Albany Primary School

Newsletter – November 2024

'Develop every child, every day in every possible way'

Firstly, my apologies for taking so long to send my first newsletter out this term. It's been an unusually busy start to the school year. I want you to know how well the children have settled in and adapted to changes required due to the building situation. Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening last week it was great to welcome everyone into school. There was a lovely atmosphere across the school. Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Howlett

Welcome

I would like to welcome all new families who have joined our school community this term. We've had a number of new pupils across the school and I've been very proud of how our pupils make the children feel welcome.

Also welcome to our new nursery and reception pupils. The children have settled well at Albany and we look forward to working with the children and families in the future.

Schools of Sanctuary

This year we are working to become a School of Sanctuary which will recognise the culture of welcome, belonging and community for families joining our school. Staff have had recent training linked to Schools of Sanctuary and also hear about the work that that the Oasis charity are involved in supporting refugees and asylum seekers in our community.

Oasis Cardiff

Outdoor learning at Albany

Children progression step three will have regular opportunities this year to learn in the outdoor environment. Already this term pupil from year six have been hiking at the Garth mountain and year five pupils are access in the forest school at Fforest Fawr.

Year 3 Victorian Experience

Children in year three have been learning about Victorians. To enhance this for children had a Victorian school experience as Saint Fagans museum. They have also recently benefited from visit from local historian Ted Richards who has talked to them about the local area in Victorian times.

Parent workshops/ Reading Cafe

As you are aware, we have started our reading cafes and some parent coffee warnings which unfortunately were paused due to the building issue.

We are excited this year to be partnering with Albany Road Baptist Church and Kate who works there will be supporting community and adult learning opportunities at Albany. These coffee mornings and afternoons are designed to find out what we hope will help our community so we can provide opportunities which are beneficial to all.

Year 5 Programming

Pupils in year 5 have enjoyed using their digital programming skills this term to create Egyptian computer games. The children worked together and creaed games that their friends in class could play.

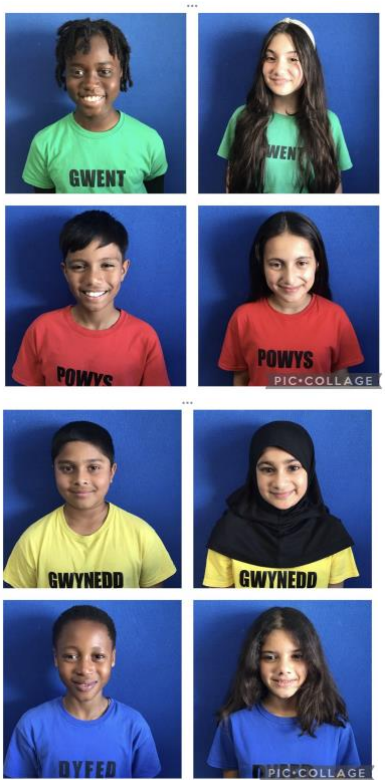
School Applications for Reception 2025 (Current Nursery Pupils)

If your child is due to start in Reception in 2025 (currently in Nursery) Cardiff Councils admissions guide is now available on the council website. Even if your child is already in Nursery you will still need to apply for full time school. School applications need to be made online and you will need an email address to complete the application. Support in making the application is available at Hubs around the city. **Applications are now open and close on 13th January 2025**

More information can be found here;
Primary school admissions

House Captains 2024-25

Pupils in year 6 applied to become House Captains and represent their peers this year. They planned speeches and were elected by pupils across year 4, 5 and 6. Congratulations to this years house captains.



INSET Days 2024-25

There are 4 remaining INSET days over the course of the year.

Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 21st February 2025
Monday 28th April 2025
Monday 21st July 2025.

School Building Update

Thank you for your support in recent weeks with the issues requiring School to close temporarily. We've had targeted repair work completed across the site and in the recent rain this has held up well but we hopeful mean no further disruption to the children's learning.

Year five and six pupils were able to continue learning at a different site and I'm very grateful to Ysgol Groes-Wen for hosting us for the week. We are still working closely with a local authority to make sure the school gets the full program work required to keep it in the best condition possible for the children's education.

Interactive Whiteboards

This week we are pleased to be upgrading all of our interactive whiteboards across the school to ensure the children have the latest technology available to them in their classrooms. Classrooms from nursery to year 6 have access to the latest technology. We have also been able to relocate some of our older screens to make use of these in extra learning spaces.

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School Visits

Year 3 – St Fagans – Victorian School Experience
Year 5 – Forest School
Year 6 – Hiking at Garth Mountain
Year 4, 5, 6 – Library visits

Visitors to school

Year 3 – Ted Richards – Local Historian
Year 5 – Tom Noaks – Identity workshops

Community Partnerships

Albany Road Baptist Church – Ongoing support including reading volunteers, new adult learning courses planned.
Vineyard Church Roath Food Co-op – Every Tuesday afternoon in the Gate Arts Centre. Providing access to affordable food for 1-2.30pm every Tuesday.
Cadwyn Housing Association – Planned project work throughout academic year
Little Live Projects – Providing music opportunities for the pupils.
Cardiff University – Student Placements