

Albright Times

Message from our Head Teacher

As the summer holidays approach, it is always good to reflect on the successes of the academic year but where do we start? Albright once again has been a hive of activity for both pupils and staff from our whole school trip to London to see the fantastic musical *Wicked*, the Big Bang fair in Birmingham, careers session at Dudley Zoo and the end of term trip to Plas Gwynant. Finally we could not forget the wonderful celebrations we had in school for the Queen's platinum jubilee.

This term also saw us wave a fond farewell to our year 11 and our Albright + (post 16) pupils after successfully completing their GCSE examinations. After two years of uncertainty around the exams we eagerly await being able to celebrate with them on results day! We will also be looking forward to catching up with them during the autumn term to find out about how they have settled into their post 16 courses.

As we look towards the next academic year, we have an additional member of staff joining us within science - Mrs Adams and of course we would like to send out our many congratulations to Miss Bruton who will return to Albright as Mrs Crutch!

Wishing all our staff, pupils and families a wonderful summer full of adventures and time with family and friends!

Rachel Kelly



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Castle Ring



If we had travelled back in time to 50AD at the same time as taking Year 10 to visit Castle Ring on the edge of Cannock Chase, we may have been able to see a peaceful and perhaps bustling Iron Age Hill fort being used for growing crops, farming sheep and going about daily life. On the day we went time travel was not possible, so it was up to Year 10 to imagine how the site had looked nearly 2000 years earlier.

They used their excellent skills to analyse the evidence that they could see and work out how that would have been different in the Iron Age. During the visit they spotted the remains of the original defences around the hillfort, the extra added features of foundations to a Medieval hunting lodge, an 18th century path and they successfully re-enacted the attacking of the hillfort as it would have taken place by the Romans when they arrived in Britain.

Although the mud and wind on Cannock Chase made this the least glamorous trip we have ever been on, our Year 10 history group made it the most imaginative and hilarious experience and they clearly realised their own ability to be amazing archaeologists and fantastic Celtic warriors!

Miss Wilkes

It was a truly informative and enlightening experience. I have been thoroughly educated on the ins and outs of the features and lifespan of the hillfort. Traversing the vast hills has helped me imagine the life of the Celtic tribes' life. The tour guide was good - **Sophie C**

In History, I went to a trip to Castle Ring, which used to have a hill fort on top of it around 2,5000 years ago. Honestly, it was a lot of walking since it was a big field, but it was a lot of fun and it looks like it'd be a nice place to go when walking dogs, as we saw from the fact there were a few very cute dogs! I have to say that I did enjoy it, especially when we got to do some walking around on our own, and I got to pet two cute dogs. I think if we had a chance to go again, I'd happily say yes, but maybe with my dogs, too, since they would like to run around and play in a huge field! Overall, the trip was quite nice and everyone had fun, even if the trip there on the bus was quite slow, we were easily entertained by music and the views of the sheep and alpacas outside. We learnt a lot, saw a lot, and had fun, so I am more than happy to go there again, and I'm sure everyone else would be happy to, too. I believe that the trip helped me a lot on what I should do on my history exams that are coming up, so the trip was also very resourceful and able to help educate us all on how the Hill Fort may have looked, even if a few things were slightly modernised. Thank you for reading—**Paige T**

On Wednesday 29th June, we went on a trip to Castle Ring to view the remains of an iron age hillfort. We used our knowledge of hillforts to identify the use of each feature. After our initial walk round we got to roam with our friends and investigate which I really enjoyed—**Charlotte**

In June we explored the ruins of Castle Ring, discussing how the shape of the land benefitted defences (e.g ditches and ramparts). I was a very interesting trip - **Joshua H (Yr10)**

First Aid

This week pupils gained a qualification in 'Emergency First Aid at Work'

Some year 10s were doing the qualification as part of their E&E course and the year 11 leavers had a chance to gain another qualification after completing their exams.

The pupils qualification is nationally recognised and is valid for 3 years. this is a great qualification to add to their CVs. The pupils behaviour and engagement was impeccable.— Mr Downey



It was really interactive and fun. I felt nervous before, but the people who were running the course made me feel comfortable and relaxed and were very really helpful. I am glad I participated and am happy and confident in what I learned. I loved it and am happy about my knowledge now - **Chelsea (Yr11)**

It was very interesting as I knew nothing or very little. I am really pleased with what I have learned. It was practical learning which made it easier and fun. I really enjoyed it - **Ellie A (Yr11)**

The first aid course was really interesting and I learned how to successfully perform CPR. I learned the different ways to administer CPR to certain ages groups, for example, a baby under 1 year old has 30 chest compressions with two fingers. I was grateful to learn how to treat a choking victim, this was my favourite part of the course - **Molly J (Yr10)**.

