



Altmore News



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Dear Children and Families,

Doesn't time go quickly...? I'm delighted to share this term's newsletter with you, what a busy time we've all had. I'm sure your children have been telling you about their learning, but just in case, here's a 'snapshot' of some of the thrilling things everyone has been part of – the photos show how many exciting experiences children have been part of.

Not only have we had visitors to school: *mysterious visitors from Space*, but also Met Police Officers, (it's surprising how many children can all fit inside a Police van), but also visits to the Science Museum, The Golden Hind Galleon on the River Thames at Bankside (I don't think I would have liked to have been a sailor, or Pirate when the Golden Hind was sailing the seas, everything would have been very cramped and so dark), and London City Airport – I'm delighted that this year it was such a lovely bright day and we could all actually see the planes taking off and landing (last year it was very foggy and we didn't see very much at all). It was so pleasing to see Year R children proudly taking their transport models home on Friday, I think we have some engineers and designers of the future at our school.

If you're anywhere near Year 2 on a Tuesday, you'll really enjoy the tinkling of their Glockenspiel lessons, thank you to Newham Music for teaching us all.

Finally, I congratulate everyone, we are so proud of our Gold RE quality mark, please see the comments from Chair of Newham SACRE:

Your commitment towards promoting values-based learning and creating a multicultural environment is truly commendable. The methods used by your school have been innovative and engaging, so it comes as no surprise that such recognition has come your way.

Sarah

Attendance Awards



Highest Class Attendance Week Ending 02.02.24

Our Target: 96%

Nursery - Blue am

79.4%

Reception - Class 3

96.4%

Year 1 – Class 16

95.2%

Year 2 - Class 11

95.3%

Nursery

Green Room

This term we have been learning about transport. 'The Train Ride' and 'Maisy's Bus' are some of the transport books that we have been reading. The children enjoyed using the role play area pretending to go on a train and on a bus. They spoke about who they could see on their journey. They also enjoyed lots of different activities such as marking making, counting, and painting pictures of buses and trains.



Red and Blue Room

We have been learning about People Who Help Us. We have been focusing on doctors, police and firefighters. We even had a visit from the police. The children have loved using the role play area to explore the roles of people who help us.



Reception

Our topic this term is Transport. We have thought about travelling on different modes of transport and who we would take with us. Children have used their increasing phonic knowledge to write sentences about who they would travel with. We ended the term with an Educational Visit to London City Airport.



Year 1

Crash Landing

In Year 1, children are learning about Space. At the start of the topic the Year 1 children arrived at school to find that there had been a mysterious crash landing in the school. Children investigated the objects left at the crash landing site and used these objects as clues to discover that the astronaut Helen Sharman was missing! We created an incident report and made a missing poster for Helen Sharman.



The Science Museum

In January the children in Year 1 went to visit the Science Museum. This visit supported the children in developing their understanding of space. The children were very excited to take the District Line all the way to South Kensington. During their visit, the children went to the Exploring Space area where they were able to see the different planets in 3D motion and look at real life spaceships. The children were able to see a piece of the moon and spacesuits worn by real astronauts. A shocking discovery found by one of the children was seeing Helen Sharman's spacesuit in the museum. This is because she was an astronaut who was known to the children as she crash landed at Altmore Infant School in the Sensory Garden.



Year 2

Music

In Year 2, we have been lucky enough to have Miss Juritz from Newham Music come in and teach Music lessons. We began by learning all about beats and rhythms and we have even created some of our own using our body parts. We then moved on to learning about pitch and had a go at using our voices to create high and low pitches. Next term, we will use our knowledge of rhythms, beat and pitch and have the opportunity to learn how to play a glockenspiel.

Scan the QR codes to watch some of our Music lessons.



Other News and Events

RE Quality Mark

It is with the greatest pleasure we announce that our school received a Gold Religious Education Quality Mark award this term. The RE Quality Mark award recognises the excellent teaching and learning which takes places at our school. It also gives recognition to the immense RE learning experiences, we provide for all our children so that they get a chance to explore their own and other's beliefs, their values and ways of living, which are important to them.

At Altmore Infant School, we have always celebrated our immense diversity. Through RE we have achieved in promoting our vision of respect and kindness of others faiths, beliefs, traditions and unity through our similarities and differences.



Altmore Infant School

Has been awarded...

**RE QUALITY MARK
GOLD**

For embedding excellent, creative and innovative RE practice throughout the school and for recognition as outstanding in the wider community.

