

Albright Times

A message from our Head Teacher

Happy Easter to all our pupils, parents and carers!

This has been an unusual term because it has consisted of two very short half-terms... however in true Albright style, we have crammed in a whole range of exciting and enriching opportunities for everyone and this newsletter is full of them all!

Albright Plus (our nurture provision in West Brom) has continued to grow in pupil numbers and staff and as a result, the children are thriving in their specialist setting. The work they are completing is phenomenal! We have recently agreed with the authority to increase the number of commissioned places at Albright due to the increase in demand and because of how successful our school has been for all the pupils that attend here. I am so proud of the work that all our staff do - at every level - and how our inclusive approach enables children to access a full and robust curriculum where they haven't previously been able to. If you have any comments regarding your child and their time at Albright, we would love to hear them - it always gives us a boost to be reminded how special Albright is!

Despite all the amazing provision that is put in place at Albright, we never rest on our laurels, and we always want to achieve bigger and better! Therefore, next term our priorities will be to focus on improving attendance and punctuality (something that is so important for life after Albright), uniform standards and we are also working towards gaining our Inclusion Quality Mark and being a 'Centre of Excellence' (officially!!)

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break - make sure you are all rested because we will be hitting the ground running for our final term of the year!!

Mrs Hazelwood



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Albright Plus...



At Albright Plus we have been exploring lots of new activities as a community. We learnt to solve problems and develop our reasoning skills on World Logic Day.



We tried honey (some of us for the first time!) and played hide and seek on Winnie-the-Pooh day.



Now that our school hall has opened, we are able to have whole school assemblies themed around our SEMH values. Each week we give out certificates for pupils who have demonstrated the weekly respect, resilience, community spirit, curiosity or motivation. There is a weekly challenge to attempt and prizes to be won! We have discovered that we have some very talented dancers, artists, mathematicians and scientists in our school!



The Journey so far!

Pupils at Albright Plus have been learning to play a range of instruments and we have achieved the Music Mark.



Pupils have applied their knowledge of fractions and proportions to cooking and celebrated Women's History Month and St David's Day. We have also entered the British Science Week poster competitions and enjoyed many activities themed around time.



Albright Plus Gardening

Albright plus are delighted to share we have now joined the RHS School Gardening Scheme and are currently working towards our level one certificate.

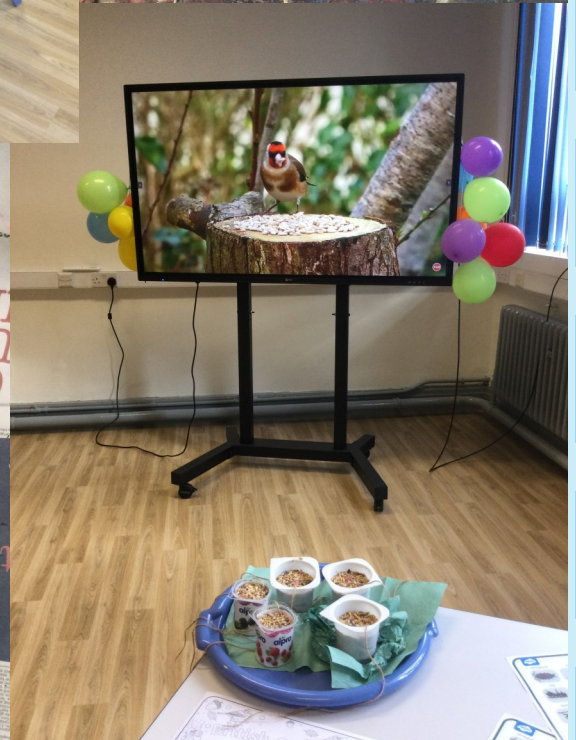
We will need to:

- ◆ Start gardening
- ◆ Understand the benefits of gardening
- ◆ Make sure our growing space is accessible to everyone.

We thought we would take this opportunity to enhance our outdoors and ignite some wonderful learning experience through gardening.

We have already started by sowing our first seeds, making bird feeders and bug hotels, we will also be receiving trees to plant from Carbon Footprint, we are so excited!!! We will also be making a start on our sweet pea teepee.

