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WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd February, children celebrated 'World Book Day' 2023. The day is designed to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child the opportunity to have a book of their own. At Alveley Primary, children were encouraged to come dressed in comfortable clothes, such as pyjamas, that allowed them to feel relaxed for the day ahead of learning and reading. There was a lovely atmosphere in school as children participated in a number of activities, looking at authors and discussing their favourite stories. During the afternoon, children had time to sit with their peers discussing books and the older years took time to sit with children from Ash and Beech class to read stories and fairytales. We enjoy promoting relationships throughout the school years creating a link through reading from EYFS all the way through to those in Oak Class whose engagement prompts further inspiration and guidance. A great day was had by all for our 'World Book Day' 2023!







COMIC RELIEF

On Friday 17th March, children at Alveley Primary celebrated Comic Relief 2023 alongside other schools up and down the country. Comic Relief helps to support those struggling in crisis through organisations and focuses on measures of prevention. Children at Alveley brought in their own donations for wearing an item of red for the day, a prominent colour associated with Comic Relief. During the afternoon, all children split into their house groups with a focus on the theme of Comic Relief 2023, The Mr and Mrs Men. Children linked this back to their mental heath awareness day and created their

own Mr and Mrs Men that reflected emotions.







SCHOOL TRIPS



EYFS

On Tuesday 7th March, Ash and Beech class visited Scotty's Donkeys at Apley Farm. Whilst there, the children were encouraged to help with the feeding of some of the animals. The children were given the opportunity to feed goats, alpacas, pigs, chickens, deer and cows. It was a great experience and the children were able to see the baby animals, with the exciting chance to give the lambs their morning milk! They finished with time with the guinea pigs and rabbits and a play in the play area. The children and animals were all on their best behaviour for a great day out!

CEDAR

On Monday 6th March, Cedar Class visited The Exotic Zoo in Telford to look at animals from the world with a link to their topic 'Around The World'. The children were shown five different animals from Africa and it was explained why they were suited to their habitat. Cedar got to touch some of the animals, making sure to be quiet so as to not spook them. The class explored the Zoo, looking at the different areas and meeting lots of different animals from across the world. They really enjoyed going into the rabbit enclosure and petting all of the rabbits!

To finish our trip, Cedar class adopted a meerkat as they loved how they ran around the enclosure!

Everyone showed impeccable manners throughout the day!



ELM



Elm Class had an amazing trip to Cadbury World on Monday 6th March. The children wrote acrostic poems about chocolate before learning more about John Cadbury and his family's dedication to chocolate and the village of Bourneville. Elm went on a tour of the factory leaning all about the journey from manufacture to advertising through to the purchasing of chocolate.

The class experienced the 4D cinema and tasting melted chocolate, which they were able to add their favourite sweet selection to.

An incredible day with everyone showing exceptional manners and an inquisitive approach to everything they were shown.



CLASS WORKSHOPS

On Monday 20th March, Oak class had their class workshops with their adults to show elements of their learning through an activity they were able to produce during the afternoon. The children designed and created their own 'steady hand'/buzzer game using a circuit of wires, crocodile clips and battery. They all created a backdrop themed around their topic of 'Extreme Earth' and Space.

On Wednesday 29th March, Elm children celebrated their learning through a class workshop all around their topic of 'Chocolate'. Children worked with their parents to create their own fruits tarts using fruits from tropical and temperate climates, which were then drizzled with a topping of chocolate. There was a taste testing exercise using a white, milk and dark chocolate, where adults and children were asked to decide which chocolate would be fairtrade. It was a great afternoon and a really lovely way for the children to show their learning, especially through the research they have discovered.

Thank you to all of those who attended the class workshops, helping to promote the children's understanding of their topics and allowing them to demonstrate their learning and expertise. It has been incredible to see so many families attending.

<u>CLASS ASSEMBLIES</u>





This month, we have been lucky enough to have classes performing their assemblies, showing off elements of their learning to their adults and the school.

