

'We are Reflective'

At Albemarle, our eight Core Values provide us with a common language and a shared ethos which enables all learners to flourish. During a child's learning journey, staff encourage all children to become 'Reflective'.

In the classroom children are constantly required to reflect upon their learning. Whole class and small group work create a platform for self-reflection, while opportunities to self and peer assess are provided throughout the school day.

As a school, we believe that the act of reflection provides children with a skill set to improve their selves as individuals, their work, and instil a Love for learning across the curriculum.

The Reindeer Rebellion (Part 2)

'Twas the 4th of December and on Monday as the children arrived in school they were unsure if Santa and his reindeer had managed to sort out their differences and were ready to prepare for the festive period.

Sweet Music to My Ears

Armed with recorders, African drums and trombones, the children from Years 2 to 5 took up their positions to share their achievements at the Winter Ensemble.



At 10:15am the upper school hall filled with children from **Topaz**, **Citrine**, **Emerald**, **Jade**, **Sapphire** and **Amethyst**.



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During the performance, parents, friends and family members listened to the children play a collection of new and familiar songs.



The Reindeer Rebellion (Part 3)

Once the concert was over, the children were greeted by 2 of Santa's reindeer who had come to spend the day at Albemarle to gather the children's thoughts on their dilemma.

Across the day, the children from Nursery through to Year 6 were able to meet the reindeer and gently whisper their festive wish.



By the time the reindeer left Albemarle they felt so much better and were able to see the joy they bring to children during the festive period. They both mentioned that they had been **Reflective** and were able to discuss their differences with Santa.



Once Upon a Time

Today, a series of unusual things occurred on Wimbledon Common. The first was the arrival of nine rather well-known, fictional characters ranging from Little Red Riding Hood, Rubeus Hagrid and Dorothy from Wizard of Oz. The second unusual occurrence was 14 groups of 18 children who navigated their way around the Windmill Nature Trail.



Tasked with a mission to solve numerous clues, riddles and mathematical problems, assigned with various roles, the children, were accompanied by staff and countless parents.

During the morning as each group met a different character, they were required to apply their learning across the curriculum before being given a clue which would lead them to the next character.



The event linked to the whole school topic 'Once Upon a Time' and celebrated the fantastic work the children have completed in class. Despite the cold weather, the children battled the elements and could be seen smiling as they demonstrated their 'Love for Learning'.

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Jack and the Beanstalk

As we make our way through the festive season, next Friday 15th December, the whole school (excluding nursery) will venture outside the gates of Albemarle to the New Wimbledon Theatre where they will watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Following an early lunch, the children will travel to Wimbledon. We anticipate being back at school by approximately 5pm.

The actual cost per child is £15.00, however as a festive treat, the Albemarle PTA is again subsidising the trip by reducing the cost to £10.00.

If you haven't already booked your child's place, please do so before Tuesday 12th. Adult seats will be allocated on Wednesday after 12 noon. Please note seats are limited.

PTA Say Thank You !

This year, behind the scenes the PTA have organised a range of fun packed activities and events for children and parents.

Last Friday, the Winter Fair, their biggest event so far, managed to raise just over £1,000, taking their grand total to just over £2,000.

If you would like to get involved, please come along to the next PTA meeting which will take place on the New Year on Wednesday 24th January @ 9am in the Lower School Hall.

Attendance

This week, the children have raised the roof with 3 out of 12 classes managing to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Sapphire	98.5%
Coral	97.3%
Diamond	97.3%

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

Have a great weekend.

Yours

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