The first aid course I felt was amazing experience. Before the course I felt anxious due to having to meet new people and people looking at me when taking part. It was an unforgettable experience and I'm so glad to have taken part. I think everyone would benefit from taking part in a course like this, it was really interesting and I feel confident in my abilities now - **Mollie-Mai (Yr10)**

I thought it was good and educational as I did not know much about first aid. I did learn that to give CPR to a baby that you use 2 fingers, so it's not too much force. I found it quite hard to practice CPR but enjoyed myself - **Emily (Yr10)**

The first aid course was really amazing and interesting. I never knew that you could give a baby CPR, you just give the same amount of chest compressions but with just two fingers. I am grateful for getting the opportunity to learn first aid - **Jnay (Yr10)**

I felt nervous about doing this course and didn't really want to take part at first. It was fun to learn the different things, such as what to do if people are choking, or if they fall unconscious. I learned about lots of first aid practices even what goes into a medical kit - **Owen (Yr12)**

On this course we have learned many useful first aid skills, such as how to do CPR on adults, children and babies and how to put someone into the recovery position. This course was very useful, and will help me when I get a job in the future. **Josh (Yr11)**

I felt like I learned something new and could use it in life. I felt it was very useful and very exciting to take part in.- **Jack (Yr11)**

The instructors were very nice and respectful. They taught us different processes of CPR. It was also interesting learning about seizures, bleeding etc. It was good to learn how I could help people in an emergency - **Paige T (Yr10)**

The Big Bang Fair

I really enjoyed the Big Bang trip, it was fun, fascinating, and interesting. I learned about gravity and I participated in a circuit activity where I had to try and turn van headlights on with circuit parts I also went in this dome which was cool, I also got involved in an activity where I went on an iPad and we had options to pick from and at the end it would tell you your future job. Then, we had lunch. After lunch me and Mr Aimes and some of my friends lined up to go on the Army bus but the line was too long, so we left that activity because it was nearly the end of the trip, so we went to the cardboard structure activity where you had cardboard pyramids and you had to build them up and make whatever you want with them then it was the end of the day and we came back to school.—**Jnay (Yr10)**

This trip was good, meeting and talking to new people was refreshing – **Tyler L (Yr10)**

I somewhat enjoyed the trip because there were lots of activities and the venue was nice. I enjoyed the travelling on the minibus. I felt confident enough to be around lots of people without being worried, I liked having the freedom to explore by ourselves – **Alfie (Yr10)**

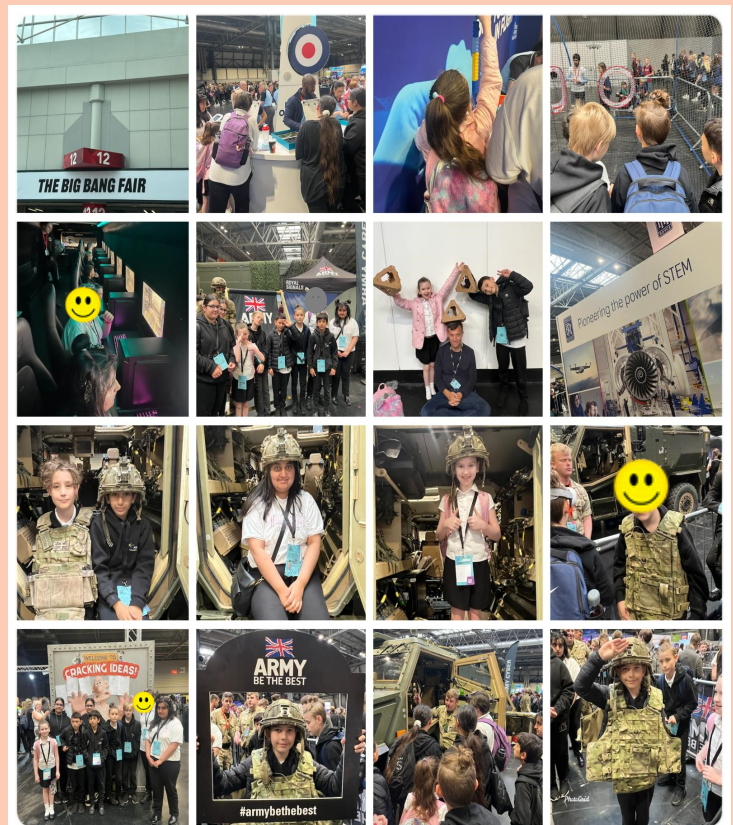
My favourite part was the drones flying because it was fun – **Aneurin (Yr10)**

