



The Alton School Newsletter

1st February 2021

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Article 26: You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

On Wednesday the Prime Minister announced that schools will not re-open to all pupils until Monday 8th March, at the earliest. We are as disappointed as I am sure you are, and most importantly for your children. We will continue to deliver the very best home learning and we are incredibly grateful to you as parents for all that you do to support your children at home, as well as supporting the school. Thank you.

I could not be more proud of our amazing pupils for all that they are managing to achieve and for their hard work and resilience during this challenging time. We will continue to prioritise the wellbeing of our pupils, staying mindful of how this situation may impact their emotional and mental health.

I will share our plans to welcome back everyone to school as soon as I can after the government makes any decisions. I hope you are all safe and well. Please call us if you need to.

Nursery places for September 2021

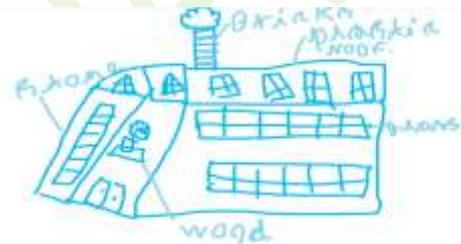
The deadline for nursery applications is **Friday 5th February**. Please contact Mrs Gibbs if you wish to apply for a place for September.



Home learning

We have just completed another week of remote learning with impressive efforts from all the children and you, their parents and carers.

Thank you for keeping in touch with your child's teacher through our telephone calls and by submitting their work through Seesaw or Google Classroom.



Zoom Sessions

This week we are increasing our offer of live sessions with your child's teacher and their classmates through Zoom. The invitation to join these sessions are on your child's Seesaw or Google Classroom page as well as our expectations of how these sessions should run.

We have spent an extensive amount of time making sure that we are offering different times for all of your children to make sure they can attend. These sessions will introduce the maths and English lessons so it important that your children attend. We are also going to be offering some additional support to some children and your teacher will be in touch about this.

We would love to see how all the children are getting on with their work so please send some photographs to us using the school email address admin@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk

If you are having issues with IT, please call us at school and we will do our best to help. We have a number of other resources that you might want to access for additional activities for you and your children. These are available on Busy Things, Bug Club and LGFL. Just ask your child's teacher for their user name and password to access them.

Excellent Learners

Last week our achievement certificates went to:

Excellent Learners: Gabriel(YN); Louisa(YR); Niall(Y1); Krystel(Y2); Kelsy(Y3); Marwa(Y4); Laith(Y5) & Sonia(Y6).

Writers of the week: Abubakr(YN); Lailah(YR); Kaiden(Y1); Gabriel(Y2); Cara-Rae(Y3); Romaysa(Y4); Sophie(RB); Danish(Y5) & Charlie(Y6).

Mathematician of the week: Lucian(YN); Namirah(YR); Tommy(Y1); Samreen(Y2); Rizwan(Y3); Imran(Y4); Amir(RB); Nadira(Y5) & Wafaa(Y6).

Reader of the week: Kejvin(YN); Sophia B(YR); Anes(Y1); Junior(Y2); Abdurahman(Y3); Mohamed(Y4); Searat(Y5) & Mohamad(Y6).

Rights Respecting School

This week we are focusing on Article 26: You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need. The pupils will learn that with this right comes the responsibility to respect others' right to exercise their rights as well.

Please support us by using the language of rights and responsibilities with your children,

asking them what they have been learning about.

Excellent Learners

Our Excellent Learner quality this week is "like a challenge". Please support your children to ask for help to challenge themselves to do and be better.

Roehampton Community Boxes

We are very fortunate that we have the support of a local project that supplies essential basic foodstuffs in the form of a community box every week. We currently have a number of families who benefit from this but we would love to have more involved. If you are entitled to free school meals or are finding things difficult, please call Mrs. Gibbs to see if we can help.

Appointments

If your child has any appointments during the school day, please take a photograph of the letter and email it on the day you receive it to admin@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk. This will help as we will not have to call you about attendance.

Fun at home

There is lots of home learning for everyone to do but there is also time to have some fun doing other things.

BBC Bitesize (bbc.co.uk/bitesize) has lessons, but it also has quizzes and practical activities to do with your children.



You could build a den,
cook dinner,
have a scavenger hunt,
make instruments and write a song,
or even make salt dough animals (recipe at the
end of this newsletter).

Make sure you take a picture and email it to
Mrs.Gibbs
admin@thealton.wandsworth.sch.uk

I hope you all stay safe and well.

With best wishes,

Ruth Hudson

Headteacher

Recipe for Salt Dough:

1 cup salt,

1 cup flour,

½ cup water.

*Mix the salt and flour in a bowl and gradually
add the water until the dough is not sticky.*

*Shape the dough into whatever you like and
bake in the oven at 200 degrees for 3 hours or
until solid.*

Decorate or paint as you wish.