Sarah Lane Cawte

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Chair of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales

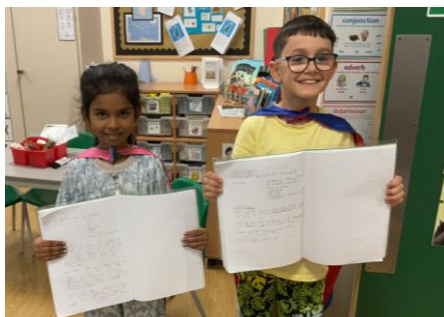
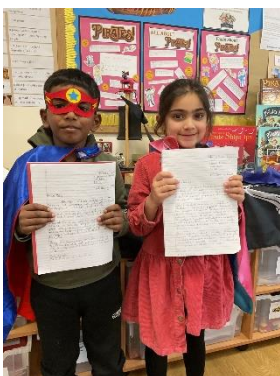
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National Handwriting Day

On Tuesday 23rd January it was National Handwriting Day. We celebrated this day by engaging in a range of writing activities across the school. Teachers selected Super Writers in every class, to recognise and celebrate the development in their handwriting. Well done to all the children who were selected as Super Writers for the progress they have been making in their Handwriting!



NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone for your support of the NSPCC Number Day, it was wonderful to see all of the imaginative ways children had dressed up as digits. Our chosen text this year was 'How many Jelly Beans?' by Andrea Menotti. Children loved the story and enjoyed taking part in different maths activities throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our maths session.



Sporting News

On Wednesday 31st January 2024, our boys handball team travelled to Gallions Primary School for an exciting handball competition which they have all been desperately waiting for. Despite only having children from class 11 & 12 available, due to an Educational Visit for the rest of the year group, we could not be any prouder of our children.

The day started off with a big 6-2 victory against a very strong Nelson team. The team never looked back and managed to squeeze through to the semi-finals. This was followed by a downfall, losing 3-1 to St Anthony's. This made things more difficult as we had to win the next game to make it through to the semifinals and our Altmore children did just that with a comfortable 5-1 victory over St Joachim's to top the group and qualify to the next round.

The semifinal... St Edwards vs Altmore has become the Newham Derby over the last 2 years and what an entertaining game it was! With both teams scoring one after the other, St Edward were up 4-3 when Ahmed Razza (one of our key players) hurt his knee and Mr Rich had to rush for the first aid bag and make a change with less than 2 minutes left on the clock. Our children showed character and resilience by finishing the game without the support of Mr Rich and overturning the score with a 6-4 Victory.

In the Final we came up against the hosts, a very strong Gallions team. Although there were high expectations from our boys in this game, Altmore was very unfortunate to lose the game 3-2 with Gallions scoring their third goal within the last minute of the game, giving our children no time to respond.

At Altmore we are all very proud of our children for achieving a well-deserved 2nd place!

Well done boys!

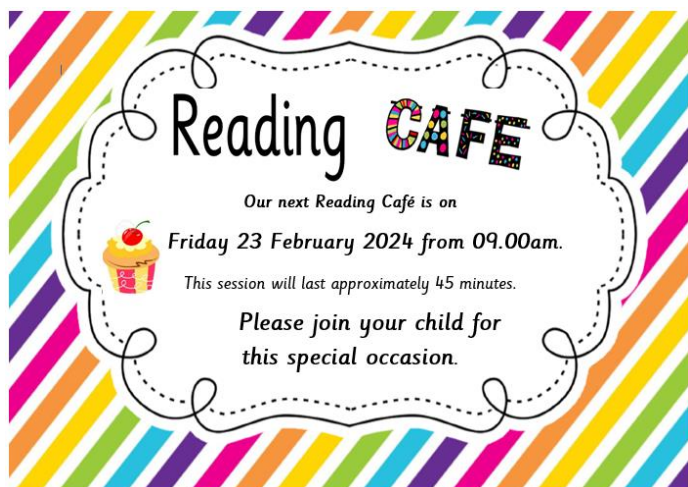


Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February the children celebrated 'Safer Internet Day'. This year's theme was inspiring change. The children all took part in an assembly and discussed what they could do to make the internet a safer place. The children were all set a home learning challenge where they had to read a story about two children who liked playing games online and spot anything that they thought would make them feel worried when playing online. The children all had lots of ideas and were able to come up with rules they should use when playing games online.



Reading Fun



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss



On Thursday 7 March 2024 we will be celebrating World Book Day. We ask that parents **DO NOT** go out and buy their child a book character costume from a shop please.

This year, we will be doing something different and we will be asking children to make an outfit at home, using recycled able materials only. This could be a book character or anything they like but it must be made from recycled goods or materials.

Further information and ideas will be shared before | half term, giving you a perfect opportunity in half term to make something with your child.

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

Seesaw App

Please make sure you have downloaded the new Seesaw app. Talk to your child's class teacher if you have still not connected to the app. You should have received a home learning code for you children to access their homework and a family code for you to access your child's Seesaw journal. Important school messages and updates about your child's learning will be sent across to you on Seesaw.



Dates for your diary...

February	
Friday 9 th February	Last Day of Term
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term
Friday 23 rd February	Reading Cafe
March	
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents consultations from 1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade & Last Day of Term. School closes at 1.15 pm
April	
Monday 15 th April	First Day of Term
Friday 19 th April	Reading Cafe

Please note these dates are subject to change.