

Primary Newsletter



Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

The week commencing 9th May saw the Key Stage 2 SATs week take place with the Key Stage 1 SATs the following week. There were many nerves from the children, the teachers, the CLASS Workers, however, it all went incredibly well. From the parents, ensuring children had a good night's sleep and the staff making sure the children had a healthy breakfast beforehand, to the other year groups being really considerate and quiet as they moved around the school building, the support the children had was fantastic. Furthermore, we are immensely proud of the way both Year 6 and Year 2 conducted themselves over the week. A huge well done to both children and staff in Year 6 and Year 2.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed the parents and children that will be joining our Nursery in September into school to see what a typical morning in Nursery entails and to familiarise themselves with some of the children's learning experiences. It was so lovely to see and hear you enjoying the opportunity to be in the school building; we hope that you enjoyed your visit as much as we did!

This week begins the start of our Platinum Jubilee week of celebrations here at ARA Primary which culminates on Friday 27th May 2022 with a 'Kings and Queens' non-uniform day and class picnic with each class being visited by a magician, details of which were shared in a separate letter.

SUNSHINE SUMMER AT ARA PRIMARY

As we are coming into warmer weather season (hopefully), we thought it would be a good idea to talk about the sun. In and around the school we have some shady areas that the children can shelter in the hotter days. However, it is still sensible to take some precautions during the warmer days. Therefore, could we ask parents to please remember to bring in a sun hat for

the children, apply long lasting sun cream in the mornings and make sure their children have their water bottles with them every day. Thank you for your continued co-operation on this and we look forward to some sunny days ahead

ATTENDANCE

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. We are still struggling to reach the levels of attendance that we achieved weekly pre-covid. Other schools are managing to do this. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. We are experiencing an increasing number of unauthorised absences where parents are not informing us of the reason that their child is not at school. If your child is absent from school for any reason, you must inform us on each day of absence before 9.30am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence must be recorded as unauthorised.

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

There has been new guidance published and a summary is included below.

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days



ORAL HEALTH BUS

At Alec Reed Academy, we realise that the last 24 months have made it difficult to see a dentist due to the pandemic. So, we were really lucky to have the oral health bus come and visit our school. This was an area for families to come along with their children so they can have a health/dental check and get involved in fun activities. The bus was an opportunity to bring children in reception and year 1, along to see a dentist. It's free and we will also make you a follow up appointment for your child to see a dentist again, if required.

As you are aware, good oral health is integral to a child's general health and well-being, and affects how children grow, enjoy life, look, speak, chew, taste food, and socialise. Pain, infection and tooth loss can cause sleepless nights, poor concentration, time off from school, reduced nutrition and growth and delays to speech development. Psycho - social wellbeing and self-esteem can also be affected by bad breath and the unsightly appearance of decayed or missing teeth. Fortunately, tooth decay is almost entirely preventable. Therefore, establishing good oral health behaviours early is part of giving every child the best start in life.



CHEMICAL CHANGES:

A visit from Oxford University scientists!

On the 22nd of April, Year 5 were visited by scientists from Oxford University, who put on a spectacular show for us! Children were presented with a lecture-demonstration designed to inspire and increase their interest in chemistry and share the work of the Department of Chemistry. They explored and found out more about chemical and physical changes and how chemistry is all around us. The scientists demonstrated the weird and wonderful ways in which chemical reactions occur using household items such as a balloon, washing up liquid, vinegar and even beetroot juice! Overall, it was an insightful and inspiring afternoon, which was enjoyed by all!



The Three Little Pigs



As part of our topic Traditional Tales we were reading and learning about the story The Three Little Pigs. We learnt all about how the Big Bad Wolf blew down the straw, stick and brick houses. We thought it would be a good idea to encourage the children to build their own stick, straw and brick house that they could use in nursery to tell the story and use it in their play. There have been some amazing creations and houses built ! I don't think the Big Bad Wolf will blow these down!!! Do you ???





Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy Parent Workshop

Are you a parent of a Year 6 child looking for practical advice on high school transition?


