



Albemarle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Head's Message

As we move towards the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful few weeks of learning, growth, and community spirit. This term, we have been introducing our new school ethos and values, centred around the 5Rs: being Responsible, Respectful, Resourceful, Reflective, and Resilient. These values are becoming a key part of daily life at our school, helping to guide the way we learn, play, and support one another.

Through assemblies and classroom discussions, children have been exploring what each of the 5Rs means in action, and we are delighted to see them celebrated during our weekly Celebration Assemblies. Alongside this, we have been putting a strong emphasis on kindness, recognising it as the foundation of all we do. Kindness links closely with our new Good to Be Green behaviour system, which encourages and rewards positive choices, perseverance, teamwork, and friendship.

We are also working with our pupils to help them understand both their rights and their responsibilities when faced with challenges, supporting them to make thoughtful and confident decisions. We are incredibly grateful to all our families for supporting us in these key areas and reinforcing these values at home. Together, we are helping our children grow into considerate, capable, and caring young people.

This month, we are also proud to be celebrating Black History Month and the wonderful diversity within our school community. Through stories, art, and learning activities, we are recognising the many cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that make our school such a vibrant and inclusive place to learn.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Mrs E. Haston

Head Teacher

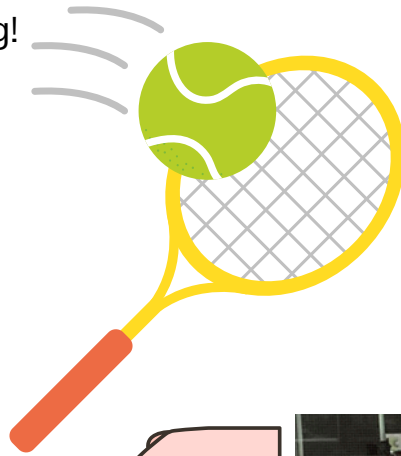


Kayden and Jade Onyemachi participated in the Kingston Athletics Club Quad Kids competition on Sunday 5th October. They both did very well. They had to do 4 events; 75m sprint, long jump, vortex throw and 600m run. Jade won bronze medal in the under 11 girls category and Kayden won Gold in the under 13 category.

Jade managed to get 3 personal bests out of the 4 events and this is her 1st individual athletics medal competing against athletes in her age group from other clubs.

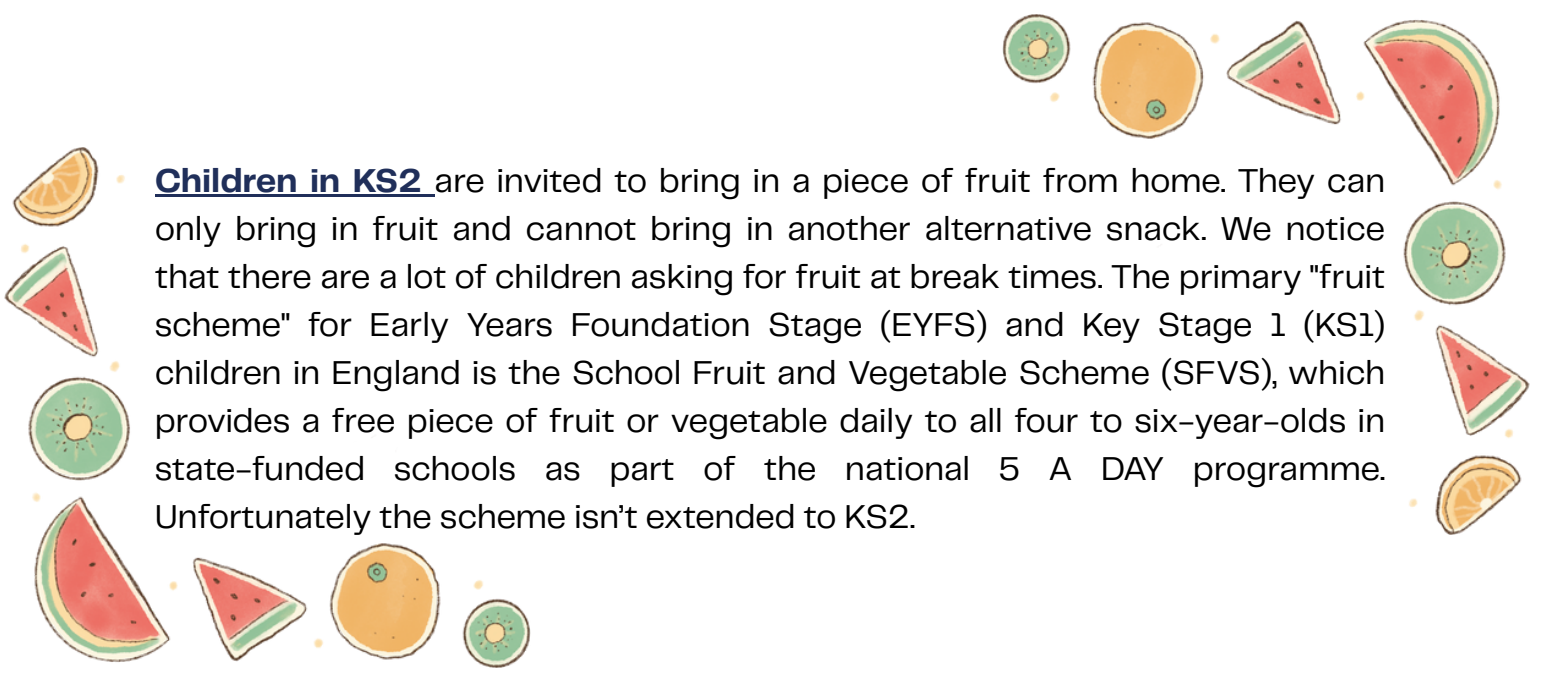
This is Kayden's 5th consecutive gold medal for this particular competition. 4 golds in the under 11 category and now 1 in the under 13.

