

Newsletter No 11

After the Bank Holiday weekend our topic ‘London and Beyond’, has continued to keep children and staff immersed in a range of creative learning experiences.

As a school, we recognise the value of working in partnership with other schools and organisations. The foundations of these partnerships are based upon a professional platform which is underpinned by trust, commitment and the innate desire to improve. It also creates enhanced educational experiences for our children.

At Albemarle, we are very proud of our staff, who are passionate about our children. As a school our staff capacity continues to grow, we now have 4 of our very own ‘Specialist Leaders for Education’ (SLEs) and 6 ‘Leading Teachers’ that share their practice with other practitioners and help develop staff capacity across Wandsworth.

You have Your Say !

At Albemarle, we take pride in building empowering relationships with our families which enable the children to flourish. We recognise parents as the first educators and welcome their views and suggestions on how to enhance children’s learning.

Starting today, please log on to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentSurvey019> and take part in our annual Parents Survey. Next week, we will also provide paper copies at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please take just 5 minutes to fill in the survey. It will help us to create an overview of how well you think the school is doing and provide us with your suggestions on how we can make Albemarle even better.

Month of ‘May I Read to You’

At Albemarle, we believe that there is nothing special than curling up with or sharing a good book. This year, to make the month of ‘May I Read to You’ even more special, staff from across the school will share their favourite stories online.

Last week, Ms Moor read ‘The Paper Dolls’ by Julia Donaldson. There is a link to this video on our Twitter feed [@AlbemarleSchool](#).



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwcYWWlua2E&feature=youtu.be>

Barnes Literacy Festival

As you know, creating exciting and memorable learning experiences for our children is always at the heart of what we do.



This week, children from across Year 1 – 6 ventured beyond the gates of Albemarle to the Barnes Literacy Festival. Despite the wet weather, the children took inspiration from a variety of authors including, Ade Adepitan, Nadia Shireen and Dr Emily Grossman, and spent time listening to stories and the different journeys the writers had experienced.

On Wednesday, BBC London News also attended the Barnes Children’s Literature Festival to film Ade Adepitan. They interviewed him about the event, his books, the festival and why reading is so important. Some of our Amazing Albermarlians took part in the interviews and were able to share their thoughts on the day.

Book Bus

As part of the month of ‘May I read to you’ we are delighted to announce the arrival of the Book Bus on Friday 17th May. During the day, an old fire engine, which has been converted into a moving library, will be arriving at Albemarle to share all a wide variety of genres. There will be



an opportunity for parents to purchase books at the end of the school day.



Coffee Morning

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we have begun to introduce PATHS alongside our Monday Madness and Mindfulness sessions, as a way to build upon the foundations that we have put in place to achieve our aim of creating a more **emotionally intelligent** climate.

PATHS stands for **Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies**. The lessons that our teachers will be focussing on in the coming months are all linked to improving: self-esteem, emotional intelligence, children's ability to resolve conflicts, self-regulation, and self-awareness.

If you are interested and would like to find out more about PATHS, we will be holding a coffee morning to provide further information just after half term, we will confirm the date next week.

Year 6 SATs

Next week, starting **on Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May**, our **Year 6** pupils will be sitting their SATs. This year, Mr. Anderson and David have been working hard behind the scenes to help prepare the children, for the next stage of their education. As a school, we are already so Proud of their achievements and next week provides them with the chance to celebrate and show-off their learning!

The time table for the week is below:

Monday 13 th	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 14 th	Reading
Wednesday 15 th	Maths (Paper 1 and 2)
Thursday 16 th	Maths (Paper 3)
Friday 17 th	Pizza Express ☺

Year 6 parents, please make sure that your children are in school **on time** ready to enjoy breakfast with their class mates and then complete the tests. If you have questions or queries, please do speak to Mr Anderson or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Core Value next week is

'Reflective'

Friday 10th May 2019

Dates for Your Diary

May

Month of **'May I Read for You?'**

13th-16th – Key Stage 2 (Yr 6) SATs Week

27th-31st – Half Term Break

May Half Term @ Albemarle May 28th – 31st



With only 10 school days to go before the May half term, do not forget that Holiday School Care will be here to take care of your children. Starting on Tuesday 28th April until Friday 31st May. Holiday School Care will be open from 9am to 5pm costing £25 per day (8am to 6pm costing £31) with a 10% sibling discount.

www.holidayschoolcare.co.uk

June

3rd – Children return to school (8:45am)

10th-14th – Phonics Screening Check

10th – Year 4 Multiplication Check starts

July

1st-5th – Year 6 Residential to Mill Rythe

2nd Music Concert (Yr 2 & 3)

8th – Music Concert (Yr 4 & Yr 5)

9th – Yr 1 – 6 Sports Day @ Southfields Academy

10th – Parents Evening

11th – Early Years Sports Day

22nd – Beach Trip to West Wittering

Albemarle Attendance

This time of year is particularly important and it is essential that all children are in school every day and on time. Last week, 4 classes managed to exceed our target of 97%.

Week 29 th April – 3 rd May	
Class	%
Moonstone	100%
Topaz	99.29%
Sapphire	98.85%
Diamond	97.15%

With only 2 weeks before the end of Summer term 1, I am sure that we can break an Albemarle record and more than 10 classes can exceed 97%.

Yours, Theresa Moses (Head Teacher)