Happy Gardening—Miss Warwick



Red Nose Day

We celebrated Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. Students and staff got involved with splashes of red throughout the centre. KS4 skills groups had made some red nose inspired pom poms, bracelets and keyrings to sell to raise money. Mrs. Parker opened her kitchen selling hot dogs and hamburgers at lunchtime, which went down a treat. We managed to raise £59.84 to be donated to Comic Relief. Well Done Albright! - Miss Mclean



World Book Day



World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits. On WBD at Albright, we had an array of activities that pupils took part in such as: 'Book Scavenger Hunts' where pupils had to read well-known descriptions and match them up to the correct character; a 'Guess the Book' emoji quiz, and many more. Staff took it in their stride to dress up as an iconic character and pupils had to find out their favourite book in the 'Lanyard Secrets' game. All in all, it was another fantastic day celebrating Albright's love of reading. I look forward to awarding the winner of the 'Wooden Spoon Character', their prize. - Miss Powers

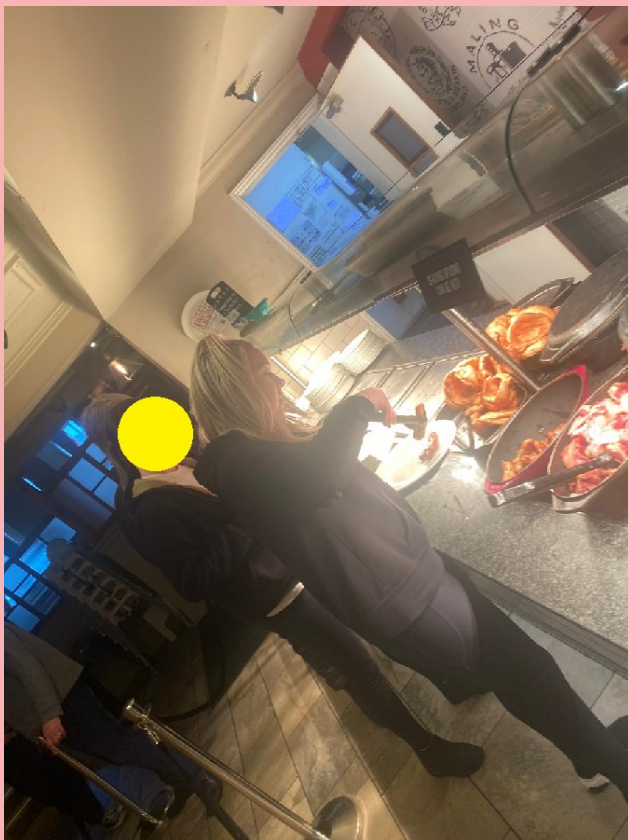
Toby Carvery Visit

Last week the year 10s had the opportunity to visit Toby Carvery for breakfast. where they applied the communication skills they had been learning in class. It was delightful to witness them confidently ordering their food and engaging in conversations with each other, showcasing their developing communication skills. - Miss Smith

I felt a bit anxious at first but when we got to Tobe Carvery the food was good. My favourite was the hash browns, they were nice.—Summer Yr 10

I enjoyed the talks we had. It was nice to be out for a bit. I liked how we could help ourselves.—Sam Yr10

I didn't eat but I liked talking with my friends and teachers. I was a bit nervous because I was the only one not eating, but in the end I enjoyed it.—Skye Yr 10



West Midlands Police Museum Trip

We love a trip at Albright and when that trip involves hands on learning it is a recipe for a great day .

The GCSE History groups used the visit to the Lock Up to find out about the past. The site used to belong to West Midlands Police who used it to house prisoners awaiting trial. Our pupils were not detained, but were taken there freely to learn about the history of policing and to take part in some activities that helped them to understand how the role of the police has changed over time.

Being locked in cells, trying on uniform, solving crime scene forensics clues and smelling the odours that would be experienced from prisoner's smelly feet were just a bit of a bonus.

Despite pupils having a great day they were all quite keen to escape from the Police cells at the end of the day with only their photos and souvenirs on their records.—Ms Wilkes



I felt excited for the trip and it met my expectations, after the trip I was happy and tired, my favourite part were the tours—
Felix Year 10

The trip to West Midlands Police Museum was good and very informative—Sophie
Year 10

Enrichment



For Enrichment this half term, our pupils have delved into the creative world! After recovering from the high intensity boxing programme last half term, the pupils are undertaking different challenges in quizzing and practising skills from baking to knitting. There are some, however, that we've advised to stay clear of the kitchen for now... Mrs D.

This half term in Easter crafts, the pupils will be looking at how to use different materials and traditional Easter colours to make a variety of Easter decorations, so make sure those fridges have room! There will be some teamwork and resilience required in the gaming and

quizzing groups, along with some tutorials on how to write your own music (demonstrated by one of our very own pupils!).

