taught us the telephone number using our hands. We also got to make paper games.....it was really good!!"

Morgan Sonko - Year 6



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