

Albright Times

A Message from Our Head Teacher

It has been a really busy start to the school year... despite still contending with the dreaded 'C' word, we have managed to operate as normal as possible. Our year 11s have sat their mock exams and performed brilliantly and with maturity, despite the pressure. We are really proud of how they coped.

We have welcomed MANY new pupils to our school - Albright has never been so full! It is lovely to see so many new faces and the school has had a real buzz to the place with pupils from different schools forming new friendships and taking part in new experiences together. Although we did not do our usual camping trip this year, we have managed to do a residential trip to Frank Chapman centre and it was super to see such a huge uptake from pupils (& staff!) See our 'extra' newsletter in the new year with all the photos and pupil feedback.

We have been able to raise lots of money for different charities since September - MacMillan Coffee morning, Children in Need, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day plus collections for our local foodbank - thank you to everyone for your contributions to these, it is much appreciated by all in our community.

Finally, we are all keeping our fingers and toes crossed for being able to celebrate Christmas with family and loved ones as 'normal' this year after the restrictions in place last year. As always, Albright has fully embraced the season... tress are up, paperchain and bauble designing competitions are in full swing, pantomimes and Christmas markets have been visited and winter walks and turkey lunches have gone down a treat!

So I will finish off by wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing (& healthy) Christmas and we will see you all back in 2022 for a new year of positivity and happiness!

Mrs Hazelwood



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Cinema Trip

As a result of their good attendance a small group of children attended the Dudley cinema. They went to watch the latest marvel film- Eternals.

Each half term your child's attendance is monitored and the 10 best attending pupils are rewarded through this trip. - Mr Downey

I really enjoyed the cinema visit because there was an opportunity to meet new people and I'm glad I went on the trip. The film was really good. I wasn't nervous before the trip because I knew most of the people I went with. - **Mollie-Mai (Yr10)**

Before we went I was very excited to see the film as it had been so long a since the last time I went to the cinema. When it got to the end I was ready to go home as I was so relaxed - **Tyler Cox (Yr11)**

The cinema visit was really good. The film was super good and interesting, I would love to go again. - **Mackella (Yr 9)**

I really enjoyed the trip as it was a really good movie. I really liked it and would like to see it again - **Shelbi (NB3)**



Litter Picking

This half term in E&E, we have looked at our topic of Movement in various ways. We wanted to participate in something that would benefit our community and help to protect our planet in the movement towards battling Climate Change. To do this, KS3 and KS2 have been actively involved in completing litter picks around the local area. They were all absolutely amazing and the feedback from students was that they really enjoyed it. Albright have also advertised and appointed a recycling monitor within the centre to promote and take the lead in our paper recycling! - **Mrs Francis**



Ingestre Hall Visit



Pupils from Key Stages 2 and 3 had the opportunity to spend the day at residential arts centre Ingestre Hall in early November.

The day was an opportunity to explore art through different mediums, as well as taking time to explore the centre's grounds.

The theme for the day was Narnia, so pupils got to decorate biscuits inspired by characters from the Narnia series, create winter wonderland scenes on wood slices and explore the grounds as they looked for key emblems from Narnia (antlers, horn, snowflakes etc) on a woodland bingo trail.

Pupils enjoyed the day away with the creative opportunities offered by Heather and Richard at Ingestre Hall! - Mrs Oakshott-Marston.

It was really fun, there was lots to do there and you could be with your friends. I had a really good time – **Lauren (KS3B)**

Before the trip I felt nervous because I didn't bring another pair of shoes, but after the trip I felt great, we had a brilliant day! We made biscuits and we did art, then we went on a hunt for Narnia logs – **Charlie (Yr 8)**

I felt excited before and after the trip. It was very educational. I learned new things that I didn't know before, I would like to go again – **Shelbie (NB3)**.

