



Points to note:

Saturday 25th November

- PTA Christmas Fair, 1 – 4pm

Monday 27th November

- Parent/Carer forum with the Headteacher, 5 – 6pm, meet at the main office

Tuesday 28th November

- Year 5 Olive class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall

Wednesday 29th November

- ARC coffee morning with Monica, Speech and Language Therapist, 9am
- Year 5 trip to the Science Museum

Thursday 30th November

- **Deadline** to order a Christmas lunch if currently on packed lunch – see separate email

Tuesday 5th December

- Year 4 Aspen class assembly, 2.45pm in Main Hall
- Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics competition at Langley Park Boys' School

Wednesday 6th December

- Parent/Carer forum with the Headteacher, 2 – 3pm, meet at the main office

Thursday 7th December

- Support staff appreciation lunch – teachers on lunch duty

Tuesday 12th December

- Year 4 trip to the Science Museum

Wednesday 13th December

- Young Shakespeare Company performance of 'Macbeth' to Years 5 and 6

Thursday 14th December

- Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Show, 9.45am at St Michael's Church Beckenham

Friday 15th December

- Years 1, 2, 3 and ARC Christmas Show, 2.00pm at St Michael's Church Beckenham

Tuesday 19th December

- Reception Christmas Show, 9.30am in Main Hall at school

Wednesday 20th December

- Children's Christmas lunch

Thursday 21st December

- Last day of autumn term – finish at the usual times



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your support for the school – we have been blown away by all of the organisational efforts and contributions that have already come in to make tomorrow's PTA Christmas Fair happen. It's great to be able to come together and enjoy the event as a community - everyone is welcome, feel free to bring your friends and neighbours along!

One focus we have this year as a school is to go out into our local community more - you will see we have a very active sporting calendar and thank all of the staff and parents/carers who support the children to attend these events. We also want to contribute positively to the local area and are very pleased to support a local charity, The Maypole Project, in their 20th year. They are based in Bromley and support children with complex medical needs and their families, you can find out more below or visit their website [here](#).

M THE MAYPOLE PROJECT



'When you hear the news that your child has a complex medical need your whole world may feel like it's falling apart. The Maypole Project provides emotional well-being to the whole family from diagnosis (including ante-natal) through treatment and beyond. Our support is free, ongoing and flexible.

Back in 2003 just 3 families were engaged into a programme of counselling. Today we have more than 700 families on our register – across 20 years we have supported thousands of individuals and have an outreach across the whole of the UK.'

They provide support, friendship, resources and also organise activities and outings for children and young people with complex medical needs, SEN and disabilities [click here to find out more](#).

We are set for a sunny (if cold) day for the fair tomorrow and look forward to see many of you there!

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Can you help us avoid common illnesses this winter?



At this time of year, we always see an increase in common illnesses from coughs and colds, vomiting and diarrhoea as well as Covid-19 and Strep A/Scarlet fever.

All of these are usually mild in children but are unpleasant, can affect some children and their families more and can occasionally be serious.

We will be talking to the children in school to encourage them to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues or their elbows, and to clean their hands thoroughly and more often e.g. washing hands with soap whilst singing 'Happy Birthday' twice.

We will have alcohol-based hand sanitiser available in each room for children to use if you would like them to (although this cannot kill Norovirus, it does help with other illnesses).

Please do talk with your child at home and help them get into good habits to reduce the chance of illness.

Sports News



Some of the cross-country competitors



A pre-match tactical huddle for the girls' football team

We have enjoyed competing against other schools in the Year 4 – 6 **swimming** gala for boys and girls; the **boys' football** team won a friendly against Balgowan 7 – 2; an amazing **running** team battled the weather at the Bromley Year 5 and 6 cross country with some huge improvements in placings and three children placing 23rd, 26th and 3rd; the **girls' football** team played a tense 0-0 draw against Clare House at home and finally, both football teams are out this afternoon playing away at Alexandra Juniors!



Anti-Bullying Week 2023



What our children say:

"Never stand by while bullying is going on."

Year 6

"It is important to imagine what being bullied would be like. Then you will understand how they feel and why it needs to be stopped."

Year 6

What is Bullying?

- Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, hurts or upsets another person or people on purpose more than once.
- It can take different forms. For example, it could be physical (like pushing somebody around), emotional (for example, leaving someone out) or verbal (such as calling somebody nasty names).
- Bullies often do this to gain a sense of power over the person they are bullying, who is made to feel sad, scared or alone.

