



## Alexander Hosea Primary School 'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

From Mrs Williams:

We have enjoyed a busy fortnight in school with various visitors and inspiring learning opportunities for the children.

Wickwar Education Foundation paid for The Bigfoot Theatre Company to come in and work with children across the school for two days. The main focus for this was linked to our Year of Citizenship and helped the children to understand more about challenging gender stereotypes. The actors were very impressed with our children's attitudes and behaviour.

We also had a visitor in from World Jungle to lead storytelling and art sessions with children across the school. This linked with our work towards Silver Artsmark that we have been working on for a year. Mr Culture Lee, the artist running the sessions, helped the children to understand something of Caribbean culture. Mr Lee was complimentary about the manners and respectful behaviour the children showed in every class.

Key stage 1 children were visited by the fire brigade and were extremely excited about seeing a real fire engine close up. A group of KS1 children also spent the afternoon at KLB this week to take part in cricket tournament. Mrs Barry was delighted to see them play as great sports people.

SJ from New Generation Dance is working with the children in Year 4 each week to prepare them for their street dancing in the Festival of Youth Dance on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

A large group of our choir members travelled to Birmingham this week to take part in the Young Voices concert. They represented the school really well and Mrs Arrowsmith, Miss Edgar and the team were proud to accompany them. The experience will give them lasting memories of being part of a special event.

Next week, we have more visitors! A dance teacher will be coming in to teach the Y1 and 2 children Chinese ribbon dancing. We look forward to seeing it!

#### Some key dates for your diary:

**INSET days** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. (We will be considering our dates for the next academic year during the spring term).  
*Please do read this newsletter, the school calendar and the Teachers' weekly bulletins to keep up to date.*



#### Car Parking

Thank you for parking considerately around our school. When parallel parking, allow space for access to car boots (for push chairs etc)

Drop off area is for use for a quick drop off only. Cars should not be parked and left unattended in this area.

The staff car park can be used by parents/children with disabilities. If you need short term access (eg broken leg), please contact the office to arrange.

To be considerate to our neighbours, please keep driveways clear for access and switch off engines once stationary. Thank you.

#### School Rules

We will be having higher profile school rules this term, so that all adults and children know and reinforce our high expectations for the Alexander Hosea Way.

Our rules are:

Be kind

Be respectful

Be responsible

## Friends of AHS

7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm-Late Quiz Night  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-Noon Town Hall Sale and Seed Swap  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb 9am Rags 2 Riches Clothes Collection  
1<sup>st</sup> March 100 Club Draw

**Quiz Night:** Only two weeks to go until Quiz Night! There are only a couple of tables available now so be quick if you would like one. Please remember to order your food choices and pre-order your alcohol to take advantage of our multi-buy discounts: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofahs>

**Seed Swap:** As part of the Town Hall Sale, there will be a Seed Swap! Bring any spare seeds or seedlings to swap with other gardeners. If you don't have any seeds to swap, don't worry, you can give a small donation instead. All money raised will go towards the school garden and gardening club.

**Rags 2 Riches:** We are now using a new company for our clothes collections. Collection bags and leaflets will be coming home soon so please keep hold of your unwanted, good quality clothes, shoes, and bags for us. Please see our posters for more details. Date for next collection will be 27 February.

**100 Club:** If you would like to join our 100 Club and have the chance to win cash prizes every quarter, please visit the "100 Club" page on the school website (under Parents > Friends of AHS) or pick up an application form from the school office.

**Christmas Fundraising Questionnaire:** Thank you to everyone who has completed our survey. We are analysing the results and will answer any queries soon. Thank you.

[friendsofahs@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofahs@hotmail.com) [facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS](https://facebook.com/FriendsOfAHS) School website: 'Parents' section

When you're young, it's hard to imagine what you'll be when you grow up.

At Alexander Hosea we encourage the children to reach for their goals. We want to broaden their thinking about the possibilities for their futures.

If you love what you do, share your experience with us. We are particularly interested in finding some people who might help us challenge some gender stereotypes but are interested in everything from bakers to astronauts!

Aspirations week starts 24.2.2020. It would be great if you could come and talk to a group of children or a class. Perhaps you have something interesting from your work that you could bring along. If you would rather do something remotely, perhaps you could make a short film?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sally Windmill



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### FREE TASTER SESSION

Monday 3rd February from 4:30pm to 5:30pm



Stroud Table Tennis Club is planning to set up a Satellite club for KS2 Primary School age children at Katharine Lady Berkeley School on Mondays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, at a cost of £2 per session. Any KS2 students that are interested in this opportunity are encouraged to attend a FREE table tennis taster session in the KLB Gymnasium on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. All the necessary equipment to play will be provided.



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### CRY Stamp Appeal

CRY believes in a world where all children and young people are able to fulfil their God-given potential.

They work through partnerships with local church partners, in 28 nations and with 33 partners, to meet the practical needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised children, to help them grow up in safety, and with the support and resources they need to survive and thrive.

Rev Ray Avent invites parents to come along to hear more about the charity on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm**. He is very grateful for the stamps collected so far. Please keep bringing them (the box is in the front lobby next to the signing in book).

# Online safety

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

NSPCC have some helpful advice for parents on the link below.

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=GEN\\_Safety - \[Exact\]&utm\\_term=online\\_safety\\_for\\_kids&gclid=EAAlaQobChMIm8G92dWa5wIVWODtCh1BeAH2EAAYAiAAEgKm1PD\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN_Safety_-_Exact]&utm_term=online_safety_for_kids&gclid=EAAlaQobChMIm8G92dWa5wIVWODtCh1BeAH2EAAYAiAAEgKm1PD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)



Happy New Year to our families who will be celebrating this weekend.

There are lots of things on around the Bristol area this weekend that children may like to take part in.

## Cross Country 2019/2020

Some Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 children took part in cross country at KLB (4 races). The school came 2nd overall in the big schools competition.

From year4 the junior girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> with Ruby and Freya getting the awards. Junior boys came close to a medal. The senior girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the big schools with Layla and Daisy being the top 2. The senior boys came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the big schools, with Callum, Sam and Will being the top 3. All the junior teams, for every race, ran 1k. With the senior teams running 1mile for 3 races then running the championship course (which is 2k) for the 4<sup>th</sup> and final race.

Now for individual awards: Freya, who is in the junior girls' team, came fourth overall in the races. Unfortunately, none of the junior boys came top 15 but did extremely well anyway. Now for the senior girls: the only individual award for this category was given to Layla-Rose for coming 6<sup>th</sup> in her group. Moving on to the senior boys: Callum came 7<sup>th</sup> overall with Sam coming 12<sup>th</sup> despite not taking part in 1 race.

Well done to everyone that took part in the events even though the weather was terrible.

Alexander Hosea Cross Country Team