



# Albright Times



## A message from our Head Teacher

*This term has whizzed by!*

*After spending a whole year away from Albright and just popping in once a week, it has been really lovely getting back full-time and getting reacquainted with all the wonderful children here. I am still getting to know all our new starters but I'm slowly getting there!*

*It's been a full-on term with a huge number of activities, trips and events going on... as well as lots of learning of course.*

*There was a residential trip to Frank Chapman (for many children this was their first time away from home) where they completed lots of exciting activities. At Albright, we are huge fans of the great outdoors; the fresh air is so good for everyone's mental and physical wellbeing... so as well as the residential, there have been many walks, trips to farms, gardening and also our very first football fixture with another local school! It has been great to see the pupils embrace these activities and throw themselves into 'school life'!*

*We have celebrated a number of days this term including World Book Day, Comic Relief and Chinese New Year... all with opportunities to learn about something new as well as come together as a school community and eat new foods, talk to friends and laugh with each other.*

*We have even had the luxury of accessing a special pool to ensure our children become confident swimmers and they will be able to keep themselves safe when around water. We are really lucky to have access to a pool for that we can use all by ourselves and not share with any other children.*

*Enjoy reading about these things in more detail!*

*We are now breaking up for some much-needed rest and relaxation (much-needed by the staff at least!) and last week I shared with you in my weekly letter an overview of all the exciting things happening in Sandwell in all of the different towns. Lots of these activities are free of charge, so do get out there and make the most of them.*

*When we return year 11 will be gearing up for their exams. Please support and encourage them to give this their best shot... in just a few weeks, it will all be over, and all the hard work and the revision will be worth it.*

*Have a wonderful Easter break - let's hope the Easter Bunny is good to us all!!!*

Mrs Hazelwood



**April 2023**

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# Red Nose Day 2023



Albright celebrated Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March with lots of fun activities during an extended break. Albright's wonderful students and families made generous donations of food items for our local food bank, filling a trolley! And the Albright staff team raised a whopping £80 to donate to Comic Relief! Thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm, generosity and support! - Mrs

# Albright Book Fair

Albright's first ever Book Fair!

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, for one week only, Albright hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. Students had the opportunity to browse a wide range of new and exciting books and purchase any that took their interest. There was also be a chance to win money vouchers to purchase any book with a 'Cereal Book Box' competition. Students were also allowed to use their World Book Day token for money off a book of their choice, if they hadn't used them already. For any parents that wish to pay online for any books their child adds to their 'Wish List', they may do so using the following website:

[bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

For any further information, please contact Miss Powers.





# Attendance Achievements

***Congratulations to the following pupils who  
have  
Successfully met their individual Attendance  
Target over Spring 1 and 2.***

**Elm** - Tyler B

**Oak** - Brogan T & Pippa H

**KS3** - Tia K, Ocean CS & Nicole R

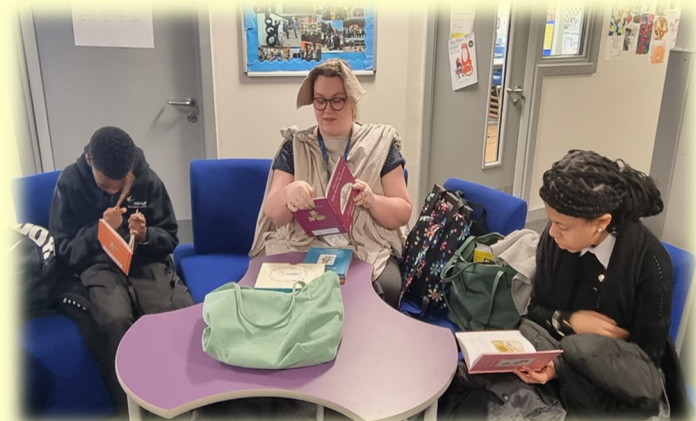
**Year 10** - Corey W & Abigail Q

**Year 11** - Riya B, Chloe M, Jnay S & Aneurin R

**Post 16** - Callum H & Jack O

# World Book Day

World Book Day 2023! In E&E lessons, Oak, Elm and KS3 classes all participated in choosing, designing and creating their own prop from their favourite book. All students were invested in this project and I am sure you will agree, the results were amazing! We had representations of various literature, ranging from Anne Frank's Diary to Dr Seuss. Some of the staff enjoyed a little fancy dress too! - Mrs Francis