Test yourself: Is it Bullying?

- Two friends have an argument
- Someone calls another person in their class a name they don't like every day
- A group of children disagree about the rules of a game
- Different children always push one child over when they have the ball

Being Respectful

Being respectful means we act in a way that shows care about how our words and actions may affect others. We can show respect for people, places and things.

For example:

- Using kind or polite words even when we're upset
- Using manners like sharing, waiting your turn, saying please and thank you to every person, even if we don't like them
- Accepting difference or at least disagreeing with kind words
- Being careful not to damage places or things
- Using a quiet voice or calm behaviour in public places
- Sharing resources, only taking what we really need

Test yourself: Is it respectful if...?

- You would be upset or annoyed if someone said or did it to you
- It's hurtful
- Someone's asked you to stop
- The person isn't laughing or enjoying what is happening
- It focuses on something someone feels sad or not confident about

We show respect and speak out against bullying at our school

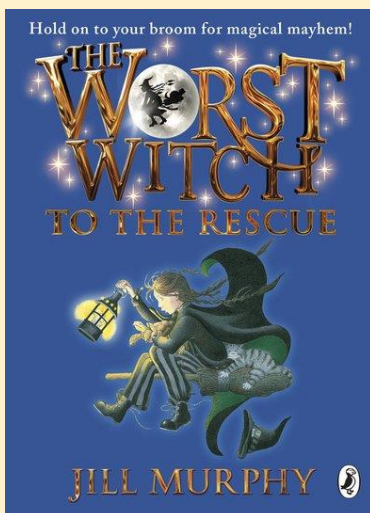


Year 2 Science Workshop



Our young scientists were focussed on chemistry today as they explored materials including how something that looks like paper can disappear in a flash and a reaction that turns a liquid into a bouncy putty.

Birthday Book Donations – Thank You!



Happy birthday to Menna and thank you for this classic story



Happy birthday to Bella and thank you for sharing, especially the 21% Monster book written by your uncle!



Looking for a new book for your child?

Have a look at our wishlists for possible new and exciting titles - you do not need to purchase books from Amazon!

[Nursery and Reception wishlist](#)

[Year 1 wishlist](#) [Year 2 wishlist](#) [Year 3 wishlist](#) [Year 4 wishlist](#) [Year 5 wishlist](#) [Year 6 wishlist](#)



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

Penge School Uniform Hub



Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

**Sense charity shop,
104 High Street, Penge
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk
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Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street. 100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.
All proceeds to the Sense charity.



Churchfields News



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Class Assemblies 2023/24

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

Autumn Term

28.11.23 Year 5 Olive
05.12.23 Year 4 Aspen

Spring Term

16.01.24 Year 4 Sycamore
27.02.24 Year 4 Hazel
05.03.24 Year 3 Sumac
12.03.24 Year 3 Poplar
19.03.24 Year 3 Baobab

Summer Term

23.04.24 Year 2 Hickory
30.04.24 Year 2 Maple
14.05.24 Year 1 Rowan
21.05.24 Year 1 Silver Birch
11.06.24 Reception Palm
18.06.24 Reception Beech

Open Classrooms 2023/24

Come along to the classroom at 2.45pm so the children can show off their learning.

Spring term

22.01.24 Year 3
23.01.24 Year 2
24.01.24 Year 1
25.01.24 Reception
29.01.24 Year 6
30.01.24 Year 5
01.02.24 Year 4

Apple class, ARC Holly and ARC Magnolia will write to you separately about when the children will share their learning with you.

Parent/Carer Evenings 2023/24

Spring term

Wednesday 7th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm
Thursday 8th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Summer term

Wednesday 17th July, 3.45 – 5.30pm

Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carers evening.

Special Events 2023/24

- PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 25th November 1 – 4pm
- See above for Christmas concert dates and times
- World Book day – Thursday 7th March
- British Science Week – 11th – 15th March
- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week – 25th – 28th March
- Sports day – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC on Friday 24th May, 9 – 11am
- Sports day - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 on Friday 7th June, 9 – 11am
- Nursery Sports day, Wednesday 10th July
- PTA Circus on site, Friday 19th July



Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 20 th October 2023	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October 2023	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term – break up at usual times

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	First day of Spring 1 term
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2024	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19 th February 2024	First day of Spring 2 term
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring 2 term - break up at usual times

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of Summer 1 term
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May 2024	Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Last day of Summer 2 term – all classes break up at 1.30pm After School Club 1.30 – 4.00pm (must be pre-booked)