On Friday 24th June we went to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. Having been to the Big Bang Fair before I was looking forward to it. I enjoyed the time with my friends watching the gravity show – **Charlotte(Yr10)**

I enjoyed this trip, especially the NHS area because it is my aspiration to become a paramedic. While there I looked at the equipment and spoke to a student paramedic, it was fascinating! – **Ethan (Yr10)**

I enjoyed this trip because there was a lot to do and see, it was fun. It was also nice to get out of the school building for a few hours – **Brooke (Yr10)**

I enjoyed the trip to the Big Bang Fair. I thought it was an enjoyable experience. I particularly liked the independence of being able to go off with my friends and walk around exploring the different stands they have there. One of my favourite parts of the trip was when we went to watch a group of deaf people explain how they pursue a career in stem and how they adapted to it. This interested me because I thought that their stories were interesting and I felt as though their stories were touching. – **Mollie-Mai L (Yr10)**



Dudley Zoo Trip



I enjoyed this trip and seeing the variety of animals and the height of the castle. I really enjoyed being in the sea lion enclosure and watching it get fed and touching the snake – **Alfie (Yr10)**

The trip to the zoo was very enjoyable and I would love to go again. I faced my fears by holding a snake. I felt very proud of myself and was reived to know that I wasn't scared of snakes – **Mollie-Mai (Yr10)**

I felt good for the majority of the trip, but it was tiring as we did lots of walking. My favourite part of the day was touching the animals and being in with the sea lion while it was being fed. The only bad thing was that I could not buy a souvenir as I forgot my spending money – **MJ (Yr 10)**

It was a great trip, my favourite part was stroking the python. **Taylor (NB)**

I was really excited to go on this trip. To see all the animals in Dudley Zoo was great. We got to see and learn lots of things about different species. I also enjoyed using the chair lift even though it was a little scary – **Caitlin (KS3A)**

Our trip to the zoo was really fun and educational, I really enjoyed the day – **Ocean (Yr8)**

I liked watching the animals. Watching the Sea Lion being fed was great, although I was very tired after doing lots of walking. The chair lift was my favourite thing. – **Kashvi (Yr9)**

It was a really good trip with fun memorable moments that I will cherish. I enjoyed it a lot and did not regret going – **Emma (Yr9)**

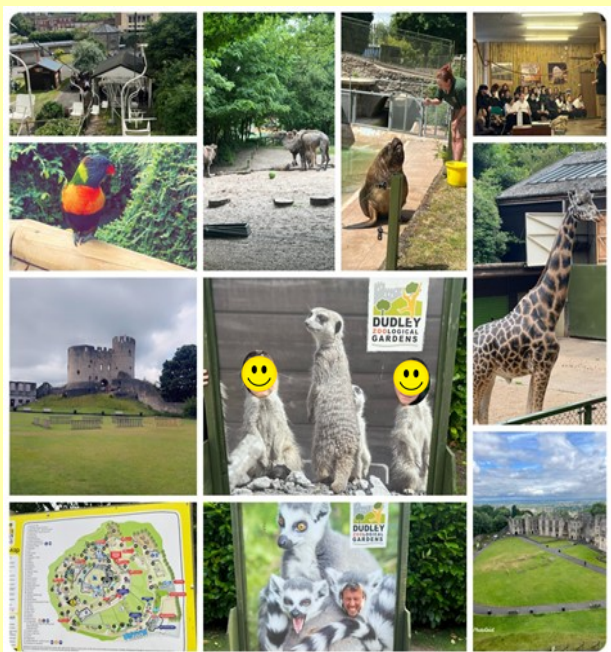
On Wednesday 6th July we went on a trip to Dudley Zoo. During our time there we saw the animals, climb to the top of the castle and had a careers talk. We talked about career roles at the zoo and even got to stand inside the male Sea Lions enclosure whilst the zoo keeper showed us tricks and how to assess the animals health. Prior to the visit I wanted to work in the veterinary or a branch within that sort of career, but now I am considering working at a zoo – **Charlotte (Yr10)**



