



# Pupils' Eye



## FOND FAREWELLS

There is a mixture of emotions as we approach the end of the school year. Whilst everyone is excited about the summer holiday and the Year Six pupils are very pleased to have received their SATs results, there is still a tinge of sadness at having to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 pupils.

Mrs Maskell and Mr Howard are very proud of these children. Mr Howard mentioned, "All of the Year 6 children worked extremely hard throughout the year and it came as no surprise when they achieved such excellent results. We are all very proud of their achievements!" Florence added, "I'm relieved the SATs are over because I got really

nervous and I'm sure I made at least three silly mistakes in each test".

The Y6 leavers were happy to be invited to a party at Ralph's house to celebrate. Everybody enjoyed it. They all had a big water fight first with buckets of water and guns, getting them all drenched. Water fun continued as they enjoyed a "splashing time" in the swimming pool.

The Year Sixes all received a special hoodie as a memento of their time here. Each have been especially printed in their choice of colour, with their names and the Albury sign on the front.

They have also made their own page of information about themselves for a leavers' booklet. Inside it there will be a picture of everyone on their first day at school. On



the last day, the Year Sixes are going to bring their Albury Primary School polo shirts and get them signed by everyone in the school.

We are also saying goodbye to Miles who is starting at the college in September.

Now the children are very sad to be leaving but are ready for their adventure ahead.

By Bethany and Florence

## GOODBYE MISS SMITH

It is sad enough that all of our Year Sixes are leaving, but it is even sadder when we have a much-loved member of staff leaving as well.

This year we are sad to say that Miss Smith is going to be leaving to go and teach at a school in

Braintree called Edith Borthwick School. The whole of Albury will be sad to see Miss Smith go but we will be happy to have known her. Miss Smith was a credit to our school and it won't be the same without her but every one is happy for her as well. She has worked very hard and has taught a number of children in such a short time.

The whole school will miss Miss Smith, but we will remember the good and



bad times that we shared with her. She is extremely popular with the children because of her P.E lessons and her exciting lessons in class. Noah commented, "I really enjoyed having Miss Smith

as a teacher and I will miss her."

We have been on many amazing P.E trips with her and although we have not succeeded in winning **ANY** of them she has given us the confidence to have a growth mindset and carry on trying.

We all wish her the best of luck for the future.

By Frances and Rebecca



## HEATWAVE

Summer finally arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July, as a heatwave hit the country with temperatures hotter than Portugal. The roads started to melt and the pools started to fill.

Throughout the day the temperature rose by many degrees until eventually it peaked at 33 degrees, - hotter than Spain and the Canary Islands. But soon the roads started to melt and the tarmac was ripped from the surface of the road. Schools across the country improvised by installing fans

and opening windows, but that still wasn't enough as the temperature rose.



In the afternoon after a hard morning's work, the children of Class Three were taken to the

Dole Field to fire water rockets (and get covered with water) to cool everyone down.

Children have also been coming into school extremely tired, caused by hot and sleepless nights. Anna commented that the extremely hot weather made her feel like she was in South Africa.

All the children hope that the sun will continue to shine throughout the summer holidays!

By Cecilia and George

## CRAZY CAMP NIGHT

On the evening of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 28 children from KS2 participated in a camp night at school.

The evening began at 5pm when some children in Class 2 and 3 put up tents, with the help of their parents. (Kyle's colossal tent took hours to put up!) Mr Howard lit a camp fire and after an hour cooked dinner on the BBQ. The children had a choice of sausages, hamburgers, hotdogs or jacket potatoes. After eating they played football and then told scary stories round the campfire. Mrs Maskell and Mr Howard helped them to toast marshmallows. Unfortunately, Frances got a sticky, melted marshmallow stuck in her hair. "It was very gooey and hot!" she said. "Luckily, Ilinca had a comb that I used to brush it out!"

The children enjoyed spending the evening together. Some played a game of silent ball, others had a football match on the field, while Mr Howard played music on his phone and everybody started dancing. Later, they had hot chocolate and cookies and they sat around the campfire once more. Finally, at 11pm the happy campers started to go to bed and settled down to sleep around midnight.

In the morning the children were woken by the dawn chorus (a lot earlier than normal) and after breakfast, parents arrived later to dismantle the tents and take the children home.

The children loved the whole experience, although some found it exhausting. Fynn exclaimed, "I had to go to sleep when I got home because everyone was making weird noises during the night!" The camp night was a huge success, with both the children and teachers having a great time. Mrs Maskell commented, "We did not have anything like the drama and excitement of last year; there was no storm or any thunder and lightning. It was all rather peaceful actually!"



The happy campers the morning after.

The children thank Mrs Maskell and Mr Howard for arranging the camp night and look forward to doing one again next year.

By Ilinca, Callum K and Mason



## SPORTS DAY STARS

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Widford School came to compete against Albury School for Sports Day. Everybody went up to Albury School's Dole Field.

First everyone went up to the Dole Field; both schools were put into groups of five or six. It was ages 2-11 (for both schools). There were 12 different activities such as: Speed Bounce, Shoot Out, Long Jump, Bean Bag Throwing, over and Under, Obstacle Course, Javelin, Skipping, Ball Drop, Hop Skip Jump and 2 pit stops. Every race was timed or counted by somebody that wasn't in their team.