Well done to Ripley who has been talent-spotted by a tennis coach who has worked with high-performing players, including Jack Draper, and is now having lessons with him. We look forward to following Ripley's tennis development and wish her luck with the dedication and hard-work required to play a sport at a high level. We're so proud of you Ripley- keep up the training!



Thank you so much to all the families who have contributed to the PTA fundraising. The school has recently purchased a new table for the Key Stage 2 playground to replace the one that broke last year. The table is used at playtime by children reading our playtime books and during Twinkling Stars for calm activities (see photo). Thank you to the Albemarle community for supporting PTA fundraising.





Children in KS2 are invited to bring in a piece of fruit from home. They can only bring in fruit and cannot bring in another alternative snack. We notice that there are a lot of children asking for fruit at break times. The primary "fruit scheme" for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 (KS1) children in England is the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS), which provides a free piece of fruit or vegetable daily to all four to six-year-olds in state-funded schools as part of the national 5 A DAY programme. Unfortunately the scheme isn't extended to KS2.



Congratulations to our newly elected **School Council members!** They play an important role in representing our school community, contributing to decision-making, suggesting ideas and supporting initiatives that enhance our school. They are being led this year by Mr Verney.



Dave Boraston came into say goodbye to Key Stage 2. He has left his teaching post at Albemarle to peruse touring with his band. He will be touring around England as well as some international destinations. We thank him for all his wonderful music he has brought to us over the years and we wish him all the best with his musical adventures!



Reading At Home

Reading with and to your children at home is one of the best ways that you can support your child. There is a multitude of research showing how reading at home benefits children in all subjects across the curriculum as well as benefiting their mental health. We are amazed by how much some of our children are reading, but would like all of our children to benefit from reading at home. Whatever their age, please listen to your child read aloud to you, and enjoy talking about what they have read. Remember to sign their reading record, these are checked each day in school. Reading a story aloud to your child will also support them to hear stories they might not yet be able to read, it is also a really special family time.



Reading Volunteers

We love having volunteers at Albemarle, and would welcome more reading volunteers who are able to give an hour or a few each week to hearing our children read. If you might be interested in the opportunity, or if you know a family member/friend in the community who might be, please speak to a member of the leadership team. Thank you!



The UK's largest children's story writing competition, the BBC 500 Words 2025/26, is now open for entries and we would love Albemarle children to be entering. **Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.**

Stories must be submitted by **9pm, Friday 7 November** – we strictly cannot accept any story after that point.