When going to the zoo we saw a lot of fun things, we even got to hold a snake. Everyone was very excited to see the animals, my favourites were the meerkats, sea lions and parrots. We had lots of fun, I enjoyed the trip and would definitely like to go again – **Paige (Yr10)**

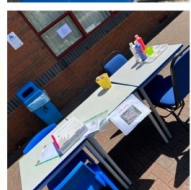
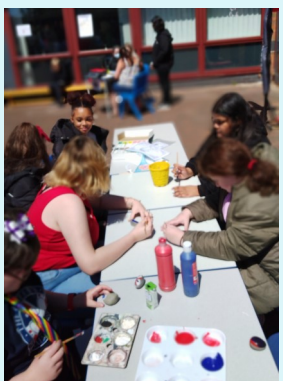
I really enjoyed this trip. I found it really fun and interesting. I enjoyed spending time with my friends outside of school. My favourite part was when we held the snake and fed the Sea Lions, I found them really funny – **Leah B (Yr9)**

It was a nice day, I liked seeing the monkeys because they are my favourite animals. – **Emily (Yr10)**



Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day

This year marked a momentous occasion, where we all got to witness Queen Elizabeth II commemorate her Platinum Jubilee. This occasion could not go unnoticed, therefore the whole of Albright participated in a Jubilee Tea Party, enjoying various games and activities, face painting, afternoon tea and even a bouncy castle. It was a lovely occasion and a good time was had by all, staff and students! We also wanted say a massive thank you to James from Leisure Equipment Hire, for allowing us to use the bouncy castle for the benefit of the students! - Mrs Francis and Miss Smith



Attendance Achievements



Congratulations to the following pupils who have successfully met their individual Attendance Target for Summer.

Summer 2 Attendance Target Winners –

Key Stage 2 - J Rooke

Key Stage 3 – R Ricketts, T Mason, A Quinn

Year 10 – P Talbot, M-M Lane, C Aston, A Totney, E Haynes, T Lindsay

Year 11 – J Oliver, P Cope, P Patel, J Plimmer, O Strickland, B Grice

Post 16 - O Steptoe



Attendance Cinema Trip

Once a term we run an attendance reward trip to the cinema. If your child has 100% attendance for a half term they will go to the cinema during the first week of the next half term. This term we went to see Bad Guys. The film was great and the pupils represented Albright impeccably. - Mr Downey

This was a great experience, I loved it so much especially since I really wanted to watch The Bad Guys. I also go to use my social skills by ordering a very large hot dog. The Movie was so good because it was unpredictable. I didn't know what was going to happen next. I am very grateful being rewarded for something a student has to do – **MJ (Yr10)**

We went to the cinema and we ordered our snack. I had popcorn, a drink and some chocolate buttons. We went in screen 10 and watched The Bad Guys which was about a group of people that do bad things. In the end they became good and saved the people of the city. I enjoyed going to the cinema, my favourite part was the happy ending of the film – **Farhan (KS2)**

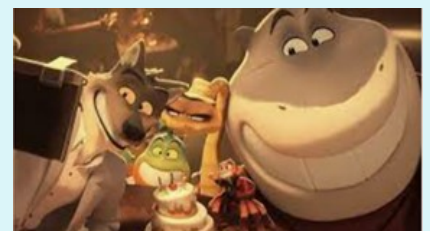
I really liked the trip and the movie was really good. I had been to Showcase Cinema before. We went to screen 10 and watched The Bad Guys. It was about a group of people who were doing bad things. – **Rosilee (NB /Yr9)**

I was excited to go on this trip as it gave us a break from normal lessons. We arrived at the cinema and ordered our refreshments. I had an ICE. We then went to screen 10 to watch The Bad Guys. The movie was about a group of bad guys who slowly find their good Morals. I enjoyed the film – **Tyler (Yr10)**

I really liked this trip because the movie was interesting. I loved the movies storyline. We watched The Bad Guys. We ordered our snacks, I has M & M's and Coke. I enjoyed the movie a lot and might watch it again – **Kashvi (Yr9)**

I really enjoyed out trip to the cinema. We started off the trip by getting snacks and drinks, then headed to screen 10 where we watched The Bad Guys. The film was good, it was funny and interesting. It was nice to watch a film and enjoy our snacks – **Charlotte (Yr10)**