I loved going on this trip because it was very detailed and old. It was very educational, I learned lots of facts that I didn't know – **Imani (NB3)**

I felt nervous when we arrived but I was fine when I went in. I had a great day – **Mason (Yr6)**

I felt excited and happy about going on this trip, I felt the same during and afterwards. I really enjoyed the treasure hunt – **Rosilee – (KS2)**

I think it was fun and I really liked the art it was really good. I found it interesting to learn about the people who lived there before. – **Carly**

I liked how it looked old and yet still looked new. I enjoyed making and eating the cookies – **Isabelle**

Before the event I was nervous as I don't normally enjoy trips, but after I had gone I was happy because I had a lot of fun. I learned a lot of history about Ingestre Hall. I really enjoyed it because we did lots of creative activities and we got to engage with nature.- **Leah-Rose (Yr 9)**

I found the trip to Ingestre Hall really fun, because of the amazing activities we did. My favorite part of the day was decorating the wood slice. I really enjoyed the day, it was one of my favorite trips – **Kiera (Yr9)**





Attendance



Congratulations to the following pupils who have successfully met their individual Attendance Target for Autumn 2

Autumn 2 Attendance Target Winners -

Key Stage 2 - FK

Key Stage 3 - RR, SP, LP

Year 10 -ES

Year 11 - PC, TC, JP, PP and EA

Home Tuition - SC

Rememberance Day

Albright played our part in honoring the sacrifice of the armed services and their families on 11th November. A small group of pupils went to Tipton Memorial to lay a poppy wreath. Each poppy on the wreath was made and initialed by pupils and staff from Albright to offer our own individual remembrance and collectively they were placed on the memorial.

Pupils, parents and staff had a moment of reflection by the memorial and one of our pupils read a poem.

At 11am Albright pupils showed their respect by taking part in a Centre wide two minute silence. One pupil came in Cadets uniform, and everyone showed their own understanding of the importance of the day. We were all very proud of the pupils for taking part in the service and the silence and felt proud that we could take part.

Miss Wilkes

*It was a nice experience. I understood what it was about and I enjoyed being outside-
Leah B (Yr9)*

*I felt excited about going before we went on the trip. I enjoyed the whole day going from going on the minibus to putting down the wreath, it's good to remember people. - Rosille
(KS2)*

*I enjoyed putting the wreath down and doing the two minute silence. I felt happy - Mason
(Yr6)*

On November 11th, Remembrance Day, some of us went to a park. We made wreaths at school and we all took it in turns to lay them on the Cenotaph. I read out a poem and the other people read theirs too. We all walked around the cenotaph and read the writing on it. I felt respectful and proud of myself that I had paid my respects - Mollie (Yr10)



Waterstones Visit

On Friday 26th November, Mr Aimes and Mrs Deeks took some of the members of the Albright Book clubs on a trip into Birmingham to visit the rather glorious and enchanting Waterstones. As a reward for their consistent attendance and engagement with book club, we wanted to purchase them a book to help to continue their love of reading.

Whilst in Waterstones, we discussed how best to choose a book and spent time looking round the children's section, whilst some of the students went with Mr Aimes and browsed through the comic and graphic novel section. Here they took the opportunity to read a selection of different books and confidently took different books off the shelves.

Following our visit to Waterstones, our appetites were calling and so we headed to Five Guys where we had some delicious refreshments ending off our visit wonderfully! It was a fantastic experience for the students who all had a great time and proudly came away with new and exciting books. So get reading book clubbers! - Mrs Deeks

I enjoyed my visit to Waterstones, it was fun. Waterstones was huge and had lots of books to choose from. I found it really hard to choose one which I'd like to read! I am happy with the book I chose so am not disappointed. It was also nice to see the Lego store and have some food. The train ride was good. I would like to go again. **-Emily (Yr10)**

We went to Waterstones book shop in Birmingham. Finding out that we would be going on the train did worry me, but thanks to Mrs Deeks and Mr Aimes I felt reassured.

