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*Thank you all very much for
your commitment to the school
and our students. On behalf of
the Governors at Alperton
Community School I wish you a
peaceful and restful Christmas
and New Year.*



Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally arrived at the Christmas break after the most extraordinary term I can remember. September now seems a very long time ago and so much has happened in the meantime. But the one thing which has remained constant is the tremendous resilience and resourcefulness of our students – they never cease to amaze me. In spite of all the changes and challenges thrown at them they are always ready to work hard and make the very best of every situation. Please make sure they take a well-deserved break and they take this opportunity to refresh and recharge for the New Year.

I am also indebted to our amazing staff who have supported our students through their return to education and who have adapted to an incredible array of changes to our school and the world of education. As well as the many changes to the way the school is organised, we have moved to online parents evenings, remote Year 6 Open Evenings and remote teaching through Google Meet. Who had even heard of Zoom at this time last year?

Parents and carers of free school meal children should now be aware that they will receive food vouchers over the Christmas break through Edenred. I would like to express my gratitude to our Governors who agreed to fund free school meals for our most vulnerable children over the half term break. Please note that Breakfast Club is now running on both sites for all year groups. Any student arriving between 8:00am and 8:20am will be able to pick up a free breakfast from the school canteen.

Congratulations to Mrs Warwick (Deputy Headteacher), who has been appointed Headteacher of St Andrew the Apostle in Barnet. She leaves us after seven years of loyal service and we all wish her every success in her new role.

I wish you and your family a very peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.

The Department for Education has announced today that there will be a staggered return to school in the new year. We can confirm that Year 11 and Year 13 will return to school on Monday 4th January. We will confirm the return dates for other students as soon as we have more information from the Government.

Dates for your Diary

- ALL **Monday, 4 January**
Start of Spring Term (08:30am)
- Y8 **Thursday, 14 January**
Year 8 Parents Evening (1)
- Y8 **Thursday, 21 January**
Year 8 Parents Evening (2)

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 11 December, our school took part in the "Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day" to help raise money for children in need. On the day, our staff wore their most wonderful woolies and donated £2 to the Save the Children Charity.



Remote Learning Tips for parents

REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
2. ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE
3. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING SPACE IS SUITABLE
4. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE ACTIVITY
5. ESTABLISH A SAFE ONLINE ENVIRONMENT
6. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY
7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS BASIC SKILLS
8. ESTABLISH A SAFE ONLINE ENVIRONMENT
9. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE ACTIVITY
10. ESTABLISH A SAFE ONLINE ENVIRONMENT



Alperton students redesign the zebra crossing on Ealing Road to enhance the community spirit

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These jazzy new zebra crossing were made by the uber talented students of @AlpertonCS, Brent.

Led by 2018 Global Teacher Prize winner @Andriazaf, part of #Brent2020 Culture Fund supported @ArtistsIR.

Artists in Residence @ARTISTSIR · Dec 4
 Final four designs!
 The talented students of @AlpertonCS have worked with @Andriazaf to create the final four shortlisted designs for the local zebra crossing. Please vote for your favourite design to be painted on the road bit.ly/3mGiz2g

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9:31 AM · Dec 4, 2020 · Twitter Web App

Andria Zafirakou MBE and the students of Alperton Community School have produced colourful designs for the Ealing Road zebra crossing based on peacock feathers, which captures and represents the community spirit.

Design workshops took place from 28th September to 20th November 2020 with over 500 students participating. The NCIL funded colourful crossings will further add to the vibrancy of Ealing Road.

'Ealing Road is a vibrant high street with a variety of independent shops. A colourful crossing will be a great addition to the high street and will add character. We are really excited that Andria Zafirakou MBE with Alperton students have helped create the final four designs.'
 (Councillor Shama Tatler, Lead Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning.)

Join 'Fashioning our History', a new exciting project from Brent Culture Fund 2020

Brent Culture Fund 2020 is delivering a new exciting programme for young people in Brent, called Fashioning our History. The project is run by Harlesden design graduate Warren Reilly and will explore diversity in fashion and art by creating a fine art/ fashion piece comprising pattern blocks illustrated by students and community participants. The blocks will be assembled into a historically-inspired dress and works will be displayed to the public at The Willesden Green Library as part of the final Fashioning our History Exhibition in March 2021. If you want to sign up, please [click here](#).

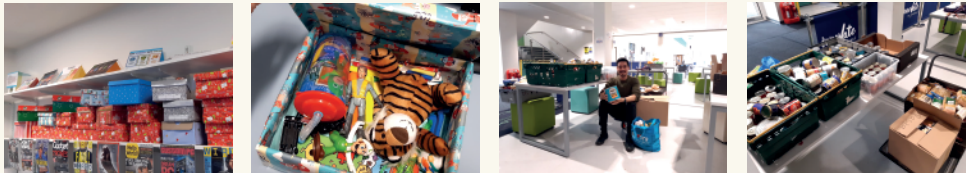
- Free Art/drawing Materials Funded by the Mayor of London and Brent Council
- A chance to explore your Local History / Personal Identity.
- Practical Art-Making Workshops in
- Research, Design and Artwork Creation
- Fashion Illustration Workshops
- Group Discussions
- Portfolio Reviews
- Connections with other creative individuals in Brent and Beyond
- A series of Online educational
- Lectures with Practicing artists and designers

Alperton students donate toys, food and toiletries to support local charities

Many thanks to everyone who supported our initiative to help three different charities this winter. Our year 7 students donated via the Samaritan Operation Christmas Child a total of 23 shoe boxes filled with small gifts for children, boys and girls aged 2-4, 7-9 and 10-13, who would otherwise receive no gifts this year. This is an impressive achievement considering the contributions received were only from our year 7 students within a period of two weeks. Many thanks to Ms Kerai and the members of her Random Acts of Kindness Club for organising this successful project.

