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Spotted being "TERRIFIC!"

Our Terrific Awards were presented this week to:-

- ❖ Catherine Hibberd in Class 1 who was spotted showing "EXCELLENCE in all presentation skills."
- ❖ Tom Combes in Class 2 and Noah Boodhun and Edith Kiely in Class 3 who were all spotted being "EXCELLENT as ambassadors for Albury in the football tournament."
- ❖ Haydn Eldridge in Class 3 who was spotted being "INVOLVED. He made an important contribution during the Year 5 mini-enterprise project."

Well done to all our Terrific Award winners!

May Day Bank Holiday

Please note that Monday next week (1st May) is a public bank holiday. The school will be closed on this day.

Class 2 Drama Showcase – Tuesday 2nd May at 3 pm

Parents, particularly those with children in Class 2 (Years 3 & 4), are invited to come along to see the children showcase their drama skills that have recently learnt with Ali Latchford from Starlight Stars. The children will be performing a short production of Matilda in the school hall at 3 pm. Please come along to watch if you can.

Football Festivals

On Thursday and Friday of last week, a total of 20 children from KS2 took part in some football competitions run by Premier Sports Development (PSD). There were 3 events held at Howe Green School (Yr 3/4, Yr 5/6 and Yr 5/6 girls) and all of the children were excellent ambassadors for the school. The standard of football in all of the tournaments was very high and there were some superb players on display.

In the Year 3/4 tournament, Arthur, William, Rafferty, Zack, Barnaby, Spike and Tom played really well and we were very competitive. Overall, we scored 10 goals and only conceded 6; winning 2 games and narrowly being defeated in 3 (2 of those teams contested the final). We are really looking forward to seeing how this team develops over the next couple of years - very well done everybody.

In the Year 5/6 tournament, Illinca, Barnaby, Haydn, Noah, Matthew, Saul and Kyle showed a fantastic work ethic and team spirit in a particularly tough group. We scored 2 excellent goals, one with a back-heeled assist from Noah and the other an excellent headed goal by Barnaby. The team also showed some really positive passages of play, keeping possession for sustained periods and were unfortunate to lose in a couple of matches by one goal. A really good effort - very well done!

Finally, Illinca, Edith, Lola, Millie, Lauren, Annabel and Chloe took part in the girls' tournament. We were really competitive against the other schools, winning 1 of our 4 matches and narrowly losing the others. Millie scored 2 excellent goals which followed some lovely passing movements. Special mentions must go to Edith, who was fantastic throughout and to Illinca, who won the PSD trophy for goalkeeper of the tournament. It was really pleasing to see the girls compete and use their knowledge of team sports in a less familiar sport to them.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped with transport. We are really looking forward to see how we continue to develop PE in the coming years as we join other sports leagues and compete more regularly.

PSD Morning & After School Sports Clubs

A reminder that the PSD Tuesday morning football club will re-commence on Tuesday next week; the Monday morning and after school clubs will start the following week on Monday 8th May.

Lunchtime Sports Clubs with PSD

Please note that the KS2 lunchtime sport clubs on Thursdays and Fridays will be concentrating on cricket coaching for this term rather than football and multi-sports. We have recently joined a cricket league and this will be the ideal opportunity for the children to receive some extra training. Our cricket team will be made up of 4 boys and 4 girls, so it would be great if our KS2 girls sign up for these clubs. If your child would like to participate in a lunchtime club, please make sure you have made the necessary payment on the SchoolMoney system.

Pamper Evening

Our Pamper Evening on Friday went very well; ladies relaxed and had some time to themselves to be pampered and de-stress. Beautiful smelling candles and a lovely ambience added to the evening. Thanks go to the beauticians who provided the pampering and to the ladies who ran stalls selling a range of beautiful treats. A special mention to Tessa Combes who brought along her amazing homebrewed probiotic health drinks: green tea Kombucha and Water Kefir, both excellent for general wellbeing and to Jane Bell, who was offering Reiki sessions, with all proceeds being very generously donated to the Friends of Albury School. Reiki is a Japanese technique used to de-stress and promote relaxation. If you would like to book a Reiki session with Jane, please speak to her when she's at the school or give her a call on 07796 954406.

