

Albright Times

Message from our Head Teacher

Well done on completing the first half term of the year! I'm sure that if you're like me, you're exhausted and grateful to be breaking up for a week!! Pupils have come back ready to learn and have been engaging in some lovely activities in lessons and on cross-curricular days. The newsletter is once again full of lovely pictures and articles about the many things we have been getting up to. Albright is busier than ever, and we have welcomed many, many new faces to our school this year - we hope they feel supported and happy as they begin their journey with us - whether this is in school, on Home Tuition or in our new Post 16 provision.

Unfortunately, Covid has finally breached the Albright walls and we have had our first cases - fortunately not as seriously as some people have experienced. Therefore, we continue to encourage the wearing of masks and social distancing as much as possible. We will remain flexible in our approach easing off, or tightening up, depending on the number of cases in our community. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you a happy, relaxing and rejuvenating half term break - keep yourselves safe and we will see you on Monday 1st November!

Mrs Hazelwood



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Albright Summer Sports day

On the last day of the summer school we had our annual sports day. Windsor house competed with Churchill house in lots of sports including rounders and dodgeball as well as the traditional races. Lots of fun was had by all and the pupils and staff were a great credit to the school. The winners of the day were Windsor with the star of the day going to Amira! - Mr Downey

Sports day was a great day I had tons of fun and I got to throw a sponge at Mr Milnes face, wear Mr Aime's sunglasses and spray people with water guns and the weather turned out amazing. - MJ (Yr10)



Albright Post 16



A huge congratulations to Mrs Long who Successfully managed to open our Post 16 provision in September. Our Pupils have started their new course and are doing well. More information will follow about this next in the next newsletter but here's a taster of our new premises about 2 miles from our main school - Mrs Hazelwood

Personally I think that the Post 16 is great. From starting at a complete new environment I feel that we've all settled in well. We're always reassured that we are safe. This is the best place to feel safe and welcomed everyday at sixth form - Makayla - Post 16

Calm and relaxing—Always welcoming and a joy. In Health & Social Care we have learnt about the nature of a diet and what you need, different life stages and what milestones are there. The support system is good, either one on one or as a group - Owen - Post 16





Alton Towers



As a reward for last year's house competition we went on a whole school trip to Alton Towers. Despite the rain the children had a great day. Congratulations to Windsor house for last year's victory. We hope you enjoyed your free day out. Churchill house must do better this year! I am sure Churchill house will be hot on your heels this year!- Mr Downey

It was fun to go to Alton Towers and go on the big rides with my friends. I enjoyed the creativity of the rides themselves, especially Smiler and Galactica. The Smiler gave me a really creepy vibe and I liked the space theme on Valactica. The rain was horrible, but didn't ruin my day – **Emily (Yr 10)**

I really enjoyed going to Alton Towers, I faced my fears by going out of my comfort zone. My favorite ride was Miatape because it was a ride I wasn't familiar with. By the end of the day I was really proud of the fact that I had faced my fears – **Mollie Mai (Yr10)**

It was an amazing day, the rides, lunch and the arcades were great. The only bad thing about the day was the rain. I got so wet and cold it took all night to warm up when I got home, but apart from that I really enjoyed myself – **MJ (Yr10)**

It was really good fun and there were a lot of fun rides. I got to spend time with my friends and go on the rides I had never been on – **Lauren (KS3)**

I felt excited to go to Alton Towers because the last time I went I had so much fun. I enjoyed walking around and picking what rides I wanted to go on. My favorite ride was the Smiler because I liked how long it lasted - **Leah B (Yr 9)**

I really liked the trip. I had a good time with my friends, it was good to do something different than being at school. You make lots of good memories when you go on school trips with your friends – **Carly (KS3)**

Before we went to Alton Towers I was so excited. When we got there it was raining but we still had lots of fun. I was sad that the fun had to end – **Tyler (Yr 11)**

I was very excited before going to Alton Towers, I loved going on the rides. I went on the Smiler four times as well as Oblivion. I went on every ride there with my friends and the teachers. I felt quite sad to leave as I had really enjoyed my day – **Jasmin (Yr11)**

I wasn't looking forward to going on the trip as I was nervous, but the teachers in my group sat with me on all the rides. I really enjoyed going on the scary rides, as the teachers urged me on. It was a really great experience that you don't get to do everyday – **Prachi (Yr 11)**

I was very excited for the trip to Alton Towers. It was a really fun day and I enjoyed all the rides. The different groups were accommodating to each of our comfort zones. I loved it – **Paige (Yr 11)**



Welcome to the Team

Hello! I am Mrs Francis and I am so excited to have joined the Albright family. I will be developing the Explore and Equip Curriculum and teaching this to KS2 and KS3. I love being crafty and enjoy learning and completing new craft projects. I also love dancing and going to the theatre.



Hello Everyone I would like to introduce myself; I am Mrs Hayer, I am a new HLTA that has joined the team at Albright Education centre.

I will have various roles within the Centre. I will be delivering interventions to students, taking part in some Mentoring, and working in our new Key Stage 3 Nurture Base.