Whilst both of the schools were doing the activities it was lovely and sunny. But unfortunately, the big, black clouds came over and gave a taste of "British Summer Time"! There followed torrential downpours and freezing cold, biting winds. Luckily the activities were almost over and the decision was made to try to finish the events. Everybody helped to collect all of the equipment and then ran for shelter in the school hall.



A snapshot of Sports Day

When all of the teachers were adding up the scores, the friends of the school handed out ice-pops to Albury School and Widford School. They added up all the scores and told everybody the scores. Mr Howard said, "The winners are.....ALBURY SCHOOL!!" Albury won by over 1000 points: HOORAY!

Even though the weather wasn't great everybody had a really great day and really enjoyed it.

By Edith  
and Edi

## SUPER SHOWCASE

KS2 have been working on their production to mark the end of the year.

Over the past month Mrs Maskell, Mrs Pettitt and KS2 have been working their socks off to prepare for the big day. Mrs Maskell has made sure that the props and costumes are in place and that all the pupils have learnt their lines and are 100% ready. Although everybody is very excited they can't get rid of the sad feeling that this will be Florence, Sofia, Cecilia, Bella, Lizzie, Ralph, Bethany, Filip, Anna and George's last primary school show.

Because the Years 6 pupils are leaving, KS2 are doing a farewell

production to say goodbye to the leavers. This year the children will be performing: "Do You Remember The First Time?". As the Year 6 children are the stars of the show, most of them are taking on the main parts. The main action revolves around a waiting room where there are four interviewees who chat about their time at primary school and all of the funny things



The candidates nervously await their interviews.

that happen.

Mrs Maskell said that she was very pleased with the show. "Everyone learned their lines brilliantly; the singing was wonderful too. The show was a superb way to finish off the school year!"

KS2 performed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and both of their performances went really well. The cast members were all quite nervous about the evening performance, as it was in front of a rather big audience at 7 'o' clock. We are all very sad to see the Year Sixes go but we are happy for them and excited to see what lies ahead in their future.

We hope that everyone enjoyed it and we hope to see you there next time.

By Rebecca and Frances



## TREMENDOUS TRANSITION

On the 14th July Albury school had a transition day and this meant that the children tried out new classrooms and schools.

The children in Year 6 had a day in their new secondary schools. Cecilia, Florence and Sofia had already paid a visit to Hockerill Anglo European College, while Ralph had previously tried out at Haileybury College, so these children had to come to school as usual. Ralph mentioned, "At Haileybury we were able to go swimming, where our teachers taught us how to dive, afterwards we had the biggest BBQ ever. There was a whole variety of foods then we went to one of the house dormitories!"

Bella, Anna and Bethany all visited Hertfordshire and Essex Science College and loved it. The Bishop's

Stortford High School was proud to welcome George and Phillip to their new school and again they loved it, whilst Lizzie had a taster of life at Leventhorpe.

The current Year 5 pupils became Year Sixes for a day and moved into what is now Class 1. When they come back in September they will have new facilities to use in their brand new classroom, as major refurbishment is due to take place over the summer holiday. As well as a new lick of paint, each class is having a brand new T.V/whiteboard. All of the staff, especially Mrs Maskell, will need to receive training on how to use this new tech! EYFS are also going to have an interactive whiteboard that can turn into an easy-access table that the children can play with.

Good luck to everyone who is moving on!

By Bella and Lizzie

## CRICKET COMPETITION

On the 29<sup>th</sup> June ten children were selected to go to a cricket tournament. Albury was one of the seven schools chosen to compete.

The children chosen to compete were Bella, Ralph, Anna, Fynn, Sofia, Cecilia, Florence, Noah, George and Filip.

In the tournament there was a mini-game that could be played whilst waiting for the next match; it was called the 'bowl off'. In this game, children had to try to hit the stumps by doing an over-arm throw. If you succeeded in this you would advance to the final, which Cecilia did. The prize would be a cricket bat signed by all the England cricket legends. Unfortunately Cecilia did not win the bowl-off but she still did very well and was a good representative of Albury.

During the main matches, our teams played well. Bella commented, "I thought that everyone tried their very best and made a great effort. Sadly, we lost every match, but that did not bring us down we carried on."

The eventual winners of the tournament were Summer-croft; they won medals and a trophy.

Everybody enjoyed the competition and hope to do better next time.

By Ralph and Sofia

## SCIENCE DAY

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, Albury School participated in a science day with Mrs Ranade from Fab Science.

Years 4 - 6 were up first. They were astonished to discover that everyone is actually carrying an elephant's weight of air on top of their heads! Next, Mrs Ranade demonstrated an experiment using a boiled egg and a milk bottle. She boiled some water in a bottle and then placed a peeled boiled

egg on top of it. The children watched as the egg was sucked into the bottle as the water cooled. This was caused by the air pressure outside pushing the egg in.

After that, Mrs Ranade heated water in a tin can and she had cold water to hand. When the steam came out she quickly put the can of hot water into the cold water and the can compressed. Another experiment involved making balloon kebabs. Mrs Ranade showed is

how to make a balloon without popping it.

Finally, they did a water rocket which shot up into the sky, unfortunately getting stuck in a tree. Frances said, "The science day was really cool and my favourite part was the balloon kebabs."

The children were astounded by all of the great science activities with Mrs Ranade and hope to do it again.

By Fynn and Noah