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Altmore News



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Dear Children and Families,

I can't believe we are at the end of another very successful and busy school year. Thank you to everyone for making our school such a special place - for children to learn in, and also for all staff to work in.

As you know we had our Ofsted inspection on 27th & 28th June, the inspectors were *so* impressed with all of the children they spoke to and met; children told them that they really enjoy coming to school and all of the learning experiences they have. I look forward to sharing the finalised report with everyone – keep checking for any updates on *SeeSaw* over the holiday.

A big "Well Done" to all children for continuing to work so hard, you have made me feel very proud of all of your achievements and the progress you have made in your learning. We say a big "Thank You" to all of our excellent staff – they make children's learning happen!

I can't not mention the all-year round successes of our Sports Teams in completions with other schools – Altmore are the CHAMPIONS of Newham – never being beaten or defeated! Thank You to Coach Rich for all of his support and training.

Thank you also to parents and 'friends' for supporting us on our Educational Visits, it's so important that children have the opportunity to get 'out and about', we have been on some brilliant visits this year.

I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday, with time to relax and rest at home with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone after the holiday – school re-opens on Wednesday 6th September.

Sarah

Attendance Awards



Highest Class Attendance Week Ending 14.7.23	Our Target: 96%
Nursery - Green room (am)	91.7%
Reception - Class 2	99.6%
Year 1 – Class 10	98.7%
Year 2 - Class 15	96%

Nursery

Green Room

Our Topic this term is Water. We have had lots of fun using the water trays in the garden and using a role play Car Wash. We had to take turns to drive the cars and work in the car wash. We were also finding out about germs and how to keep ourselves clean and well.





Red and Blue Room

We have been busy learning lots of different traditional tale stories. We have enjoyed role playing lots of different characters. We made porridge to find out if we think it's nice and Gingerbread, ours didn't run away! We thought about how the Gingerbread man could cross the river safely.











Reception

Colourful Science

We have been conducting scientific experiments this term in Reception. This week we conducted a 'walking rainbow experiment' using the primary colours red, yellow and blue. We watched as these colours were absorbed into the paper towels and mixed together to create the secondary colours green, purple and orange. This experiment explores concepts such as colour theory and capillary action and encourages children to use scientific methods such as hypothesising, predicting and testing theories.



Year 1

DT Textile Project

This term children have been taking part in a DT Textile project. They have been thinking about types of fabrics and other materials designers use to make bags.

Children improved their skills by practising cutting in a straight, curved and zigzag line. Then they explored different joining techniques including sewing. Linking this to our core text 'Katie in London' children designed a bag for Katie for her day out in London.



Year 2

A Visit to the Seaside

On Tuesday 4th July, the Year 2 children went on an Educational Visit to Chalkwell Beach. They travelled on the C2C train from Barking and spotted some farm animals on the way which was very exciting. When we got to the beach, the children had lots of fun playing in the sand and splashing in the sea. We spotted some crabs and fish and lots of colourful shells. The children then had a lovely picnic and an ice cream before heading back to school. It was a very fun-filled day!



Other News and Events

School Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair was a huge success this week. We raised more than **£2,500**. As well as the brilliant efforts of our staff and volunteers that helped to make the morning such a success, we want to say a big thank you to all of the parents who were able to join and support us on the day.



World Music Day

Our children loved World Music Day! They were given lots of opportunities to explore Music from different cultures, create their own bands as well as perform in front of their friends. Altmore were very lucky to have the Steel Pan workshop join us for two days, where children were able to play traditional drums as well as Steel Pans. During our whole school assembly, children were able to learn about the history of the instruments.

Scan the QR Codes to watch some of Music Day performances.



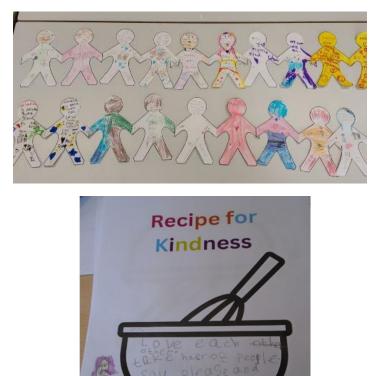
National Online Safety Certified School

Altmore Infant School has continued to be recognised for its commitment to helping pupils stay safe online for the second year running. School staff and many parents have successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating its commitment to keeping children and young people safe online. James Southworth, co-founder of National Online Safety, said: "Congratulations to everyone at Altmore Infant School on becoming a National Online Safety Certified School. By completing our training programme, the school has shown its strong commitment to implementing an effective whole school approach to online safety."



