

26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

GOLD Status ACHIEVED - All Together Programme

A huge well done to all our staff and children and also to Mrs Hickling (RSHE Lead) for securing GOLD status for the work that is being carried out to reduce bullying in school. Lots of work has been carried out on the All Together Programme including our engagement in fundraising for charities, promoting equality, our school policies based around equality and British Values and also the enormous amount of photographic evidence of our children demonstrating their personal development. This is something to be very proud of indeed, please click the link below for the newspaper article.

<https://www.oldham-chronicle.co.uk/news-features/139/main-news/139990/oldham-school-earns-gold-award-standard-for-antibullying-work>



Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to our top speller this week is A1Y1 (Class 8) for the sixth week in a row with an incredible 19,648,824 points. Well done! Keep practising children!



Place	Winners	Total points awarded for correct spellings
1st	Class 12	31,910,686
2nd	Class 8	22,034,304
3rd	Class 9	11,258,252

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all our families that contributed towards comic relief last Friday. We are very pleased to let you know that we raised the total amount of £288. This was also celebrated in the local news.

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/alexandra-park-junior-school-pupils-dress-to-impress-for-comic-relief/>



National Day of Reflection

On Tuesday the 23rd of March all children and staff in school held a minutes silence to remember everyone who has sadly lost their lives during the pandemic. The charity Marie Curie called for this day of National Reflection to be held.



ATTENDANCE (Last Week)

Well done to classes 1, 3, 6, 7 and 10 for achieving over 96% last week.



Attendance update from the Local Authority

- Over 90% of pupils in Oldham Schools are enjoying being back in school 👍. If you have concerns about your child returning to the classroom, speak to the school for support. They'll be able to help with any concerns you have.
- Early years settings, schools and colleges have Covid-safe measures in place to ensure that all children, young people and staff are safe ✓. Let's get our children and young people back into the classroom, enjoying learning and seeing their friends again 😊💚.
- Poor attendance at school can mean lower levels of achievement for your child. This can then result in reduced employment opportunities in the future ☹️. Let's help our children and young people get back into the classroom and back on track.

IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Finally, but most importantly, if any child is feeling unwell, please do not bring them to school if they are receiving on-site educational provision and inform the school office.

If your child presents with any Coronavirus symptoms, including a headache, cold symptoms, aching limbs or a stomach upset, then please access a test, self-isolate and only return to school after a negative test result and when symptom free for 48 hours or after their 10 day isolation if positive. Children may only display minor symptoms for a short time and seem to be back to their normal selves after a couple of hours but still be positive and infectious.

If anyone in your household is unwell with any Coronavirus symptoms they should access a test and all household members should begin to isolate immediately.

It is important to be informed or reminded that around 1 in 3 people have no symptoms and could spread Coronavirus without realising it. Government advice is that everyone should act as if they have the virus, even if they do not show symptoms. Anyone can spread the virus so please remember: Hands, Face, Space.

A reminder to parents to send any results to us directly regarding COVID test results. This email is covid@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

If you receive a negative or positive result anytime please email the details to the above. The sooner we are informed the sooner we can allow your child back into school (if they are attending school).

We thank all parents for the immediate responses we have had already. You have certainly worked with staff to support the safety of children and staff with high levels of communication.