We walked through Birmingham to get to the book shop. I was quite nervous but the teachers were there with us. We all chose our books thanks to helpful staff. Overall the trip was good and enjoyable. I would recommend Waterstones and would like to go again – **Mollie-Mai (Yr10)**

I enjoyed the trip because of the book I bought. I didn't think I would like it at first because of the way it was described, but was happy when I got there. I was glad that I went because it was fun. I really liked the book I got – **Anuerin (Yr10).**

I found the trip really fun and interesting. I enjoyed the looking around the books and getting to choose one. Exploring the book store was exciting and looking at all the amazing books was really interesting. This for sure was one of my favorite trips—**Kiera—Yr 9**





Horrible Histories

On Thursday 2nd of December myself and other pupils went to Birmingham Alexander Theatre to watch Horrible Histories barmy Britain live. It was an experience that I enjoyed as I haven't been to a theatre in a long time. We ordered our own tickets and got onto a train which was a bit worrying at first because of the fact that it is public transport and a lot of people go on trains. Once I was on the train I felt fine and we walked through Birmingham to get to the theatre. Once we were in the theatre we watched the first half, there was then a 15 minute interval and 2nd half started which was in 3D. it was funny to see things like a football and planks of wood looking like it was going to fly through towards you. I would highly recommend going to see horrible histories and my favourite part was the part where the 2 cast members started rapping which was very funny to watch.

I like the 3D parts of the show, but found it quite difficult to see in parts—**Charlie V (Yr8)**

I enjoyed this trip, my favourite part of the show was 'Who wants to blow up the king', it was very funny! We had to buy our own tickets for the train so if I had to do it again I would be confident—**Anuerin (Yr10)**

I did enjoy the trip, it was nice to go to the theatre with friends, peers and teachers. It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed the parts when the actors sang songs. I also enjoyed the train ride—**Emily (Yr 10)**

I felt nervous about the train ride to and from Birmingham, but really enjoyed the performance of the Horrible Histories! I found buying the train tickets quite daunting, but with the teachers support managed to do it. We walked through Birmingham to get to the theatre which was nice. Overall I really enjoyed my day.— **Mollie-Mai (Yr10)**

I really enjoyed being on the train, it felt like I was floating. The show was ok, but not really my type of thing. I enjoyed getting a Greggs and all the food treats I got to eat—**MJ (Yr10)**

*It was very exciting to go to the theatre for the first time, the actors were very funny. I enjoyed the whole experience including travelling by train—**Mackella (Yr9)***

I loved going on the train because it was going really fast. The show was great, the jokes were funny and the 3D glasses were so cool! I also loved all the horrible facts—**Imani (NB3)**

*I went on the train and got to Birmingham then walked to the Alexander Theatre, The show was very really funny. I found the 2nd half a little bit scary, but over all enjoyed myself—**Rosilee (Yr9)***

I really liked going to the theatre, it was my first time going on a train. I really enjoyed the whole day. The funny Pit was my favorite bit—**Shelbie (Yr9)**



Allbrights Reverse Advent Calendar

A massive thank you to all Pupils, Parents and Staff for their wonderful contributions this year. As you can see we have managed to collect a huge amount of Food items to support our local community here in Tipton. On Monday 13th December Terry from Tipton Food bank came into the Centre and collected all the items donated. Pupils Ashton, Lauren and Isabelle were all happy to help transfer the items into Terry's car, well done to you all. Terry explained that each year the number of families accessing the food bank are increasing rapidly. This time of year is especially difficult and with all the fantastic donation including Selection boxes and Christmas pudding you have helped to make Christmas that little more special Terry was overwhelmed by your generosity and would like to thank each and every one of you and wish you all a very merry Christmas. - Julie Powers



Airforce Cadets

Hello, I am Corporal Leo Lawrence, and I wanted to join the cadets because I want to join the Royal Air Force when I am older. Lots of my friends are also in the Cadets so I decided to join. I have been part of it for over 4 years now, and I am a Corporal. Cadets help youngsters like me to stay disciplined and fit in. It also helps you get many qualifications in Cadets we do: shooting, flying, leadership skills, and also go away to Royal Air force bases and stay overnight.

On Remembrance Sunday, we cadets all fall in and do a parade and we do a 2 minute silence. We like to remember the fallen soldiers that were fighting for our rights and protecting our country. Other people show their support by wearing a poppy.

- Corporal Leo Lawrence



Key Dates for your diary:

Pupils Break up for Christmas - 17th December 2021

Staff Training 4th January 2022

School Re-Commences 5th January - staggered return (as per Previous Correspondence and letter on the website)

12th Jan—KS3 Parents Evening

28th January—Bank holiday in lieu of Queens Jubilee

Friday 18th February—Break up for Half Term holidays

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