In February, 50 finalists will be invited to a grand final at Windsor Castle, hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. There are lots of prizes to be won.

for more information click on the link below:

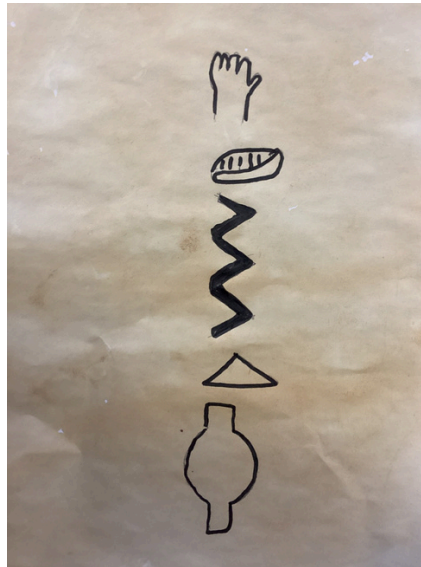
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Year 4 enjoyed an exciting and immersive History Day focused on Ancient Egypt. The day began with a virtual workshop from the British Museum, where pupils were introduced to some of the fascinating myths and stories from ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Back in the classroom, pupils brought history to life through a range of creative activities. They made their own tea-stained 'papyrus' paper and used it to write letters, imagining what it might have been like to be a scribe thousands of years ago. They also had the chance to design and create their own cartouches out of clay, carefully inscribing their names using authentic hieroglyphic symbols.

It was a day full of discovery, creativity and hands-on learning — a fantastic way to deepen their understanding of life in Ancient Egypt!



Keeping children and families safe

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. We are a supportive and compassionate community, and we want every child and family to feel safe and get the support they need. With this in mind, please do contact us without delay if:

- you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or family in the Albemarle community
- you and your family are struggling and would like support or advice - e.g. around mental health, domestic abuse, housing or homelessness, financial difficulties

You can speak to a member of the safeguarding team on the gate, arrange a meeting via the school office, or email safeguarding@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk

More information on our safeguarding policy, useful contacts, and advice if you have a concern can be found on our school website: <https://www.albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk/safeguarding>

Parenting course – families of neurodivergent children

Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs – at Albemarle or another setting? Would you like a space to learn and explore some of the challenges of parenting with others? Please find attached information about a brilliant evening course being offered locally from November, in case of interest to any of our families.

Roehampton family hub

We have attached a copy of the timetable for Roehampton family hub (and other Wandsworth children's centres). This includes a wide range of groups, clubs and sessions for parents, babies/toddlers and children – so please take a look in case something may be of interest to your family.

★ Parent & Carer Support on School Trips

We love being able to take our pupils out on trips and visits because these experiences bring learning to life. To make sure all trips can go ahead safely, we need enough adults to meet the required supervision ratios.

While we always aim to take school staff, it is not always possible to release teachers and support staff from other classes. That is why we rely on our wonderful families to volunteer and help.

If you are able to support on a trip, please let your child's class teacher know. Without sufficient adult support, unfortunately some visits may need to be cancelled.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and make these exciting opportunities possible.

THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21st October – Coral class library visit

Wednesday 22nd October – Amber Class Library Visit

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term (normal 3:15pm pick up)

Monday 3rd November – **INSET Day** (No children in school)

Tuesday 4th November – children back to school

Wednesday 5th November – Individual and sibling photos







BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Standing Firm in Power and Pride

MONDAY 20th of OCTOBER

15:30 - 17:00



The parents and teachers of
Albemarle community invite you to
celebrate the beauty of diversity and
honor the richness of Black heritage

Traditional food

Art and music

Henna

Authentic goods sale

Bake sale



Albemarle community upcoming events!!



SAVE THE DATE



**Dear Albemarle community
please find below dates of events to raise funds
for the school for AY 2025/2026**

20/10/25 Black History Fair 3:15 – 5:30

10/11/25 AGM and coffee morning at 9am in
Lower School Hall

14/11/25 Children in need (date and activity tbc)


13/12/25 Christmas fair 1-3 PM

2/3/26 Holi non-uniform day and cake sale 3:15

26/3/26 Eid Fair 3:15 (date tbc)

26/6/26 Non-uniform day to collect items for
Summer Fair

6/7/26 Summer Fair 1pm



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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association of
Southmead
Wimbledon
Wimbledon Park
Cordially invites you to attend the

International freedom
of religion or belief day.

Formal Woman's only event
in recognition of the international
UN peace day

Establishing Compassion•Humanitarian Aid
Need for Peace and Justice

Saturday 25 October 2025
venue: Ackroyden Hall
14 Montfort Pl, London SW19 6QL
Time: 2.20pm-4.30pm

Please kindly confirm attendance at
olia49@outlook.com

Refreshments will be available