Albany Primary School

Newsletter – May 2024

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

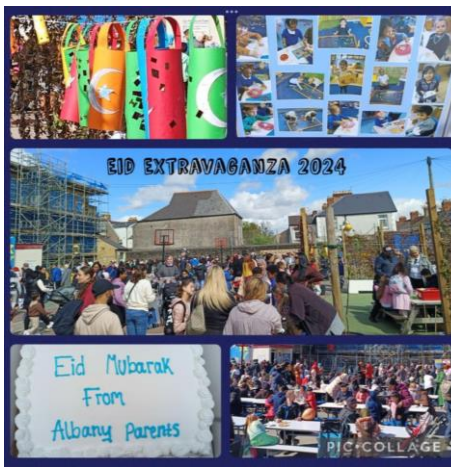
Please find a copy of our latest newsletter. As always it has been very busy at Albany and it has been great to see the children so motivated in their learning in the classroom and beyond. This newsletter gives some examples of what has been going on at Albany over the past half term.

Mr Howlett

Eid Celebrations

On April 19th we held our community Eid extravaganza. This was a wonderful event which was supported by our whole community and it was lovely to have everyone together enjoying.

We raised £983 during the event thank you to everyone for your support.



Thank you Siop Sero

We are very grateful to Siop Sero on Albany Road who have been fundraising for our Environmental Committee.

The children have been working to improve our playground and garden areas and Siop Sero have raised an amazing £300 in donations to support this.

Sports Competitions

Over the past couple of weeks pupils from progression step 3 have had the opportunity to represent the school in sports competitions.

Our school football team represented school brilliantly as part of the Willows Cluster tournament finishing the tournament unbeaten.

The children also had a very successful cricket tournament in which Albany took first and second place. This was in the Cathays Cluster tournament organised by Glamorgan Cricket club.

We are very proud of how the children played together in teams and conducted themselves throughout these competitions. Well done Albany!

Outdoor Learning

As always at Albany we work hard to provide opportunities for the children to learn in the outdoor environment. This has continued this term with children visiting the beach, the forest and exploring areas of our school site where we've introduced new resources to explore.

We are currently working on plans to be able to re-open and access our school garden next academic year.

Mental health week

As part of mental health week this year our health and happiness committee lead in assembly for all pupils in the school. This was to promote the importance of well-being. The children in the assembly had to try and keep balloons up in the air to help send positive vibes.

Thank you very much to the health and happiness committee for sharing these important messages.

Curriculum Researchers

Over the past year a group of pupils have been working with Cardiff University on behalf of Welsh government to discuss changes to the Curriculum in Wales. The children have been asked their viewpoints on the new curriculum that has been introduced over the last few years. They provided ideas and opinion about what they enjoy learning and how they would like the curriculum to develop further.

The children participated fully this process regularly speaking into a visitor meetings in the school. They were presented with certificates for their participation in assembly .

New Cameras being installed at the back of school

Please can you ensure you do not park on the zig-zag lines at the back of school.

These lines are there to make it safe for your children to cross before and after school. We are working with the council and police to enforce this to make the school safer for your children.

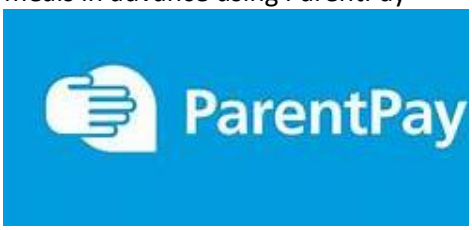
I'm also pleased to inform you that the council will be installing cameras over half term that will monitor parking on the zig-zag lines and safety at the junction.

The aim of this is to keep your children safe.

Universal Free School Meals now available Reception-Year 5 (Year 6 coming soon)

We are now able to offer pupils in Reception-Year 5 a free lunch in school which is funded by Welsh Government. ***This will be rolled out for year 6 pupils after half term.***

Please ensure you order your child's meals in advance using ParentPay



School Attendance & Punctuality

Improving school attendance is a priority area for us this year. If your child is not able to attend school please contact us on the first day of absence and let us know why your child is not able to attend.

The school is legally obliged to follow up on absences and will be calling to follow up any absences.

Currently our overall school attendance has improved slightly and is 91.1%. This is still significantly below where we would like it to be and also our pre-pandemic level of 94%.

School Visits

Reception – Barry Island, Castell Coch
Year 1 – Visit to Leisure centre, Walnut Tree Farm, Caerphilly Mountain.
Year 3 – Plantasia
Year 4 – Penylan Library
Year 5 – Penylan Library
Year 6 - Cathays High School transition visit, Penylan Library

Visitors to school

Kinetic Theatre workshops across the school
Eco schools team visited Environmental committee.
Rocksteady Music School workshop
Year 3 Parent microbit coding workshop.
Year 2 & 5 – Fire service visit
Staff training- Prevent team – Cardiff Council. Dyslexia Friendly Schools.

Community Partnerships

Albany Road Baptist Church – Reading volunteers.
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.
Little Live Projects – Providing music opportunities for the pupils – Year 2 and 3
Urban Crofters Church – Flourish Transition Project for Year 6 (Spring term)
Cadwyn Housing /Kestral Construction– Working to re-open school garden by building shelter.

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