# Frank Chapman

*In January over 30 students attended a residential at The Frank Chapman Centre in Bewdley. The students had the opportunity to try archery, abseiling, climbing and high rope team building activities. They were really fortunate with the weather as although chilly it remained dry for the three days. On the final day a number of students enjoyed a big impromptu football match with staff and were particularly impressed by Pat's (one of our mini bus drivers) skills! The students were a credit to Albright and all displayed resilience, determination and excellent team work skills. -*

*Mrs Tymoshyshyn*

Before I went to Frank Chapman I felt excited and nervous as it was going to be a new experience for me. During the trip I felt amazed at all of the different activities that I was able to try. I was exhausted afterwards because of all the things I did - **Caitlin (Yr 9)**

Before Frank Chapman I was really excited because the activities sounded really fun to do! I had a great time with my friends while I was there, did lots of fun things, the food was also really nice. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> day when we had to go I wasn't upset as I was looking forward to seeing my family - **Tristan (yr8)**

I felt great all the way through, the activities were really fun and I enjoyed being with my group. The dorm beds were surprisingly comfortable. The food was much better than expected. The time went really quickly while we were there, it seemed we went quickly from one activity to another. When we left, I found it difficult returning to school lessons the next day as I was really tired - **Abigail (Yr10)**

Frank Chapman was my second favourite school trip of all time. It included all of my favourite activities; however, I wished we could have done the leap of faith. - **MJ (Yr 11)**

I enjoyed Frank Chapman because all the activities were great. The best were the high ropes and the crate activity, but there were lots of others. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit I was so busy all day, I never even looked at my mobile phone - **Ethan (Yr11)**

I had lots of fun at Frank Chapman! I really enjoyed all of the activities and tried my hardest on all of them. I liked spending time with my friends and I think we got even closer after going. I was excited before we went, but also happy to go home - **Leah B (Yr11)**

# Frank Chapman



# National Space Centre

*KS3 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, and experienced the UK's largest planetarium and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower. Our students explored 6 separate galleries and saw real-life space suits, rockets, satellites and meteorites. It was a memorable day out that helped to develop their understanding of our place in the universe*

—Mr Aimes

I really enjoyed my day at the Space Centre. When I was there I saw a rocket. I would really like to go again at some point – **Tyler B (Yr 8)**

I really enjoyed this trip because I was able to learn new things. I felt excited before going to the trip as I have never been there before. It was a great experience, I was really happy I went – **Caitlin (Yr 9)**

Before we went on this trip I was quite excited as I had never been to the Space Centre before. When we arrived the place was huge, there were some really fascinating models to see and activities to do. I felt sorry when we had to leave as I was enjoying myself! – **Tristan (Yr8)**





# Tipton Fire Station Visit

I really enjoyed this trip. I particularly enjoyed firing the hose at the building and learning about how all the equipment works – **Taylor M (Yr10)**

I had a great time on this trip. I liked watching them take the car door off and I liked being able to play with the fire hose – **Kai E**

This was a good trip. They taught us how to use the fire hose and spray the building – **Ria B**

This trip was fun. We got to hold the hose and pretend to put out a fire in the fire station – **Tyler B (Yr8)**

I really enjoyed this trip because I was able to learn a lot of new things, I was able to find out from 1<sup>st</sup> hand experience how they work – **Caitlin T**

I enjoyed my time at the fire station and was surprised and excited to see female fire fighters worked there. - **Tristan (Yr 8)**



# Key Dates for your Diary

Friday 31st March 2021 - Pupils break up at 12.30pm for the Easter holidays

Monday 17th April - Inset Day

Tuesday 18th April—Pupils return to school after Easter Holidays

Monday 24th - Friday 29th April - Art Exam

Thursday 27th April - Yr 9 Options Meeting

Thursday 27th April - Year 11 Next Steps Meeting

Monday 1st May - May Day Holiday

Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 15th May - BTEC Exam (Health & Social Care)

Tuesday 16th May - BTEC Exam (Hospitality)

Tuesday 16th May - Monday 19th June - GCSE Exam season

Tuesday 23rd May - BTEC Exam (Health & Social Care)

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Whitsun Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 6th June - BTEC Exam (Hospitality)

25th July - School Closes for the Summer Holidays.