

'We are Articulate'

At Albemarle, during a child's learning journey, opportunities to gain confidence and become 'Articulate' are planned for at every stage. Across the school, through a language rich curriculum, staff create endless opportunities for children to discuss and debate. While opportunities for drama and role play are carefully woven throughout the day to provide children with every opportunity to develop their vocabulary and become 'Articulate'.

Core Values Exhibition!

Last Friday, at 3.30pm, the lower school hall set the scene for an evening filled with creative arts; music, dance and an art exhibition.



Around the hall, work which had been created during the 'Big Draw' event, set the scene and provided a perfect back drop.

Throughout the event adults and children worked together using pieces of music to explore dance and share their thoughts on the meaning of the schools eight 'Core Values'.



The session was led by Ben Garner, who works with children across the school and provides an after school Tap class.

Ben also runs Garner Dance Academy on Saturdays in the Lower School Hall. For more information visit:

<http://www.garneracademydance.com/>



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A Music Ensemble

At Albemarle, we are always looking at ways to engage the children through enriched opportunities which help stimulate and extend their learning. Over the past two years, the children have been exposed to an enriched curriculum and an increasing number of opportunities to explore the arts through music, song, dance and drama.

The children in **Topaz**, **Citrine**, **Emerald**, **Jade**, **Sapphire** and **Amethyst** would like to invite you to join them for an ensemble of music.

This term, the children have been have had the opportunity to play their instruments and learn a collection of new songs. To celebrate their musical achievements, you are invited to attend the Winter Ensemble in the upper school hall on Monday 4th December at 10:15am.

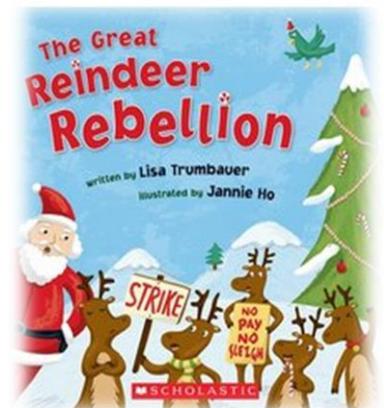
If would like to reserve 1 or 2 seats for the Winter Ensemble on Monday 4th December at 10.15am, please contact the school office.

'Twas the 1st of December

'Twas the 1st of December and today as the children arrived in school, they were able to see that during the night, Albemarle's little helpers had been busy making Albemarle even more special.

In class, children listened to the story of 'The Great Reindeer Rebellion'.

The story reveals that how somewhere up north, Dear Santa was frantic. He paced back and forth as he had just heard some news that he sure didn't like: It seemed that the reindeer were going on strike! ...



By the time Monday morning arrives, we hope that Santa's and his reindeer have managed to sort out their differences and are ready to prepare for festive period.



PTA Qaire

Thank you to all the parents who managed to log on and complete the PTA questionnaire. Below are the results to the questions which were contained within the survey.

	Yes
Would you like a real Christmas tree stall in the playground in December?	63.16%
Would you like/to help with a cake sale?	57.89%
Would you like to help arrange a movie night for the children?	42.11%
Would you attend a parent quiz night?	47.37%
Do you have a skill or business to offer the school?	31.58%
Would you attend parent classes?	63.16%
If yes, what classes would you like to attend?	

Maths	English	Other
38.46%	15.38%	46.15%

Parent also suggested the following classes:

- Something fun
- Child psychology
- Dance, meditation, anger management
- Skills to help me parent, manage behaviour
- Exercise
- Improve communication with young children

Thank you to all the parents who have made the Autumn term extra special. We hope that we can continue to work together during the Spring term to make the above happen.

Winter Raffle



During the week, children brought home an envelope containing raffle tickets for you to purchase or sell to friends and family. This year, prizes include festive hampers, and a fantastic photography session for the whole family.

If you have not yet returned your raffle tickets there is still time. The draw will be made on Monday 18th December.

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It is Cold Outside

Each year about this time, children arrive at school beautifully prepared for the weather. Throughout the school day, be it at play time or lunch, the children somehow manage to remove their hats, gloves, scarves and coats and by the time the bell rings, the once was grey playground is transformed into a multi coloured swap shop, of winter accessories. Please can we request that you remind your children to ‘be Responsible’ and collect all of their belongings. Failing that, can you please ensure that you clearly write their names in the labels. Thank you

Dates for December

With only 13 school days left before we say good bye to 2017, time is ticking. Below is a list of key dates, events and times to keep us busy before the end of term.

4th Dec: 10.15am: Music Concert Yrs 2 -5

8th Dec: am: Yrs 1 – 6 Surprise Adventure

12th Dec: 9am: Early Years Craft Event

13th Dec: 9.15am and 2.pm Christmas Plays

15th Dec: 1.30pm Jack and the Beanstalk @ Wimbledon theatre

*Please note there is **no Twinkling Stars**

19th Dec: Christmas Dinner

20th Dec: 9.30am St Pauls Church

School finishes @ 2.15pm

‘**Twinkling Stars**’ finishes @ 5.30pm

Attendance

This week, only 3 out of 12 classes managed to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Sapphire & Jade	100%
Amber	99.2%

Diamond & 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

