

'We are Independent'

At Albemarle, every child's learning journey from Nursery through to Year 6 is carefully woven with opportunities to build confidence and become **independent**.

Whole school topics and carefully planned lessons are designed to ignite children's curiosity, while homework activities provide layers of challenge for children explore and extend their learning as they become **independent** across areas of the curriculum and out in to the wider world.

Sumdog Champions



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

Last week, children from Years 2 to 6 took part in another exciting Wandsworths Sumdog contest. The contest ran for 7 days and children across the school worked in partnership with their class peers but also demonstrated their level of **independence** as they **strived for excellence** to gain a place on the leader board.

In true Albemarian style, a total of 6 classes (Due to a timetable error **Topaz** class were unable to take part)

3 rd	Emerald
4 th	Citrine
5 th	Sapphire
6 th	Amethyst
7 th	Jade
8 th	Diamond

and 9 individual children were ranked in the **Top Ten for the Borough of Wandsworth**.

- Zacky **Amethyst**
- Adam **Emerald**
- Muneeb **Amethyst**
- Aliaan **Sapphire**
- Kingsley **Citrine**
- Farraan **Citrine**
- Gracie May **Amethyst**
- Harris **Emerald**
- Zirva **Emerald**

Congratulations to all the children who took part.

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Speed Camera Action

To coincide with National Road Safety Week (20th-26th November) Wandsworth Council in partnership with the Met. Police ran a scheme called 'Junior Community Road Watch' (JCRW).

On Thursday, as part of the scheme, Year 6 took to the roads of Southfields to help the Police keep the streets of SW19 safe. After a short briefing on how to use various pieces of equipment and a clear understanding of how to record information, the children set to work.



Armed with speed cameras and clipboards Year 6 resumed their positions on Wimbledon Park Road.

During the morning, they undertook various roles and were able to capture drivers who were speeding in a 20 mile zone.



Throughout the week, Council Officers also visited various schools including Albemarle, to remind parents that they must park safely when dropping off and picking up children.

We hope that all friends, parents and family members who have to drive to Albemarle,

'Remember they care and park elsewhere'





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

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

This week, children have been bringing in their spots filled with beautiful wishes. If your spot is still at home, there is still time to write it and share it with everyone.

Year Group Coffee Mornings

This week, Year Group Coffee Mornings have taken place for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Next week, at 9am -9.30am on

Tuesday 28th– **Amber** and **Coral** Year 1
Wednesday 29th– **Ruby** and **Jasper** Reception

Class teachers will be available to meet with parents from their year to talk about a number of items including:

- Home School Targets
- Home work
- Trips
- Curriculum
- End of Year expectations

You will also have the chance to meet with myself and members of SLT in their various roles. Ms Briggs who has responsibility for EYs, Ms Kaur, who has responsibility for KS1 and Mr Hughes, who has responsibility for KS2.

Say Cheese

Yesterday children bought home their 2017 school photo. If you would like to purchase the image, please ensure that you return your sealed envelopes with the correct money inside, to either the Lower or Upper School Office, by 3.30pm on Thursday 30th December.

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Friday 1st December !

With only 5 school days left to go, behind the scenes, the PTA are busy preparing this year's Winter Fair which will take place on Friday 1st December.

Thank you to all the friends and families who took part in Mufti Day. Your generous gifts and donations will make great prizes for either the Tombola or Gift Stall.

However, it's not too late; there is still time to get involved. The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th November in ACE, where parents, friends and family members will ticket the tombola gifts and organise the stalls.

Thank you to all the parents who have logged on and completed the PTA survey below.

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

We will provide you with the results in next week's newsletter.

Winter Raffle



This week your children brought home an envelope containing raffle tickets for you to purchase or sell to friends and family. Attached was a letter containing more details. Prizes include festive hampers and a fantastic photography session for the whole family.

Attendance

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

Diamond	99.6%
Amethyst	99.3%
Ruby	98.8%
Sapphire	98.1%
Coral	97.3%
Jade	97.0%

Citrine class just missed the target with 96.5%. Let's see if we can beat this next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

