

A Night at the Museum



Anyone who came along to the Key Stage 2 exhibition "A Night at the Museum" this week will agree that it was an evening of which everyone involved can be extremely proud.

From living gods to Cleopatra, shadow puppets to embalming or shabtis to shadufs, this was a true celebration of the children's fabulous work on Ancient Egypt this term.

As you will know, we follow the principles of project-based learning and an end-of-term exhibition is a key aspect of this as the children strive to produce high quality work for a real purpose. Touring the classrooms, visitors were able to see many such examples, whether written, artistic or in the children's articulation of their knowledge. A particular highlight for many was the flashmob, for which the children have been secretly practising for weeks.



Mrs O'Rourke, our Key Stage 2 leader who masterminded the event said, "This was certainly our most inspiring challenge task this term! It was incredible to see such a child-led event reach such a professional outcome".

Something which particularly impressed our staff was the way in which the children worked together this week across classes and year groups to help each other and prepare their museum.

Support for the event was overwhelming, both in respect of the number of family and friends who came along and in their lovely comments and appreciation of everyone's efforts.

Mr Higgs said, "What a fantastic culmination of the project! The children all got a lot from the exhibition and it was great to see so many people support



us. It is possibly the largest number of people we have had at an event and certainly the most positive feedback. Many thanks to everyone involved."

Many thanks go to everyone involved, both children and staff who work so hard across the term to make sure that your children enjoy an exciting and inspirational time at school.



Christmas Performances

All of the children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances and everyone is welcome to attend the various events. The first of these is the **EYFS (Nursery and Reception children) on Tuesday 8th December. Performances take place at 9.30 am and 2 pm** in the school hall. **Thursday 10th December sees the Key Stage 1 performances at 2 pm and 6 pm** also in the hall.

Friday 11th December is the children's Christmas lunch and details have already been sent out about this.

Tuesday 15th December sees Key Stage 2 putting on their Carol Concert at the Methodist Chapel in Chapel Street. This begins at 6.30 pm and is a wonderful event. All Key Stage 2 children are involved in the singing and even the staff perform a carol. Parents and children from the EYFS and Key Stage 1 are more than welcome to attend.



GATE CLOSURE - Puffins/Owls/Kingfishers

Due to exciting new work starting in the Choughs and Robins garden, **the side gate to access the KS1 playground will be closed from now until further notice.** To access this playground, parents will need to walk around the other way, through the brown gates to the right hand side of the school (between the school building and the Once Upon a Time nursery) and round in front of the school buildings to the playground. Please tell any family or friends that come to collect your child. Thank you for your support.

Reports to Parents

This term, we have changed our report format to reflect the changes in the national curriculum and in our assessment systems.

An explanatory letter and Parent Guide to Assessment will be going home with the reports at the end of term. However, if you would like to find out more about this, Mr Higgs and Mrs Wicks will be holding a meeting on **9th December at 2.45pm** to explain the changes we have made and to talk about how we will now be reporting your child's progress to you.

Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Lunches next week - IMPORTANT!

Wednesday 9th December - menu change

No roast meal. The menu will be Battered Fish & chips or Vegetable frittata & chips. **No school packed lunches available.**

Thursday 10th December

Normal hot menu (see Chartwells menu).

No school packed lunches available.

Friday 11th December

Christmas lunch - this must have been ordered. **No jacket potatoes or school packed lunches available.** If you have not ordered a Christmas lunch please send your child in with a packed lunch from home as there will not be any spare meals available on the day.

Rotary Shoe Boxes

A big **thank you** from the Rotary Club to everyone who kindly filled a shoebox for families in Eastern Europe. Around 200 boxes from local schools have been delivered to children who would not otherwise get a Christmas present.



Paying online

Please use our online payment system, Schoolmoney, if you are offered the chance. It is an efficient and secure payment collection system and will mean that you won't have to queue at the school office!

Any questions, please ask at the office.



Clubs

All clubs have now finished for this term including morning Roller Disco club on Wednesdays apart from:

KS2 Choir - last one on **Monday 7th December.**

Band - last one on **Weds 9th December.**

Clubs letters for the Spring term will come home on 4th January.

Twitter

Our school Twitter feed is proving very popular! We will be using this more and more to share all the exciting learning that goes on everyday at Alverton. If you haven't already done so, it doesn't take long to organise a Twitter account when you will be able to follow us @alvertonschool. You can also follow our teachers, for example @AlvertonBC (Mr Chalwin) or @AlvertonCW (Mrs Wicks).



Autism Spectrum Disorder - Parent workshop

Andrew Mercer, the team leader for the west ASD, will be running the workshop. You will be able to learn more about ASD and strategies to help support your child. There will be time to discuss concerns with Andrew and his team. The four sessions are being held at Marazion Primary School on the following dates:

12th January 1.30-3.15pm

19th January 1.30-3.15pm

2nd February 1.30-3.15pm

23rd February 1.30-3.15pm

Refreshments will be served.

Please call Marazion Primary School to book your place on 01736 710618.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	94.7%	5
Robins	93.0%	8
Puffins	93.6%	7
Owls	91.3%	11
Kingfishers	97.3%	2
Trencrom	92.3%	10
Lanyon	94.8%	4
Kerris	97.7%	1
Bodrifty	95.4%	3
Bosigran	92.7%	9
Kenidjack	94.6%	6
Overall school attendance	94.3%	



DIARY DATES

December

8th EYFS concert at 9.30am & 2.00pm

10th KS1 concert at 2.00pm & 6.00pm - **NEW DATE**

11th Pupils Christmas lunch

15th KS2 concert at 6.30pm at the Chapel Street Methodist Church

17th Medal Service at 9.30am

18th **SCHOOL CLOSES at normal time 3.15pm**

The spring term begins on Monday 4th January 2016





Christmas 100 Word Challenge

Dear Alverton pupils,

Welcome to the Christmas 100 Word Challenge! You will need to write a story about the above picture using **exactly** 100 words and then e-mail your entry to

extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk Entries should be in by **Monday 14th December** and there will be prizes for the winners!

Good luck!

Mrs Clive.