RSE Day

RSE Day took place on Thursday 29th June. RSE Day is a day to celebrate great Relationships and Sex Education in schools and other settings The theme for RSE Day 2023 was 'Let's Launch into Kindness'. RSE Day was an opportunity to share good practice, reflect on successes and areas for development and be creative with RSE content and delivery.





NSPCC Walk a Mile

On Friday 9th June, children at Altmore took part in the NSPCC's Childhood Mile Day to raise some money for a fantastic cause. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 went to Barking Recreation Ground to complete their one mile walk and even the children in Nursery joined in by walking around the school. The children were so enthusiastic and it was fantastic to see them so excited to take part in this charity event.

So far, Altmore have managed to raise **£1,563** and donations are still being made to the just giving page. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to such a wonderful cause.







Sporting News

Sports Day

Each year group have taken part in their Sports Day in the playground. The children really enjoyed participating in the different events that were set up for them and showing off their skills. A big well done to all of the children at Altmore who have worked so hard in PE this year - you were all amazing during Sports Day!



Handball Tournament

This term, the Sports teams have taken part in two Handball tournaments; a boy only and a mixed girls and boys. They travelled to Langdon Academy where they played against children from schools across the borough. The children came first place in both of their tournaments making them **the Champions of Newham!**

Congratulations children for coming first place in ALL of your competitions this year!



Other Information



East Ham & Plaistow Family Hub Network presents Altmore

Children's Centre

Activities 0-8 years

Friday 28th July 2023 11:00am – 2:00pm

| Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6 2BX | 0208 552 6604 |

Activity Areas Food/ Refreshments Face Painting Raffle Lucky Dip Music Tricycles/ Scooters

Community Stalls

Family Support * SEMD Toum * Hestia * Nutrition Kitchen Parenting Team * Health Visiting Team * Co-Production Team Public Health (Healthy Start)

FREE

Altmore Children's Centre Activity Calendar 24th July – 25th August 2023

Family Stay & Play

0-8 years

Enjoy activities, which will encourage and support your children's development in a safe and stimulating environment.

Monday

24th & 31st July 7th, 14th & 21st August 1:30-3:00

Tuesday

25th July 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August 1:30-3:00

Thursday

27th July 3rd, 10th & 24th August 10:00-11:30 1:30-3:00

Playground Adventures

0-8 years

Enjoy fun outdoor activities in the school playground.

Wednesday

26th July 2rd, 9th, 16th & 23rd August 1:30-3:00

The Children's Centre will be closed from Monday 28th August and reopens Wednesday 6th September.

Full calendar can be found on Altmore Infant School website

Messy Play

18m-8 years All children learn through play. Messy Play can help develop children's senses and imagination as they explore the different textures of materials.

Monday

31st July 7th, 14th & 21st August 10:00-11:15

Baby Stay & Play

A session for parents and carers and their young babies of 0-18 months to play, sing some songs and meet new friends. This sessions is best suited for babes in arms, shufflers and crawlers.

Tuesday

25th July 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August 10:30-11:30

Friday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th August 1:30-2:30

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Reporting Absences

Dear Parents/Carers,

We now have an email address for you to report your child's attendance.

Please email, attendance@altmore.newham.sch.uk, if you would like to report your child's absence.

You are still welcome to call the school from 8am as well

Sumer Reading Challenge



Seesaw

Please make sure you are signed up to Seesaw. Important messages from school, are sent using Seesaw. You will need a login for a parent account and a home learning code for your child to access their learning at home. Please talk to your class teacher if you do not have the information you need.



Dates for your diary...

July		
Friday 21 st July - 1.15 pm	Last Day of Term	
September		
Wednesday 6th September	School Re-opens	
Monday 11th September	Year 2 Parent Meeting (9.00 am)	
Wednesday 13th September	Year 1 Parent Meeting (2.45 pm)	

Please note these dates are subject to change