

ALVELEY NEWS

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OAK'S PLANETARIUM EXPERIENCE

On Friday 17th February, Oak Class had a brilliant day exploring space in an immersive planetarium experience, where they were presented with entertaining and educational information all about astronomy, the wider exploration of space and the night sky. All children were invited into the dome where 'space' as a wider topic was discussed through videos where special projectors create a simulation of the night sky on the dome ceiling. Oak discussed the planets and each of their compositions, whilst debating whether they believed there was other life forms and if so, where would be best suited for life as we know it to survive.



MINDFULNESS AFTERNOON



On Friday 10th February, Alveley Primary celebrated and encouraged conversations around mindfulness and mental health with it being Mental Health Awareness Week.

Mental Health Awareness Week sets out to promote talking and challenging the silences between individuals to remove the taboo that people may face in difficult situations. During the afternoon, the whole school enjoyed activities aimed to calm; paying attention to the present moment by doing yoga, making personal connections, mindfulness art, sensory exploration and a mindful game of bingo.



SAFER INTERNET DAY



Safer
Internet
Day 2023 | Tuesday
7 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



On Tuesday 7th February, it was Safer Internet Day- a day to promote safer and more responsible use of technology. Alveley Primary School spent the afternoon celebrating and learning the responsible use of the Internet environment and wider technology use within our everyday lives. In an ever-changing world where technology is considered so easy to access, all children looked at the benefits and risks associated with this. Cedar Class discussed online safety and created posters that represented the risks they had looked at. Elm Class had talk groups looking at the benefits of being able to find information so easily with Internet use and also keeping connected with family and friends. They also discussed the issues that may arise from Internet use with outside sources posing risks. The children thought carefully about this and acted out roleplays of specific scenarios that they may encounter and how best to deal with them. Oak Class watched videos in class that explained all of the potential risks that may arise from Internet use. In small groups, the class then considered who they could display their ideas in a Powerpoint presentation. Each class presented their ideas to the school in Mr Vaughan's assembly all about Internet Safety Day.



GIRLS FOOTBALL



Our fabulous girls football team showed a real passion for the sport they love when they took part in a tournament at Bridgnorth Endowed School, alongside other primary schools. The team played a number of matches during the afternoon of football, showing great teamwork, commitment and support for each other. The girls came in fourth place during their afternoon of matches. We are so proud of them for competing and representing Alveley Primary- Well done Girls!

AUTHOR'S VISIT



At the end of January, Oak Class were lucky enough to have a visit from author, Jack Meggitt- Phillips, the author of the book 'The Beast and The Bethany'. Meggitt- Phillips is an author who is part of the Bookfest team and has provided lots of inspiration for the children's own ideas. He explained to the children what it is to be an author and scriptwriter and how he was able to create his popular stories. His incredible story telling technique had all of the children mesmerised and enthralled, whilst his sense of humour was reflected in the atmosphere seen around the room. The children were inspired to try their own writing using the techniques Meggitt-Phillips had discussed with them. We thank him for his visit and for inspiring a new group of fantastic writers!

FOREST SCHOOL



In Forest School, children have been learning about how to appreciate and explore the outside environment with respect for their surroundings. Cedar and Oak class have been enjoying some time to bird watch using camouflaged nets as bird hides. They have enjoyed witnessing the movement of birds around the school site and being mindful of their habitat. Elm Class have explored Forest School with Mrs Price, discussing the rules we must follow and taking time out to enjoy nature and creating in their own free space.

PLANTING PLANTERS



Children have been helping Mr Bates plant the planters ready for the year ahead. He explained the importance of planting certain flowers at specific times of year and why we should keep them hydrated once newly planted. Children helped to plant a heather in each of the wooden planting beds and then helped to plant pansies to add colour to the outside of our school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bates for all of his support and cannot wait to see the flowers bloom later in the year. Mr Bates will be returning to plant vegetables with all of the children at a later date. We cannot wait to see the results of the children's efforts when the flowers bloom soon.

Friends Of Alveley School

VALENTINES DISCO



On Thursday 16th February, children enjoyed an evening of fun, dancing and celebrating love at Alveley Primary's 'Valentines Disco', hosted by our fabulous FOAS Team. On arrival, children were greeted by a real party atmosphere as popular tunes were played by our now famous resident DJ, Kyle.

Children found their competitive sides during a dance off between girls and boys teams to compete for who were the better dancers- A challenge enjoyed by all!

There was a lucky dip where exciting prizes could be won and a glitter tattoo stall that was incredibly popular with everyone. Thank you to our amazing FOAS team for another amazing event! The disco raised a fantastic grand total of £533!



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!



We have been offered an exciting opportunity to have individual or group music lessons held within school by Shropshire Music Service. The sessions will be held during the Summer Term within school hours with the potential for children to learn a new instrument. The Shropshire Music Service are wishing for those interested to contact them directly through the link provided:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NaWo_uTyXC59HgFKaidsc9LxURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWIQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUSQIQCN0PWcu

Once Shropshire Music Service have gauged enough potential interest, they will confirm future plans for individual or groups lessons moving forward.

Alongside this we are also looking forward to Shropshire Music Service offering whole class music lessons which will be a great opportunity for all children to explore music using instruments.

Term Dates 2022/2023

Spring Term 2023

PD Day Tuesday 3rd January

Term Starts Wednesday

4th January - Friday 17th February

Half Term

Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Term Starts

Monday 27th February - Friday 31st March

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 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

Autumn Term Events Dates For your Diary

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

Mon 6th March Cedar Class Exotic zoo trip

Mon 6th March Elm Class Cadbury World

Tues 7th March EYFS Trip Apley Farm

Wed 8th March EYFS Families for lunch

Tues 14th March Cedar Families for lunch

Wed 15th March EYFS Class Assembly

Mon 20th March Oak Families for lunch
Oak Class Parent Workshop

Wed 22nd March Cedar Class Assembly

Wed 29th March Elm Families for lunch
Elm Class Workshop

