



# Pupils' Eye



## CHICKEN POX STRIKES

There has recently been a bout of chicken pox here at Albury Primary School, with many children being struck down over the Easter Holidays.

It is a regular occurrence for children to become poorly, suffering from common illnesses, ranging from a cough and a cold to perhaps an upset tummy. However, recently quite a few have been victims of a disease that is slightly more serious: chicken pox! Chickenpox is a common

childhood illness that most children catch at some point. It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn in-



to fluid-filled blisters. They then crust over to form scabs, which eventually drop off. Some children have only a few spots, but in others they can cover the entire body.

The spots are most likely to appear on the face, ears and scalp, under the arms, on the chest and belly and on the arms and legs. It is a little known fact is that children usually catch chickenpox in winter and spring, particularly between March and May.

The first child to develop symptoms of the disease was Sam Maskell in EYFS, waking up one morning covered in spots. Many others were soon afflicted, as this highly contagious disease spread. Abbygale, Arthur, Millie and Miles all developed chicken pox during the Easter Holiday. So instead of

getting out and about and having fun with their friends and families, these poor children had to be quarantined; mostly staying indoors and trying not to scratch too much.

The worst of the epidemic now appears to be over and all of the children are happily back at school, with only traces of the spots visible. We wish them a continued recovery and hope that they are totally spot-free very soon.

SEE ALSO OUR SATS REPORT (below) TO SEE HOW THESE TESTS WERE AFFECTED BY CHICKEN POX!



## SCARY SATS!

Recently, most of the Y6 have had to face the dreaded SATS.

They had to brave revolting reading comprehensions, perilous punctuation, spelling and gruesome grammar and murderous maths.

The year sixes were pushed to the limit to beat these formidable tests. All but one Y6 have faced SATS as Cole Reeves Mitchell was struck down by the dreaded chicken pox and was simple too poorly to

take part.

A relieved Jake said, "I thought some of the tests were hard and other bits were easy. Throughout the tests I think I did well."

The Y6 were treated like royalty with fresh fruit every morning, extra breaks, and affection from all the staff. Kiera and Louis even braved the level six reading comprehension *and* punctuation, spelling and grammar. But Louis walked alone with level six maths.

Mrs Maskell was heard to say, " All of my year six pupils have worked exceptionally hard throughout this year and have made superb pro-

gress. They have all tried their best and hope that they achieve the success that they thoroughly deserve."



Happy Y6 - proud to defeat SATS

Luckily all three Y6 made it through alive but Cole still has it all to come. Mrs Maskell is very proud with all her Y6. But Good Luck Cole!



## FARM TO FORK

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April the children from Albury School visited the local Tesco store to discover more about where food comes from.

Twenty-one pupils visited the store in Bishops Stortford. The children were treated to a visit to the bakery department where they were able to make and cook bread. Wearing a traditional baker's outfit and learning the importance of clean hands whilst cooking.



Next the children became fishmongers. The first task they were given was to wash and clean a fish

before gutting it and taking its head off. Comments like "this is disgusting you can see it insides".

The next task was to make pizzas. The pupils loved this and could not believe how many toppings were available. Unfortunately they preferred to eat the toppings before they put them on the pizza. After cooking the completed pizza they were able to eat it.

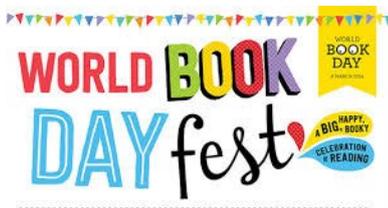
Miss Hodge, the teacher, commented, "At Albury Primary School, we are advocates of experiential learning, believing that children learn best from exciting first hand experiences, Over the past few weeks we have been following the children's interest in animals from the farm and things that grow, This lead to the idea of growing our own fruit and vegetables and setting up our own farm shop."

The children had a fabulous experience. Seeing Tesco in a new light rather than just wandering around getting bored whilst their parents are shopping, they saw the work that the staff and store put in to getting food for us all. Next time you are at Tesco have a look at the display board and you will see how much fun they had.

By Lauren and Oscar

## WONDERFUL WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March Albury School dressed up in Roald Dahl costumes to celebrate World Book Day.



In the hall, pupils saw Willy Wonker, Oompa-Loompas, Matilda and Mr. Fox to name but a few. Unfortunately, Mr. Howard was ill on that day. (There have been anonymous suggestions that he just didn't want to dress up!) Most of the teachers dressed up as well. Mrs Maskell dressed up as Miss

Trunchball, Mr Nicholls was the BFG, Mrs Lucas was dressed up as the Enormous Crocodile and Mrs. Brace-Day as the giraffe from The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me.

Mrs Lucas mentioned, "Everybody's costume was fantastic. Mrs Maskell was amazing because she acted her part as Miss Trunchball." Louis added, "I thought World Book Day was great fun as everyone was involved and there was a great range of characters."

Later in May, everyone got to dress up all over again in their special costumes, when they visited the Roald Dahl Museum. Sadly, Year 6 had to stay behind and revise for their SATs with Mrs Maskell.

By Jake and Leo

## QUICK STICKS

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, Class 3 took part in a Quick Sticks hockey competition at Birchwood High School.

The children did incredibly well and were rightfully delighted to reach the Quarter Finals.

Unfortunately, after an incredibly hard-fought contest Albury lost to Summercroft and left earlier than they hoped. This was caused because of the departure of the goal scoring maniacs, Jake and Cole Reeves- Mitchell having to leave to catch a bus with their sister, Tiggy.

Report by Cole and Kiera



## EASTER SURPRISES



On Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, the pupils of Albury School took part in a number of Easter surprises.