Contributing to this charitable initiative were also our year 8 to 11 students who managed to fill 8 crates with tinned food, pasta and other non-perishable food items which were donated to the Sufra Community Food Bank in Wembley. Many thanks to Mr Tan, Head of Student Voice, for coordinating this project. Our year 12 students donated as well various toiletry items to help the homeless. Many thanks to Ms Edwards for leading this part of the project.

We hope this fantastic effort will be appreciated by our community and we are very grateful to everyone who supported us – if you can give a little, together, we can give a lot. This is one of the reasons we are proud to be part of a true community school.



Our school is the only secondary school in Brent who holds the Healthy Schools Silver Award



Alperton Community School is the only secondary school in Brent who currently holds the **Healthy Schools Silver Award**, for our work to support the health and wellbeing of staff and pupils. This is a great achievement for all staff and students involved.

The main focus of our Healthy Schools bid was staff and student wellbeing and mental health. Our projects received praise from the HSL team for the work that took place in:

- Y9 taking part in the National Anna Freud Mental Health provision
- Y11's devising a mental health and wellbeing programme that offered support in the run up to examinations throughout the year
- Y12 & 7 students working with the Youth Sports trust to help empower students to discuss mental health and wellbeing.

Each programme was a great success, even with the pressures of the COVID 19 pandemic we have strived to deliver the best mental health and wellbeing provision for our staff and students.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON

LIBRARY NEWSLETTERS

Click on the images below to check out this month's editions of our ER and SA Library Newsletters with information about books and library events.

ER Library Newsletter

SA Library Newsletter



GEOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER

Click on the image below to see the latest edition of our Geography newsletter.



Homemade face masks for charity

Congratulations to our sixth form textiles students who raised £105.50 from selling homemade facemasks, which have been donated to Crisis UK (a charity for homeless people). The remaining facemasks were sent to St Mungo's homeless charity to be given out to staff and the homeless. Thanks to all staff and students who bought a mask and donated to a worthy cause.



Online Safety Christmas tips

Click on the image below for some great tips and advice on how to guide your young ones in using their new devices safely and responsibly this Christmas.



Keeping Safe over Christmas



Looking after your mental health

Are you worried about your child's mental health? **Every Mind Matters** offers practical tips and advice to help you look after the wellbeing of your child. Visit their website below for more details.



UK Bebras Challenge 2020

Alperton students in Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in the UK Bebras Challenge for the first time. They were tested on their computational and mathematical thinking skills in a 40-minute online test. Their hard work and excellent aptitude for maths and computing lead to some fantastic results! Students in Year 7 collectively received 3 merits and 2 distinctions.

We had Sonali Kishor achieving the Gold award which puts her in the top 10% of all students participating (over 50 countries!) in her age group. Students in Year 8 collectively received 2 merits and 4 distinctions. Students in Year 9 collectively received 2 merits and 1 distinction.

We had Safia Habibi achieving the Gold award which also puts her in the top 10% of all students participating in her age group. A really big well done to all students involved! We look forward to more of our students participating next year!

Many thanks to Ms Jinali for organising the event and for all her support.



The Raspberry Pi Foundation have launched a free Learn at Home initiative to support parents and young people with coding resources at home. You don't need any coding experience to join in, and all of their resources and activities are free forever.

- Get involved with their space challenge, Astro Pi Mission Zero in partnership with the European Space Agency, where young people can send a message to the International Space Station!

- Every Wednesday their team of educators host a digital making live stream to inspire and teach young people about getting creative with technology.

- They provide over 200 coding projects you can follow on any computer, with themes from looking after yourself to protecting the planet. All with step-by-step instructions, accessible online at any time, for free!

Visit their website to get started!

Great results in the Online Senior Maths Challenge

Once again our mathematics students have performed amazingly well in the online Senior Maths Challenge. Chandru Suresh (Y13) achieved a Gold certificate and was 'Best in School'. Esther Engola achieved a Silver certificate and was 'Best in Year 12'. In total, our students achieved one Gold, three Silvers and ten Bronze certificates. Thank you to Ms Kerai, Mr Surendran, Ms Bektas, Mr Kirupaharan and Prakruti Pindolia for their tremendous support.

Mural Art Project on Mount Pleasant



Well done to all students who helped design the murals for the Mount Pleasant Art project. Many thanks to Mr Alemdar and Mrs Zafirakou for all their work on this project. Please click on the image to the left to see the comments from Brent Cllr Anton Georgiou.