

End of Term Celebration !

A huge thank you to all the children, parents, families and friends who joined us to help celebrate 'The Big' Draw'.

On the last day of term, the Upper School hall was filled with the rainbow of our School Values, as Albemarlans of all ages came together for an hour of fun-packed art based activities to explore and share the meaning of our Core Values.



During the event, children and adults were able to use a range of resources to colour, draw and record what each Core Value meant to them.



In November, we will invite you to attend an exhibition of the work created during the 'Big Draw' and have the opportunity to explore the Core Values through Music and Dance.



We would also like thank Darya's mum for taking the photos during the event www.irenescioti.com

Next week the Core Value is

'We are **Compassionate**'

We Are Compassionate

At Albemarle, our eight Core Values bind us together. They provide us with a common language and a moral purpose which includes everyone and excludes no one.

The definition of being 'Compassionate' is an act of kindness putting others needs before your own.

As adults, we aim to be role models for the children. Although we may not always find it easy, as a school community we must all strive to demonstrate compassion, whether in the classroom, playground or beyond the school gates.

Each week, in class and across the school, staff and children explore the meaning of the Values and how these help to us to create a positive, purposeful learning environment.

Children in Nursery through to Year 6 are encouraged to flourish both academically and socially and to recognise how they contribute to the school and how their actions impact on their peers.

Working in Partnership

At Albemarle, we recognise that parents are the first educators of all children and we know that if we communicate well with our families through sharing knowledge and expertise, the children will flourish.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended parents evening. A total of 68% made appointments. If you were unable to attend and wish to meet your child's class teacher, to discuss their Autumn term targets, please contact the school office, who will be happy to arrange a time suitable for both you and the class teacher to meet.

Next week, the newsletter will contain a series of dates when class teachers will hold Year Group coffee mornings. This will provide a time for you to meet class teachers to talk about the curriculum, share ideas on the learning and discuss ways of working together.



Whole School Targets

At the start of each school year, in partnership with the Governors, staff get together to set key priorities identified through school performance review and evaluation.

As Albemarlans, you are aware that our attendance target is 97%. Below are the schools' five other targets which we have set out to achieve by the end of Summer 2018:

- To raise Key Stage 2 standards in Maths
- To instil a growth mind set approach (across all aspects of school life)
- To embed consistent practises and processes which are in line with the school's vision
- To raise achievement through the learning environment
- To drive school improvement through working in collaboration with other professionals and organisations.

Trips Consultation

During Autumn Term1, we held a consultation on how you pay for trips. As you are aware, we made the decision to introduce two options:

Option 1: £25.00 per year which covers all class trips during the whole year and includes the seaside and theatre, or

Option 2: £10.00 per year which covers all class trips during the school year excluding the seaside and theatre.

Please to log on to Sims Agora and select either Option 1 or Option 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who took part in the consultation and hope that this will now provide a more seamless method of payment transactions across the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Selina, who works in the Upper School office and will be able to help you.

Next week the Core Value is

'We are **Compassionate**'

Autumn Term 1 Attendance

What an Amazing start to the school year. During the Autumn term 1, 6 of our 13 classes managed to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Opal 1	95.3%
Opal 2	89.9%
Ruby	93.4%
Jasper	94.6%
Coral	95.7%
Amber	95.8%
Topaz	97.2%
Citrine	98%
Emerald	97%
Jade	96.1%
Sapphire	97.7%
Amethyst	97.3%
Diamond	98.6%

Tea Party

On Thursday, 82 children from Lower School and on Friday, 84 children Upper School, joined me for the first Headteachers 100% Attendance Tea Party. This time the menu has slightly changed to include a much more healthier option of fruits, instead of crisps and popcorn, but there was still space for a chocolate cornflake cake. Well done everyone.

Great Start to Autumn 2

This week, the children have raised the roof with 6 classes managing to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Jade	100%
Sapphire	99.52%
Amethyst	99.01%
Diamond	98.03%
Emerald	97.80%
Citrine	97.25%

Opal 1 & **Coral** class just missed the target with 96%. Let's see if we can beat this next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

