

## 'We Strive for Excellence'

At Albemarle, staff work together to create an ethos which unites and empowers all learners to gain confidence and 'Strive for Excellence' in an ever changing world.

Across the school, a growth mind set approach enables, staff to engage the children in their learning and embed a culture which is conducive. Carefully planned lessons interwoven with layers of challenge provide opportunities for children to develop a range of skills, secure their knowledge, deepen their understanding and 'Strive for Excellence' in all areas of the curriculum.

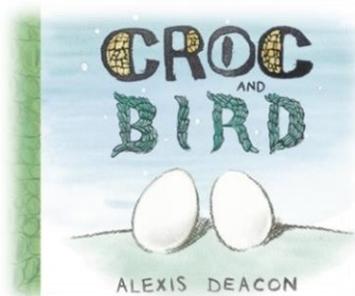
### Sumdog

Over the past few years, the children at Albemarle have **strived for excellence** and triumphed in Sumdog contests.

Today marks the start of another exciting Wandsworths Sumdog contest. The contest will run for 7 days until Thursday 23rd November. In previous contests many classes and individual children have been ranked in the top ten for the Borough. We hope every child from Years Two to Six will participate and look forward to celebrating their success next week.

### Friendship Week

This week, across the school, children have been exploring the book **Croc and Bird** by Alexis Deacon. The book reveals how Croc and Bird discover what it is to be different and how the power of friendship can conquer all.



In class, children have taken part in a number of activities where they explored the meaning of 'friendship' and how the value of friendship is fundamental to our success and happiness; they give us confidence, make us feel valued and offer support and love when we need it.

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### Our Friends, the Firemen

On Monday, children in **Ruby** and **Jasper** got to meet local fire fighters from Wandsworth. In class, the children had been looking at people who help us in the community.

During their visit to Albemarle, the children sat in the fire engine, tried on a fire fighters safety helmet and had a go at spraying water from the hose.



Both **Ruby** and **Jasper** class would like to say a huge thank you to all the Fire Fighters who made the visit extra special.

### Core Values Exhibition!

Yesterday, some of the photos which will appear in next week's 'Core Value' exhibition and dance event were sent home with children to share with their families. The photos will form part of the art exhibition along with the work created during the 'Big Draw'.

Please note due to the size of the Lower School hall, this is a ticketed event. Tickets are now available from the Lower school office.





Today Albemarle was awash with SPOTS as children, parents and family members came to school dressed in spots.

Across the school day the Spotacular event continued and at lunch time, Amazing Spotacular members of the PTA who came in to school to paint spots on the children's faces.



At the end of the school day, just before the Spotacular 'Cake Sale', children will be given a spot to take home on which to write 'a Wish for Children' to add to our Spotacular Book.

Thank you to everyone who made the event extra special and helped raise an Amazing Spotacular £340,53.

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**PTA Need You !**

With only 2 weeks to go, behind the scenes, the PTA have been busy preparing this year's Winter Fair which will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Next week, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, the PTA will hold a Mufti Day. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation to go on either the Tombola or gift Stall.

This year, along with a number of other projects, the PTA would like to raise money to provide the children with high Vis vests to wear when they are out and about on trips.

**Be Safe Be Seen**



BE BOLD AND BRIGHT BOTH MORNING AND NIGHT

If you would like to get involved, please come along to the next PTA meeting which will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am in the Lower School Hall. You can also use the link below to logon and find out how you can get involved

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTAAutumnTerm17>

**Attendance**

This week, the children have raised the roof with 6 out of 12 classes managing to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

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| Citrine  | 100%   |
| Diamond  | 98.0%  |
| Jasper   | 97.78% |
| Coral    | 97.7%  |
| Sapphire | 97.4%  |
| Amethyst | 97.3%  |

Amber class just missed the target with 96%. Let's see if we can beat this next week.

Yours  
Theresa Moses

Have a great weekend.