I have no doubt the pupils will continue to impress and amaze us with their beautiful creations and innovative gaming skills, and hopefully some of us will get to be taster bunnies for the delicacies that will be made in the food room! If you want to live vicariously through others about how they spent their Friday afternoons, speak to your children about their Enrichment sessions- they're sure to make you jealous! - Miss Powers

Birmingham Library and Waterstones Trip



On Monday 18th March, we took a small group of pupils to Birmingham Central Library and Waterstones. The pupils were in awe at seeing Europe's largest library and thoroughly enjoyed sitting out in the sunshine in 'The Secret Garden' on the 7th floor to eat their lunch. We then ventured into Waterstones where the pupils perused a wide selection of amazing books and asked if 'we could stay there all day and read'. As much as we would have loved to, we took away a token from the day in the form of a free World Book Day book. As always, the behaviour of the pupils was exceptional and we were so proud to see such respectful, mature readers.—Miss Powers

Think Tank

British Science Week was enjoyed by pupils from 11th – 15th March

In KS3 and 10B pupils have been exploring ways or showing how time is important in Science, in addition pupils in KS3A took part in an online discussion with Real Scientists as part of I'm a Scientist Get me out of Here, and enjoyed trying to make wind powered vehicles to link in with our energy topic.

On Friday 15th March pupils from KS3 and Year 10 along with Mrs Adams, Mr Aimes, Miss Powers and Miss Smith enjoyed a trip to ThinkTank Museum in Birmingham to celebrate the end British Science Week. As this year's theme was Time, the students got to experience how science and engineering has developed through the ages as well as what the future may bring.

The students got to experience the size of a steam train, how our bodies work, drive a Mars Rover, look at adaptations and evolution of living things and talk to a robot.

All the students were inquisitive and engaged in their experiences and an absolute credit to themselves.—Mrs Adams



I enjoyed how we got to look at history, all the walking we did and how we got to see the meaning of things—Sam Yr10

I enjoyed it, it was loud and crowded, but I enjoyed looking at everything.—Summer Yr 10

It was a good trip and had loads of interactive activities! My favourite part was the talking robot.—Sophie Yr 10



Art



Year 10 have been exploring Perceptual art inspired by Michael Murphy. They have worked extremely hard identifying tones, accurately mixing paint and developing their craft knife skills. Each of them showing resilience and high levels of patience working with cardboard. They should

be very proud of themselves as I am of them. Ready for the next challenge next term?

KS4 have been developing their problem-solving skills and channeling their creativity during skills lessons this term. They have been upcycling materials to create cards and gifts for Valentine's day in order to raise money to make more handmade crafts and attend their first craft fair. Well Done for all your hard work, creativity and positivity! - Miss Mclean

Attendance Achievements



Congratulations to the following pupils who have Successfully met the Attendance Target this term.

Plus

Nicole Robinson, Willow Brunt, Ekambir Singh Uppal, Khari Campbell, Kasim Shah, Zachary Forrest

KS3

Logan Crawford, Molly Glover, Pippa Harris, Dornika Seraj, Jayden Spooner

Year 10

Sophie Pipe, Summer Powell, Sam Smith

Year 11

Leah-Rose Joseph, Kashvi Kharel, Georgia McWilliams, Max Livingston, Aneurin Reeves

Post 16

Ethan Haynes, Ross Lovatt

Library activity Information...

EASTER FUN AT GLEBEFIELDS LIBRARY

Monday 25 March
2pm

Easter crowns and cards

Tuesday 26 March 10.30am
2pm



Sandy Bear Story Time
Ian Brennan Magician

Fun and laughter with magic
show and party games

Wednesday 27 March
10am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm



Go Play

Fun and games with the Go Play team

Tipton Family Hub event

With storyteller Grampa Stick

Thursday 28 March 11am

Play, Talk, Read

Story time and craft activity



Tuesday 2 April 10.30am

Sandy Bear Story Time

Wednesday 3 April 2pm



Lego play

Fun with Lego - what will you make?

Thursday 4 April 11am

Play, Talk, Read

Friday 5 April 2pm

Make a bunny headband

Craft available daily



Library activity Information...

EASTER FUN AT TIPTON LIBRARY

Monday 25 March
11am - 12pm

Steve The Juggler



Children's entertainer Steve the Juggler brings his fun-packed show full of circus tricks

Tuesday 26 March
10am - 12pm

Go Play

Fun and games with the Go Play team including arts and crafts, circus skills, games and giant Lego



Wednesday 27 March
10.30am

Craft activity

Make your own Easter Bunny Crowns, Masks and Easter Cards



Tuesday 2 April
10.30am - 11.30am

Play, Talk, Read

Story time and craft activity



Wednesday 3 April
10.30am & 2pm



Lego play

Fun with Lego - what will you make?

Friday 5 April
10.30am

Classic games

With prizes



Key Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd March - School Closes for Easter Holidays at 12.30pm

Monday 8th April—Teacher Training Day (School is closed to pupils)

Tuesday 9th April—School Reopens

Wednesday 17th April—Year 9 Options Afternoon

Friday 19th April—Alton Towers Trip

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday (School is closed)

Friday 24th May—School Closes for Whitsun Holidays

Monday 3rd June—School Reopens