Year 2 Dance Workshop at Birchwood High School

Yesterday afternoon, the children in Year 2 took part in a dance workshop. They were given the song Beauty & the Beast to perform, being taught by some Birchwood Year 9 dance students. The girls took the part of Beauty and the boys were the Beast. They all put in a lot of effort to be ready to perform to the parents after only an hour or so of rehearsal. The students also led some dancing to break up the rehearsal and we were shown some awesome 'move' on the dance floor! All the children were fantastic and enjoyed a brilliant afternoon.

Forthcoming Friends Events

It was a short but productive meeting of the Friends of Albury School on Tuesday evening. Here are some dates to put in your diaries now. All events will be advertised nearer the time, so please keep your eye on the notice board!

- Friday 28th April – 3.15 pm – Candle Stall. (£5 or £10 each)
- Friday 12th May – 3.15 to 5 pm – Bingo Night. (£3 per child to include a hot dog and soft drink).
- Saturday 20th May – 7 pm – Quiz & Curry Night. (£10 per person to include quiz and curry – tickets on sale now via the SchoolMoney system or school office).
- Wednesday 24th May – 8 – 8.40 am – Big Breakfast. (£3 per person) Please note that parents must stay to enjoy a tasty breakfast with their child.
- Thursday 15th June – Sponsored Run – TBC.
- Sunday 25th June – Summer Fete.

Sainsbury's Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Kids vouchers. Please make sure these are brought into school as soon as possible and put in the collection box in the entrance lobby ready for counting. Thank you!

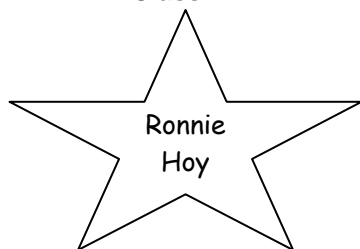
New Legislation – For your information

As of 1st March 2017, the law regarding child seats has changed restricting the use of cushion booster seats to older children only. The change in regulation means that any child under 125 cm (4'1") tall and less than 22 kg (3.5 stone) in weight must use a child seat with a back instead of a backless booster cushion. Children must continue to use an appropriate child seat until they are either 135 cm (4'4") tall or 12 years old. Backless car seats offer far less protection in the event of a collision, particularly in the event of a side-on crash. Anyone caught not using an appropriate child seat for their car will be faced with a fine of £100.

Stars of the Week

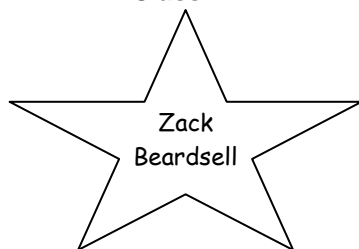
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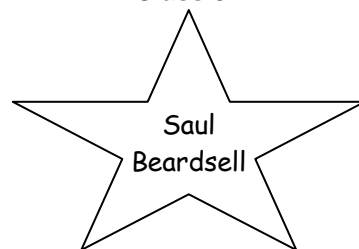
For good independent work in ICT.

Class 2



For excellent presentation of his work.

Class 3



For showing good understanding of place value.

Well done to all our Stars!

Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2017 – PLEASE CHECK DATES WEEKLY FOR ANY ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

APRIL 2017	
Friday 28 th April	Year 6 visit to Queen Mary University Genetics Department.
Friday 28 th April	3.15 – Candle Stall – Friends’ event.
MAY 2017	
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 2 nd May	3 pm – Class 2 (short) performance of Matilda. Parents are welcome to watch.
w/c 8 th May	SATs week.
Wednesday 10 th May	3.15 pm – Year 5 Mini-enterprise scheme sale.
Thursday 11 th May	Year 3 & 4 visit to Hatfield Forest.
Friday 12 th May	Year 1 & 2 visit to Hatfield Forest – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
Friday 12 th May	3.15 – 5 pm – Bingo Night – Friends’ event.
Wednesday 17 th May	2.45 pm – Church assembly with Rev Steve – ALL WELCOME.
Thursday 18 th May	9.45 am – Year 6 Crucial Crew.
Friday 19 th May	Pre-school & EYFS visit to Hatfield Forest - **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
Saturday 20 th May	7 pm – Quiz & Curry Night – Friends’ fundraising event.
Wednesday 24 th May	8 am – Big Breakfast - Friends’ event.
Thursday 25 th May	Year 5 & 6 visit to Hatfield Forest.
Friday 26 th May	2 pm – School finishes for the half term holiday.