

## A Love of Reading

At Albemarle, reading is at the heart of what we do and we love nothing more than the chance to curl up with a good book.

Last week, the children at Albemarle met with an unannounced visitor Tame Flame; an 8 foot dragon who had heard all about the amazing creative writing which had been happening in class, based on the book 'The Egg'



Tame provided the children with the opportunity to get up close and personal with a dragon and discover what life was like for 'George' the main character in the story.



Today marked our first 'Reading @ Albemarle' session. At 8.45am, across the school, **96 AMAZING** parents and family members came into class to join in with the reading session.



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Class teachers and staff provided a wide range of activities which gave a snap shot of how we encourage children to read and ignite their love for books.



Thank you to all the parents and family members who made today even more special. Here are just a few of the pictures which capture 'A Love for Reading.' More pictures will follow soon.



## Anyone for Coffee ?

Next week on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, we will hold our first PTA coffee morning of 2017. This will be a chance for parents and family members to join me and Jackie for coffee and look at ways we can fund raise and make Albemarle even better. Everyone is welcome.



### School Council

This week children from Years 1 to 6 have all taken turns to read their speeches and take part in question time with their peers to debate why they would make the best class representative.

Today, all votes will have been cast and the new 2017/18 Albemarle School Council is;

- Amber** – Tilly & Hamza
- Coral** – Haya & Dexter
- Topaz** – Vaughan & Hibba
- Citrine** – Kingsley & Nikola
- Emerald** – Zirva & Aser
- Jade** – Jenna & Yusuf
- Sapphire** – Aliaan & Lillie
- Amethyst** – Gracie-May & Fahd
- Diamond - Heads of School**  
Omaid, Bradley, Almeria, Labiba

On Monday, I will meet with all of the children to officially congratulate them and present them with their badges, books and folders.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children who either nominated themselves or their peers. I look forward to working with them during the coming year.

### The Bear with a Name

Today the Bears returned to Assembly ready to celebrate the children's achievements. 'The bear with no name' was announced as **Jeffrey Jade**. I am sure he along with the rest of the Albebears will have an Amazing weekend.

### Trips Consultation

Thank you to all the parents and family members who took part in the consultation on how you pay for trips. Today I am pleased to announce that 68 forms were returned.

- Option 1: £25.00 per year ... got **44 votes**
- Option 2: £10.00 per year ... got **2 votes**
- Option 3: Continue as usual ... got **20 votes**

We will let you know in next week's newsletter the final outcome.

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### Leyla's Locks Need You!

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September Leyla in Year 4 will be taking part in a sponsored cut & donating her hair to 'The Little Princess Trust'. An organisation who provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children across the UK & Ireland who have sadly lost their own due to cancer treatment & other illnesses.

Please help her raise money towards this amazing cause. Next week on Tuesday morning and in the afternoon Leyla will bring a sponsor form in to school or you can donate online. Remember ... Every little helps!

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrea-pinzon](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrea-pinzon)

### Data Collection Contact Details

On Monday, your child brought home their **Data Collection Contact Details**. If you have not yet managed to check the details, please take 5 minutes to read through the information and make any changes by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> so that we can update our records accordingly.

**If all the information is correct**, please sign, date and return the sheet to the school office. **However, if there are changes which need to be made**, please correct them on the sheet and inform the office staff, who will be happy to amend our records.

### Attendance and Punctuality

This week 7 of our 13 classes managed to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

<b>Jade</b>	99.57%
<b>Diamond</b>	99.23%
<b>Jasper</b>	98.85%
<b>Citrine</b>	97.86%
<b>Sapphire</b>	97.78%
<b>Emerald</b>	97.78%
<b>Topaz</b>	97.12%

**Amethyst** & **Amber** just missed the target with 96%. Let's see if we can beat this next week and 10 out of 13 achieve the target next week.

Yours

**Theresa Moses**