I loved this trip, we went to the Showcase Cinema. I had a Dr Pepper and nachos with cheese. We went to into screen 10 to see The bad guys. The movie was about animals; Wolf, Snake, Tarantula, Shark and Piranha. They were bad guys who turned good! - **Taylor (Yr9)**



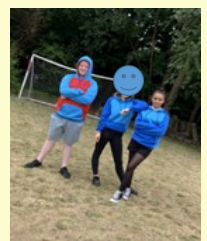
Enrichment

In enrichment this half term, we have learnt some Makaton basics including; colours, emotions, alphabet, animals both wild and domestic and key phrases and greetings. My enrichment group were an absolute pleasure and always came to enrichment enthusiastic and keen to learn! - Mrs Francis



In Minecraft enrichment this term, students have explored a blocky, 3D world with virtually infinite terrain, discovered and extracted raw materials, craft tools and items, and build structures and machines. Students have cooperated with and competed against other players in the same world. Game modes include survival, in which players must acquire resources to build the world and maintain health, and a creative mode where players have unlimited resources and access to flight - Mr Panjanadan

ENTERPRISE—During enrichment, students explored entrepreneurship and running their own business with the Dan and Marc from F2D ITC. They created their own hoody designs by working together and communicating effectively to get their thoughts and ideas across. They explored the initial design and manufacturing stages, as well as gaining an understanding into the inner workings of a business such as budgeting and marketing. All students worked well and really made Albright proud by being committed to the project and working so well with our visitors. Well Done guys and amazing hoodies!!" - Miss Mclean



Outdoor Games: This term the students have been exploring different sports and have taken part in competitive challenges. The pupil's attitude and willingness to give all the activities a go was amazing. - Miss Smith



Fruit Picking



Fruit Picking - All of KS2 and KS3 enjoyed a trip to Stanley's Fruit Farm, exploring the various fruit and veg available, picking the best strawberries, which we then enjoyed with cream back at Albright, while watching some Wimbledon. - Mrs Francis

We went strawberry picking. I felt a little nervous as it was something I had never done before. I really enjoyed this new experience and tried a new food. When we came back to school we watched Wimbledon and ate the strawberries—**Lylah (Yr4)**

I loved this trip because it was a calming activity. I worked with my friends to find the best strawberries. I talked with my partner a lot while we were looking for the strawberries. This is a first time experience for me which I really enjoyed—**Tristan (Yr7)**

I was nervous before we went but when we arrived I was fine. We got to pick lots of strawberries! I enjoyed telling stories on the way back in the mini bus—**Jenson (Yr5)**

When I went strawberry picking I was a little bit nervous and I had never gone before. When I got there it was not what I expected. I really enjoyed scavenging for the best strawberries and working well with someone new who I liked. The weather was bright but not too humid, which was perfect. When we got back to school we sat and ate the strawberries with cream and watched Wimbledon—**Leah-Rose (Yr9)**

I really enjoyed the trip and the experience of picking strawberries with my friends. It was the first time I had done it so I'm glad I got to go - **Emma (Yr9)**

I enjoyed the fruit picking because I was able to see where the strawberries are grown. I was also able to see other types of fruit and vegetables. It was my first time fruit picking, it was a really good experience—**Caitlin (Yr8)**

I loved Stanley's Farm because it was fun. Me and my family go all the time. We love all the lovely fruit and fun we have when we are there, I love it. Thank you for taking me - **Imani (Yr9)**

I really like this trip. Me and my partner walked down the strawberry isle and only picked the best strawberries, we also picked some blackcurrants. A nice lady told be that the best fruits were in the middle isle. I had never been fruit picking before. I would love to go again - **Taylor (Yr9)**

It was fun and a nice experience to go to the farm. The strawberries were nice but the seeds were crunchy for me to eat. I enjoyed the day - **Rosilee (Yr9)**

It was good I Liked picking strawberries, they were nice. I have never been fruit picking before—**Satnam (Yr7)**

I loved this trip and being with my friends. I liked how we did something different and I'm glad I got the opportunity to go—**Leah B (Yr9)**

Birmingham Library & Waterstones Visit

On Friday 15th July, the pupils who were dedicated members of Tuesday lunchtime book club were rewarded for their love of books with a trip to Birmingham Library and Waterstones. We left school at breaktime in the beautiful sunshine and headed straight for the Shakespeare Memorial Room at the top of the library. The room was built in 1879 in an Elizabethan style on the original site of the library, to house the Shakespeare Memorial Library. The pupils enjoyed the calm atmosphere and intricate woodwork before visiting the Secret Garden balcony. Here, we had lunch looking out over iconic Birmingham buildings such as the BT tower, Symphony Hall and Museum and Art Gallery.