I have been working in Education for 16 years. I have come from a secondary mainstream school, working within a SEN Team and English department.

I am truly looking forward to my adventure of working with Albright Staff, Parents, and Students. Everyone is so supportive, caring and kind at Albright Education Centre



My name is Miss Bruton. I am excited to begin my new role working at Albright Education Centre. I will primarily be working with KS3 in the new Nurture Base but I will also be teaching English.

I began my career teaching English as an Additional Language in a secondary school and have since spent the past five years working in a primary setting. I am passionate about encouraging all children to read and develop independent thinking.



When my nose isn't stuck in a book, I enjoy travelling to visit museums and art galleries, climbing and learning interesting facts about animals.

Hello my name is Miss Powers and I have been teaching for 7 years. I have a cat called Simba and I'm a hufflepuff!!

I am a keen swimmer and will often quote Friends. I love reading, socialising and all things Disney.

So far at Albright I have met some amazing pupils and staff and am really looking forward to being part of the team.



Sandwell College Taster Day

This half term Year 11 and Post 16 pupils had the opportunity to attend Sandwell College for the day, where they experienced the teaching environment and a short lesson with Health and Social Care, Construction, Sport, Childcare, Travel and Aviation and Hair & Beauty. The next step for Year 11 and Post 16 is an important step as they have to narrow down their education journey. Pupils gained valuable experience in a college environment and also gained some freebies. More taster days at different colleges are in the pipeline.
Mrs Long

I enjoyed the visit to Sandwell College, I enjoyed exploring my options – **Chelsea (Yr 11)**

I felt okay about going to Sandwell College. We explored a lot of the college and its courses. It gave us a better insight into what we want to do when we leave Albright. It was a good day the staff and the pupils were friendly and made us feel welcome. I enjoyed it. – **Blake (Post 16)**

We went to visit the college. We looked into Health and Social Care and did some arts and crafts and rugby while we were shown around the campus which I enjoyed. We also got to learn about some other courses that the college do. – **Owen (Post 16)**

I felt nervous before I went to the college, but when I found out more about the courses and various subjects I felt better. I never thought I would be interested in some of the subjects so was surprised. The College is welcoming and is somewhere I would consider going to. – **Prachi (Yr 11)**

I liked going to Sandwell College. I felt comfortable. It is somewhere I would consider going after I leave Albright – **Tyler (Yr 11)**

I enjoyed going to Sandwell College. I particularly enjoyed hearing about the travel course. The taster sessions weren't all for me but I did enjoyed the variety of the courses and meeting people who share similar experiences. – **Jasmin (Yr11)**

Forest Schools

In Forest School, when looking at our Topic Movement, we have explored our outside environment and gathered materials to start designing and creating our own, individual nature mobiles. Don't they look amazing?!- Mrs Francis



Canal Trip

On Monday 18th October, our KS2 and KS3 students visited the Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust. Upon arrival, they took part in a workshop to explore the science and social history that led to the Black Country becoming such a vital part of the nation's industry in the 18th and 19th centuries. Then they took a trip on a canal boat through the tunnels and caverns to discover the limestone mines that fuelled the industrial revolution. - Mr Aimes

Before I attended the Dudley Canal trip I felt scared as I don't like the dark, but now I feel brave.
Katelyn G, (Year 6)

I think the trip was very educational because of all of the fun facts that we learnt. My favourite part of the trip was the canal boat ride. It was very fun to look around the tunnels and I would love to do it again. - Keira W, (Year 9)

The Dudley Canal trip was fun and interesting as we were learning about the mines. My favourite part was being on the canal boat.- Mason B, (Year 8)

I was a bit scared at the start of the trip when the boat was rocking and it was a bit dark but felt good at the end.
Rosilee R, (Year 9)

The trip to the Dudley Canal was educational and a nice experience. It was something different and I would recommend it to anyone who is interested. - Emma B, (Year 9)

It was good to learn all the new things and the canal boat trip was good and scary.- Jacob H, (Year 8)

I felt happy attending the Dudley Canal trip. - Mason M, (Year 5)

I loved the trip, it was so educational, I really did not know anything beforehand.- Shelbie G, (Year 9)

I liked exploring the Dudley canals and learning new things about them.-MacKella S, (Year 9)

The canal trip was fun and fascinating, it was exciting but also scary going underground and through the dark tunnels.
Leah B, (Year 9)

I loved the trip and would love to go again. I loved all the facts linked up to the tunnels - Imani G, (Year 9)

The canal trip was really interesting and it was nice to learn new things. It was a bit cold - Carly W, (Year 8)

The trip was great! If felt good before and brilliant after. My favourite bit was when we went in to the dark tunnels and I learnt a lot. - Charlie V, (Year 8)



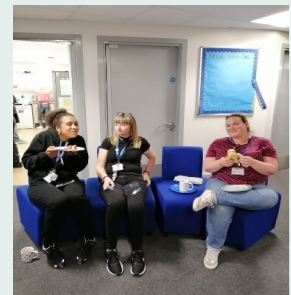
Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 24th September, Albright hosted their annual Macmillan Day supporting people living with Cancer.