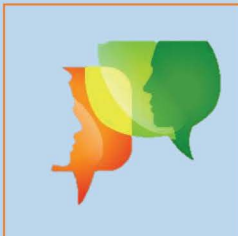
We are running a workshop on:

Preparation for Transition to High School

Thursday 7th July

4.30-5.30pm

Via Zoom

On this workshop you will learn:

- ✓ The **importance of communication skills** in High School
- ✓ The **importance of routine management** to support High School transition
- ✓ Ways to discuss your child's **thoughts and feelings** about their move to high school
- ✓ **Activities** you can do with your child over summer to support transition
- ✓ Where to find **further support**

PARENTS: to book a **FREE** place please:

Email wlm-tr.sltuniversalservices@nhs.net with your name and the name of the workshop

or

Call [07512 716 478](tel:07512716478) between 1-4pm on Monday-Friday

(Please leave a message with your name and phone number)

Our workshop is free and accessible **via zoom!**

Ealing Speech and Language Therapy

Over 5's Parent Workshops

Are you a parent of a school-aged child looking for practical advice?

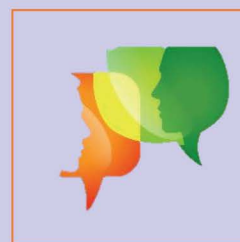
We are running a workshop on:

The Pronunciation of Speech Sounds

Tuesday 7th June

11am-12pm

Via Zoom



On this workshop you will learn:

- ✓ What 'speech' is and how it develops
- ✓ What speech difficulties sound like (does my child need help)
- ✓ Practical activities and tips to help children speak clearly

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ROYAL MAIL POSTAGE STAMP COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who entered the 'Help the Heroes Stamp Competition.' In recognition of their excellent contributions, we have been awarded this certificate in recognition of our contributions towards a Guinness World Record!



Punctuality and Attendance

Well done to everyone for making sure our children get to school on time every day. A reminder our doors open for soft start at 8.15 a.m. and our lessons start at 8.30 a.m. Congratulations to the following classes who were awarded best punctuality and attendance this half term.

Phase 1

	Best Punctuality	Best attendance
29.4.22	Lobster	Koala
6.5.22	Squirrel	Starfish
13.5.22	Peacock	Lobster and Peacock
20.5.22	Lobster	Lobster

Phase 2

	Best Punctuality	Best attendance
29.4.22	Albatross	Albatross
6.5.22	Octopus	Albatross
13.5.22	Albatross	Elephant
20.5.22	Albatross	Octopus