On the morning of Wednesday the school council put together an Easter egg hunt which the whole school took part in. The school was split into 9 groups of 5-6. They had to answer questions to find the eggs and then go through to look for the golden egg. Cole thought "I thought the Easter egg hunt was a laugh for the school and I think everyone enjoyed it."

The children had to find 15 eggs (16 plus the golden egg) and had to solve 15 riddles to find the eggs. The groups were a range of age groups from EYFS to year 6. Miles said "It was great I had lots of fun

it was fun to find the eggs." The second activity was hot cross bun making with Mrs Welsh who came in on Wednesday to do this with the children in the afternoon. She helped the children need, pat and cook their way to perfect delicacy's (also saving mums from buying their children snacks) as the children got their hands on one each the whole school thought it was great.

The first part of the afternoon Mrs Welsh made them with KS2 and the second part KS1. Kiera "This new way of cooking hot cross buns was delicious; Esther is a brilliant leader in cooking!"

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed these activities so thank you to school council and Mrs Welsh for their great efforts to make these activities possible.

By Louis and Cole.

## NEWCOMB CUP

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April the Easter term the Newcomb Cup was awarded to a lucky pupil.

That lucky pupil was Kiera Palmer for her great efforts to represent the school with her outstanding behaviour. Kiera Palmer (Year 6) said, "I felt pleased and when Mr Howard said Kiera I was shocked." The last term winner- Daisy Bird- presented the trophy to Kiera on the special day.



Kiera very pleased with herself for winning the Newcomb Cup.

All the teachers chose Kiera as the winner as she is a great role model to the younger ones as she has great manners, she is polite and she is always kind towards other pupils. Daisy Bird the previous winner said "I was very happy for Kiera as it was well deserved." All of Kiera's friends and teachers were happy for Kiera as the cup was well deserved and she worked hard to get the award.

Everyone is very pleased that Kiera Palmer won the Newcomb Cup. Well done Kiera!

By Louis and Daisy

## DAZZLING DANCE CLASS

Over the past few weeks, Dance Class sessions have been commencing. Dance Class has been in the past lead by Alice Bird and Mia Welsh, which has now been passed down to Daisy Bird and Lauren Beardsell. They are both very excited about Dance Class making an appearance but now with themselves being the leaders. The children may have noticed posters around the school showing how fun and exciting this club is which is aimed at getting more students to learn how to dance. Daisy and Lauren have been planning every single

lunch time with very careful thoughts. Not only will the children be learning dances they will also play some fun games.

Dance Class runs on Mondays and Thursday, giving out a "Dancer of the week" to someone who has worked really hard. Kiera P commented, "This new dance class is a good way to get children exercising and keeping healthy through primary school."

Lauren and Daisy decided to start Dance Class because they thought it would be fun exciting and energetic experience; there may even be a show at the end of term. Daisy said, "We are all ready to start it. I can't

wait until Thursday". Lauren added, "I think it is a great opportunity for the children to become dancers, also it saves parents paying money for a different dance club."

Altogether, the whole school is buzzing about this new club and many are really keen to try it out. Dazzling Dance Class is hopefully going to be carried on for generations to come. Lauren and Daisy happily recently received the "Terrific" award, for being involved in starting this new club.

By Daisy and Kiera. P





## MEET THE GOVERNOR

Every school in Britain has a group of people who work together with the teachers and staff to help to develop and oversee the running of the school.

These people are called governors. They have to have special training and can be parents, staff or other members of our community. They hold lots of meetings to make important decisions and work very hard to help us to make sure that Albury Primary is the best that it can be.

Have you ever wondered who the governors at our school are? Well, the Pupils' Eye is here to help you to learn a little bit more about our governors. In the first of our new reports, we meet Mr Stuart Trow who looks after Premises and Finance (the building and the money - in case you were wondering).

*Hello*

*My name is Stuart and I am married to Vicky. We have two children aged 13 and 16 and have lived in Albury since 1996. I have been a governor at Albury School for 10 years and both of our children have attended the school. My daughter Georgie is in Year 11 at Herts & Essex and is preparing for her GCSEs. My son Lewis is in Year 8 at The Bishop's Stortford High School.*

*Georgie wants to be a cruise liner captain when she's older and Lewis is a karate black belt.*

*I work for a bank that helps businesses in Eastern Europe. My interests include karate and golf and I used to play a lot of rugby and compete at athletics before we had children.*

*Here's a selfie :-)*



## ASTONISHING SCIENCE DAY

On 25<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Braeckman paid a special visit to Albury Primary School and gave Key Stage Two a brilliant active science lesson on Land Yachts.

After lunch the children entered the classroom which was set up with lots of modelling materials. Firstly Dr. Braeckman displayed a power point on the science of land yachts. The power point was telling the children what the land yachts were made of, it also explained how land yachts stay balanced and how triangular sails work. It gave many suggestions of how these wonderful crafts could be made.

After Dr. Braeckman came round

with interesting packs of colourful materials and asked the children to start making the land yachts. They were made out of wooden axels, wooden masts, plastic wheels, the base was made out of corrugated plastic and the sails were made from cardboard or polystyrene trays.



Louis and Jake proudly display their yacht.

Finally when the children had created their own land yachts they went into the hall. Surprisingly, Dr. Braeckman had organised a large fan and an area to try out the land yachts. One at a time

crafts were placed in the start line. Suddenly, a blast of air shot out of the fan and the crafts started to move quickly to the finish line whilst being timed by Dr. Braeckman. Most of the crafts were very steady leaving the line. Some toppled, others dragged, hit walls and capsized, some swerved and crashed into the side line while others made it to the finish line. After KS2 tested their yachts out, the results came out. Dr. Braeckman announced the winner of the race.

Everyone enjoyed this fun activity and learned a lot about stability and wind power. They are looking forward to having another fun day like this one.

By George B  
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