The day started with Staff and pupils engaging in a brisk walk around the local nature reserve in Great Bridge. On return Mrs Parker cooked Breakfast sandwiches which filled a lot of rumbling tummies.

Pupils indulged in cakes and biscuits, donated by staff helping to raise the overall balance, which now stands at £115.25. Thanks to all pupils, parents and staff for their contributions.

Finally a BIG thank you to Mr Downey for organizing and hosting our virtual Family Quiz during the afternoon and the winners were “Leah’s Legends”. Well done to everyone who took part.



Sheepwash Nature Reserve Walk

We took in a lovely walk around our local nature reserve. We were a large group - but stayed together throughout, mixing up who we walked and talked with. It was a nice opportunity to get to know new people.

We got lost, it was funny, but eventually we found our way! – **Leah B (Yr9)**

I liked the view from the top – **Carly (Yr9)**

I liked the walk it gave me a chance to socialize with my friends – **Lauren (Yr 9)**



Halloween



In honour of Halloween, for the final week all students have been invited to take part in a scavenger hunt to collect clues and work out what characters staff will be dressed as. Students worked hard to collect clues and made some interesting guesses. Congratulations to Kiera who guessed the most characters correctly." - Miss McLean

During lunchtime students were able to take part in some Halloween themed activities; a 'Poke-a-Pumpkin' scavenger hunt for the chance to win a trick or a treat and a 'guess what is in the box' test out their sensory skills. All students took part in a 'make a mummy' house competition with Windsor house creating the best toilet roll mummy - Well Done Windsor!" - Miss Mclean



Pumpkin Picking

The pupils and staff went pumpkin picking during enrichment. Wheelbarrows in hand, off searching for the best pumpkin with lots of pupils getting stuck but attitude and willingness to give it ago were amazing! Some took their pumpkins home to enjoy with loved ones and others left their pumpkins in school to enjoyed carving some spooky faces. - Miss Smith

I went pumpkin picking and enjoyed this as I hadn't been before and I didn't know what to expect. We drove there on the minibus but when we got there it was fun. Before the trip I was worried because I didn't want to embarrass myself but it was a trip enjoyed.

Mollie-Mai L, Year 10

Pumpkin picking was ok but not the best because it was really muddy, but it was still fun.

Lauren F, Year 9

The trip was amazing because there was so many pumpkins to choose from and I really enjoyed walking round too.

Mackella S, Year 9

I really liked pumpkin picking, it was nice to get out of school in the afternoon. It was a bit cold but it was still good, I would like to do it again.

Carly W, Year 8



Animal Man

At the beginning of October the animal man, Simon Airey, came to visit Al-bright. He was incredibly informative about the animals and also provided a great deal of information about climate change, giving the students and staff a lot to think about.

Many of the students and staff overcame their fears to hold or touch (or even just be in the same room as!) spiders, snakes and insects. He also brought a chinchilla, a selection of lizards and frogs and a hedgehog. Everyone had opportunity to hold or stroke all the animals he brought with him and we were really impressed by how so many of our students were keen to get involved. As the day came to a close no-one wanted to leave as we all had opportunity to have snakes hang around our necks! It was an exciting, informative and very funny afternoon. - Mrs Tymoshyshyn

The animal man was fun and interesting, however touching the animals was difficult for me because I was unfamiliar with some of them, but it was fun all the same - **Emily (Yr 10)**

Before the visit from the animal man, I felt anxious. When the animals came out I was again a little worried but after a while I relaxed. I was really scared when he got the snakes out but proud of myself as I faced my fears. I enjoyed having the animal in school. My favorite part was then I held the scorpion - **Mollie-Mai (Yr10)**

I did not like touching the scorpion or the snake but I did like the chinchilla was soft. The lizard was really funny - **Aneurin (Yr10)**

It was a great experience and it was very funny. I learnt a lot, the best part was the chinchilla and snakes - **MJ (Yr10)**

I thought it was really good, it gave me the opportunity to do something I wouldn't usually do. I held a stick insect - **Leah B (KS3)**

I Love the animal man, because I love animal - **Shelbie (Nurture Base)**

I loved seeing all the animal, they were so friendly. The animal man was very kind - **Imarni (Nuture Base)**

I liked the visit by the animal man because he was funny. I felt quite nervous before he came but afterwards I felt great. I really enjoyed his visit - **Charlie (Nuture Base)**

I think it was nice to see things you haven't seen before. The man was really nice and friendly and th animals were great. It was really interesting learning new things about the animals - **Carly (Yr9)**



Hello Yellow



On Friday 8th October, Albright participated in Hello Yellow Day! Where all staff wore an item of yellow clothing, as a way of raising awareness of Mental Health, especially the Mental Health of the younger population. KS2 and KS3 also contributed to creating positive affirmation bunting which includes advice on ways to cope with our Mental Health. Which is now on display in our outside Cabin classroom! A brilliant day for a brilliant cause! Well Done Albright! - Mrs Francis

Key Dates for your diary

School Closes for Half Term - 21st October 2021

School Reopens 1st November 2021

Councillor Visit - Tuesday 2nd November 2021

KS4 Parents Evening - Wednesday 3rd November 2021