On Wednesday 15th March, EYFS performed their assembly linked to the their topic of 'Spring'. They spoke about their recent visit to Apley Farm, where they saw lots of animals with the opportunity to feed some of the lambs. The children were very proud to show everything they have learnt during their topic.

Cedar Class created and performed their own assembly on Wednesday 22nd March, with an array of different activities to demonstrate their learning for their topic 'Around the World'. Children read their non-chronological reports about Antarctica as well as showing their amazing dance routine to the music of 'The Lion King' that they had learnt with Miss Evans. Children and staff have worked incredibly hard to put together such amazing assemblies!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all that have joined us for the class workshops and class assemblies. The children have really enjoyed showing their progress through the workshops and performing to everyone that has attended the assemblies.



OPEN THE BOOK



On Wednesday 1st March, we were grateful for an assembly presented by our amazing 'Open the Book' Team. Their captivating story telling had everyone enthralled listening to the tale of Jesus breaking the bread and sharing around among the community. We are grateful gor the ongoing visits from the 'Open the Book' team and looking forward to seeing them again soon.

TERRIFIC TENNIS



On Thursday 2nd March, a small group of Alveley's KS2 children were invited to practise their tennis skills alongside other schools at Bridgnorth Endowed School. The children had a great afternoon learning new game play and tennis skills from the brilliant coaches of Bridgnorth Tennis Club. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet and pair up with other school children, where it was encouraged for all to participate and enjoy the activities.

By the end of the afternoon, all children received a certificate of attendance for the tennis activities. Alveley Primary were awarded an additional certificate of 'Passion'. This was awarded because of the dedication all of our players showed and their resilience to continue.



FOAS EASTER EGG HUNT

On Thursday 30th March, all Alveley children participated in a Spring Hunt around the village. The children had to find clues that would eventually give them the answer to an Easter joke, culminating in a finish at 'The Old Chapel'. We would like to say a huge thank you to the FOAS Volunteers who were waiting at 'The Old Chapel' with refreshments for all of the children, as well as providing an Easter Egg. The children had a great time and were so happy to have each found an Easter egg-thank you!

BRONZE AMBASSADORS

Ben Benett (school games co-ordinator) has been in Alveley every Wednesday this half term doing PE with Cedar and Elm class. He has also worked closely with our year 6 sport ambassadors to train them up so they could compete their first leadership event within school, they did a range of multi-sport skills Cedar class. Mr Benett will be with us during the Summer Term supporting other classes with their PE sessions.



PERFORMANCES

Children from Oak Class have been lucky enough to watch performances of 'Let's Rock' or 'Legally Blonde' performed by the Secondary school students of Endowed School or Oldbury Wells. Alveley children all had a great time and were not only entertained but inspired by the incredible performances they watched. We are so grateful to have been invited to experience the acting of the students, showing great bravery and resilience to stand on stage, qualities we are always looking to promote within Alveley Primary.



*All children pictured from the different schools were permitted to have their photo shared.



GOOD LUCK WISHES AND FAREWELL TO MISS COLEMAN



This half term sees us saying a fond farewell to Miss Coleman. Her ongoing commitment, compassion and support for all the children has been acknowledged and appreciated by pupils, parents and staff alike. We thank her for her devotion and dedication to the education and learning of all children that have passed through Alveley Primary within her six years at the school. She has been a huge asset to our school community and she will be greatly missed. We wish Miss Coleman the very best wishes in her future role as Headteacher.

A message from Miss Coleman:

"It has been an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to be part of a place as special as Alveley Primary School. I cannot thank you all enough for for the most wonderful six years, where I have had the opportunity to build relationships and support all of the beautiful children, work alongside the most dedicated team of staff and within such a fantastic community. I am so grateful for the ongoing support over the past six years and overwhelmed by your kindness and good wishes. I'd like to take the opportunity to wish each and every Alveley family all the very best for the future.



SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES







Term Dates 2022/2023

Spring Term 2023

Easter Break

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts

Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles

Monday 8th May

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Term Starts

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July

PD Day

Monday 24th July

PD Day

Tuesday 25th July