

## Newsletter No 8

At Albemarle, our eight Core Values unite us and provide a shared language across all aspects of School Life. Monday Madness continues to set the tone at the beginning of each week and provides children with the opportunity to further develop their understanding of our shared vision for all.

This week, the children have explored how to strive for **Excellence** and what that might look like both in and outside of school. Having goals and the ability to set your own personal targets is an important life skill and one we hope to instil in all our pupils to enable them to achieve their true potential.

Next week, the children will look at the British Value, **Individual Liberty** and explore how freedom and freedom of speech is incorporated worldwide across many societies.

### New Life @ Albemarle – Update

On Monday, the Early Years team had some Amazing news to share with the children and staff as we returned to school to find that 5 beautiful chicks had hatched over the weekend!

During the week, we have welcomed an additional 5 more chicks, making a grand total of 10. Children from across the school have had the opportunity to witness first hand and extend their knowledge of life cycles, as well as meet and welcome the additions to the Albemarle family.

For more updates, follow our school Twitter feed @AlbemarleSchool.



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29<sup>th</sup> March 2019



### Music Concerts



As a school, we strive to provide all children with a balanced, broad and creative curriculum. On Monday and Tuesday, parents of children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 had the chance to witness their children’s musical talents in action. Our termly Music concerts provided the children with the opportunity to share and celebrate their learning and success.

During the concerts, the children played a magical ensemble of music! It also proved to be a timely reminder that the children’s talents (and curriculum) extend to so much more than just Reading, Writing and Maths.

### Big Pedal



Promoting an active and healthy approach to everyday life is embedded across our curriculum. This week, has seen the return of the ‘Big Pedal’ where extra encouragement is given to all children (parents and staff) to walk, scooter or cycle into school every morning. At the start of each day, teachers record the number of children who manage to achieve this and send off the data to compare with other schools nationally.

Over the course of the week, we have had a ‘Bike It’ Breakfast and Dr.Bike has been in school to repair and service the children’s bikes. Please be aware that last year, Dr.Bike was hugely popular and does his very best to get around to everyone’s bike.

### Sumdog Contest Winners

Yet again, the children of Albemarle have excelled in the latest Sumdog contest. Competing against children from across Wandsworth, Albemarle have managed to take four of the top five class positions.

**Azure** have found their super human powers to come in first place, with **Jade** in second, **Emerald** in third and **Citrine** in fifth place.



## The Winning Continues . . .

Out of the Top Ten Sumdog individual students, seven were Albemarlans. Two children from **Diamond** took **1st** and **2nd** place, three children from **Azure** were ranked **3rd**, **6th** and **9th** place, one member of **Emerald** came in **7th** position and a child from **Jade** provided the icing on the cake and made **10th** position.

We are proud of all of the children's achievements and the dedication they have shown in continually improving their maths.

### Accelerated Reader

As a school we continue to research and fund strategies that promote a love for reading. Accelerated Reader is one of the online tools that we use to monitor and develop children's progress in reading. The website, which can be accessed via the home page of our website, allows the children to select and read new books, search for books that they have read and answer quizzes to test their understanding.

At the moment, all pupils in Upper School (year 3-6) have an account and password which is paid for by the school. A recent progress report informed us that the amount of children accessing the website has significantly declined and only 8% of pupils have completed an online quiz in the last 30 days.

Accelerated Reader is available from Monday to Friday and has a proven track record of improving children's levels of comprehension. We hope to see a huge improvement in the coming weeks and look forward to building children's vocabulary.

### Easter Parade

Traditionally at Albemarle, we celebrate the end of the Spring term by having our annual Easter Bonnet Parade, where members of the PTA judge the fantastic array of Easter themed Bonnets that arrive in school. We are pleased to announce that this year, the event will be held in the afternoon of **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** at 1.30pm on the Upper School football pitch.

We look forward to seeing all of the Bonnets on the day!

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## Dates for Your Diary

### March

29<sup>th</sup> - Dr Bike in school and Super Hero day

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> - Bling your Bike/Scooter day

5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Parade

5<sup>th</sup> - School finishes for Easter at 2:15pm

**Please note: Twinkling starts is available from 2.15pm till 5.30pm**

### Easter Holidays @ Albemarle April 8<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>



23<sup>rd</sup> - School reopens for Summer Term

24<sup>th</sup> - Early Years Phonics Parents Workshop

### May

1<sup>st</sup> - Year 1 Phonics Parents Workshop

13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 2 (Yr 6) SATs Week

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> - Half Term Break

### Albemarle Attendance

As you are aware, our attendance target has been set at 97%. Last week, an Amazing 9 out of 13 classes managed to exceed the target, with **Jasper** class just missing out with over 96%! Congratulations to everyone, let's see if we can keep it up this week!

Attendance 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
<b>Citrine</b>	100%
<b>Opal</b>	99.20%
<b>Coral</b>	99.21%
<b>Topaz</b>	99.23%
<b>Moonstone</b>	99.05%
<b>Amethyst</b>	99.03%
<b>Jade</b>	98.89%
<b>Diamond</b>	98.31%
<b>Amber</b>	98.28%

**Opal**, **Ruby** & **Sapphire** also managed to register NO lates! Every minute counts when you're learning so let's see if we can all be in school for 8:40am and ready to start learning 8:45am every day next week.

**Yours, Theresa Moses (Head Teacher)**