After lunch, we headed straight for Waterstones to peruse the latest chart fiction, graphic novels and young adult fiction. We even managed to buy *Fight Back* by A.M. Dassu for the school library as we were so inspired by her adult talk earlier in the month. We just had time for a quick visit to the Lego shop and pose for some photographs with the famous bull before returning to school. A great day was had by all, especially by Charlotte who said she, "Just loved being around books!" and MJ, who bought an enormous Spiderman novel. -

Miss Bruton

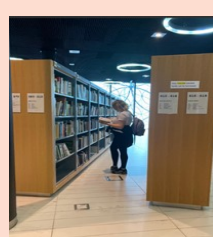
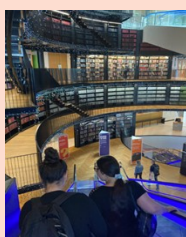
I enjoyed the trip to Waterstones as I found the trip to be relaxing . On the way I felt calm and enjoyed the trip on the train. The Birmingham Library was amazing and I found the Shakespeare room to be very interesting. I liked walking around and looking at all the different books—**Molli-Mai (Yr 10)**

On Friday 15th July, we went to Waterstones and the Birmingham Library, we saw a Shakespeare memorial room. I loved the history behind it and seeing the glass work. At Waterstones, I struggled to pick between all of the books. I wish I could have brought them all! I really enjoyed the trip, it consisted of everything I love, History and books—**Charlotte (Yr10)**

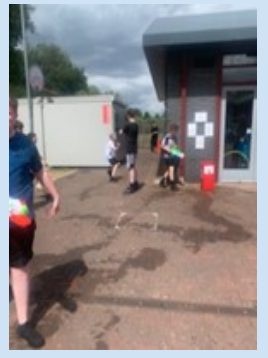
I found the trip fun because I went to Birmingham. I enjoyed looking in Waterstones. I had been to the library before but it was nice to go again - **Shelbie (NB3)**

I enjoyed the trip because it was a fun day out at Birmingham. The view from the library was amazing, I have never seen a view like that before—**MJ (Yr10)**

I loved going to the Lego shop and Waterstones because of the smell of the books. It had lots of Harry Potter books, I wanted to buy them all! The library was great, it was very big and the view from the top was amazing. - **Imani (Yr9)**



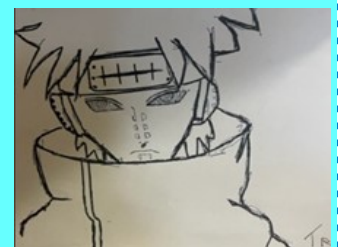
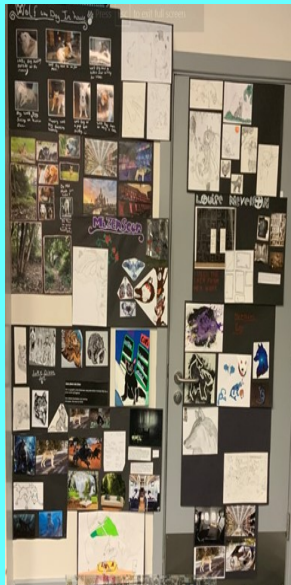
Albright Water Fight



An afternoon spent well!

The pupils and staff enjoyed a fun afternoon having a water fight. All the pupils enjoyed getting involved and getting the Staff as wet as possible. - **Miss Smith**

Albright Art



Book Launch

On Tuesday 28th June, Key stages 2 and 3 participated in a live book launch with multi-award-winning author A.M. Dassu. The pupils engaged with a workshop on how to tackle discrimination and learnt about the process of writing and publishing a novel. Using her new book 'Fight Back' Dassu taught the pupils how to become allies to stand up to hurtful things others say and do. In addition, the pupils were able to ask her questions. Jensen and Taylor were delighted to have their questions answered directly by the author. We are looking forward to hearing everyone's reviews of 'Fight Back'.

Miss Bruton



Key Dates for your diary

21st July 2022 - School Closes for summer holiday .



5th & 6th September - Inset Day

23rd September - Mockingbird Cinema Trip

30th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 11th November 2022 - Inset Day

17th November 2023 - A Christmas Carol at The Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre

16th December 2022 - Break up for Christmas Holidays

19th December 2022—2nd January 2023 - Christmas Holidays

3rd January - Inset Day