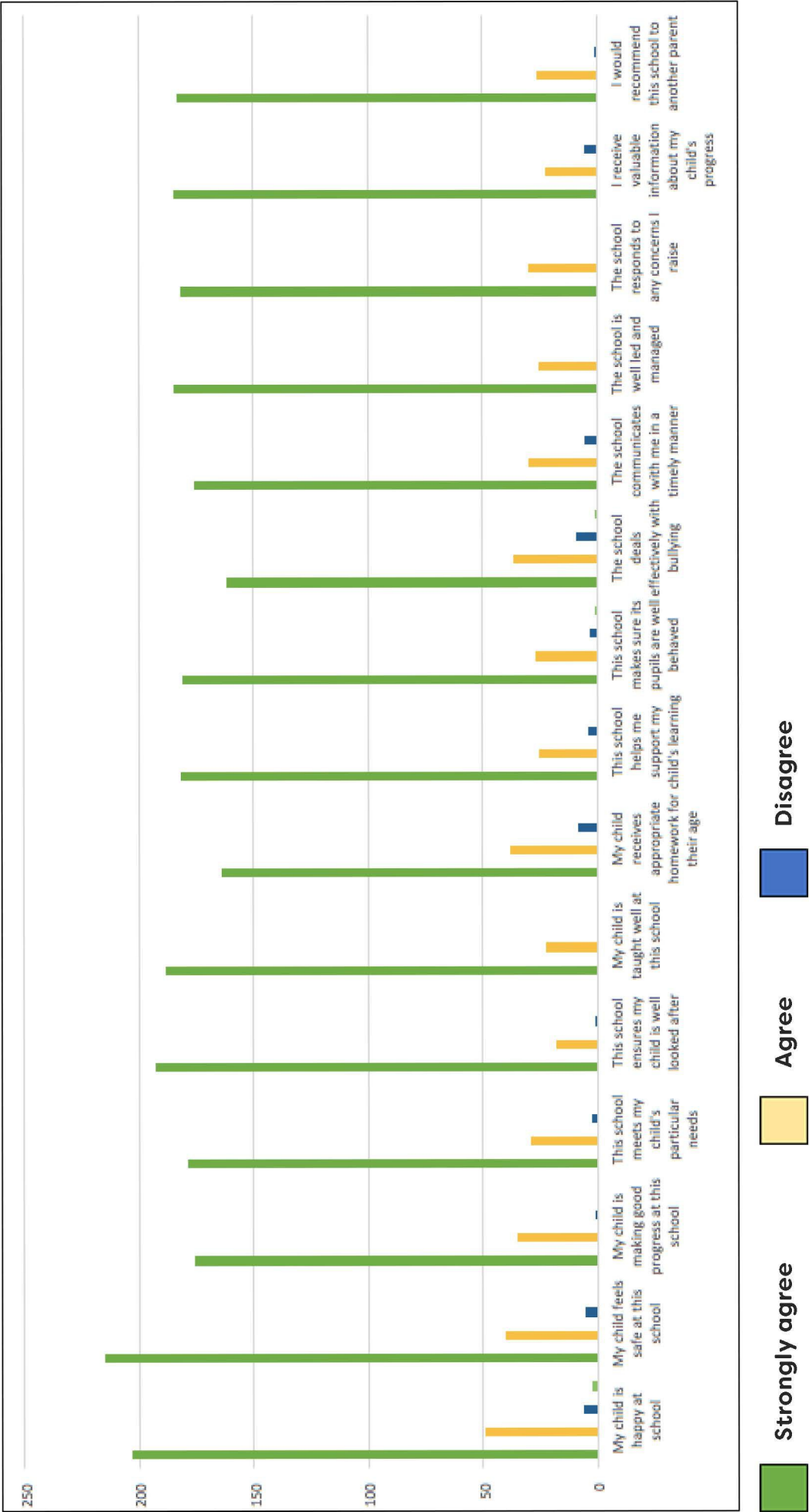
The staff at Alec Reed Academy would like to say a massive congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who completed their End of KS2 SATs tests on the week beginning May 9th, 2022, and a big thank you to all the staff involved. Our Year 6 pupils have worked tremendously hard this year towards their SATs and their effort showed during their tests. As a school, we are incredibly proud of our pupils and the resilience they displayed during a challenging week. I hope our school community will join us in congratulating our year 6 pupils. You did it and should be incredibly proud of yourselves!



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all pupils and teachers that were involved with the Year 2 SATS tests. The children have been working incredibly hard across the year towards the SATS test which was evident with all of their tests! As a school, we were very pleased with the attitude they showed towards them. They were determined, focused and gave it their all. A true sign of confident children! Congratulations to everyone! You should all be really proud of yourselves!

PARENT/CARER SURVEY – SPRING 2022 PARENT’S EVENING

Many thanks again for taking the time to complete the parent/carer survey during our latest parent’s evening. We are delighted to inform you that the survey responses were very positive and where we have had feedback, we have addressed these with the specific families. We encourage you to continue providing us with your opinions and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.



SPORTY ZONE

FOOTBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

MONDAY 30TH MAY - WEDNESDAY 1 ST JUNE

9 AM - 3 PM, YEARS 1- 6

LOCATION:

ALEC REED ACADEMY
SECONDARY SCHOOL
SPORTS HALL
BENGARTH RD, NORTHOLT
UB5 5LQ

PRICE:

ANY SINGLE DAY - £20
FULL WEEK (3 DAYS) - £60
CASH / BANK TRANSFER
ACCEPTED

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

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