



# Pupils' Eye



## A NEW ERA

On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 all of the teachers and pupils arrived bright and early, ready for a new school year. All of the children were excited to see their friends and happy to welcome new faces too.



Some of the new faces (from left to right): Miss Bainbridge, Buddy and Samuel and Selina.

One of the new faces included Miss Bainbridge who is now teaching Class 1. She runs dance warm ups on Mondays and Thursdays and everyone joins in! Miss Bainbridge is a big help to our school and we

couldn't imagine the school without her. Miss Bainbridge stated, "There is a beautiful, warm feeling in the school. It feels like working in a big family. I love going to work." Children in Class 1 are enjoying being taught by Miss Bainbridge.

A few more people have joined too: Selina, Buddy, Lucinda and Samuel. Selina is now helping in EYFS and Buddy and Samuel are learning and playing in Early Years. All the pupils have been welcoming to the new students and teachers who have come to this school.

The children are now settled and have made new friends. Millie commented that it was great to see new children playing together. All of the other teachers and pupils have loved having new arrivals as it is lovely to meet new people. Also, they are now becoming more confident in what they do and have started to put their hand up more in lessons.

We know that they will have a very happy time here at Albury as it is a lovely school.

By Rebecca and Matthew

Official apology

## LAPTOP DISASTER

At the end of September, we had computer problems which prevented us from writing the much anticipated Pupils' Eye.

This problem affected everyone by stopping them from learning and having fun on the laptops. The laptops weren't logging on. Joe commented that when the laptops were working it was quite scary because we didn't know what would happen next. The year six logins were also deleted. Luckily our I.T man, Steve, came to the rescue.

Steve worked his magic and now the laptops are up and running and we can finally bring you this bumper issue of the Pupils' Eye!

By Matthew and Frances

## BRILLANT BIKE ABILITY

Back in September, KS2 took part in Bike Ability, a course that teaches children to be safe on the roads.

Class 2 started on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September whereas Class 3 did Bike Ability for the whole week.

On their two days Class 2 worked on emergency stops, preparing for cycling, getting on and off a bike without help, starting/stopping with control and more. William said that Bike Ability was amazing and

he really enjoyed taking part in all the really fun activities.

Class 3 were out on the road and they learnt how to: pass a parked car, do a U-turn, cross a junction and more. "I thought Bike Ability was really fun and I enjoyed doing the U turns and was really happy that I passed," said Annabel.

All of the children are now competent cyclists and are a lot safer on the road.

By Lucinda and Frances





## MARVELLOUS MARATHON



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 Albury School participated in a marathon for Children in Need.

Firstly, the year 3 and 4 tackled an obstacle course, meanwhile the year 5 and 6 were in their

classroom learning about their pulse rates. The obstacle course included balancing a tennis ball on a racket, football and hand-eye coordination. When the older pupils were in the classroom they were told to sit and do nothing for 30 seconds and then check their pulse rate. Then they were asked to do burpies (which is doing a push up and jumping) for another 30 seconds and then tell the difference between the two.

A distance of 42,000m

had to be covered so that they could officially run a marathon. Rebecca said that she was happy to take part in the marathon as it was for a good cause and she thought it was fun too. After they had finished the first activities, they had covered around 19,000m.

Because the target had not yet been reached the children had to run 11 laps around the school field at least to get over 42,000m. When the time was up, they rested and

waited for the score. It was around 54,000m. Fynn said, "I was extremely excited when I heard we were running for charity and I was also glad to take part." When all the money was counted, the total was an impressive £420 and the children were very happy with the amount raised.

Now the children are trying to raise more money for charities around the world.

By Noah

## A TIME TO REMEMBER

On Friday 11th November 2016, all of the pupils of Albury School gathered around the church.



Noah places his poppy as others look on

All of the children stood on a patch of grass outside the church with their poppies in hand. They were each planting a poppy as a small gesture to the men and women who had died in the war. The children were each called, one by one, to plant their poppies in the ground by the teachers. It was an emotional moment for the

pupils as they remembered the soldiers who had died in the war.

After they had all placed their small poppies in the ground, Class 3 planted their bigger poppies. The older children had written the names of the soldiers from Albury who had died in two World Wars. As they placed their poppies in the ground they read out the name on the back of it. Saul commented that it was sad but it was good to remember the people that died.

Later, a two-minute silence was held. The whole school bowed their heads and thought of the soldiers. Rebecca and Noah read out a World War 1 poem that they had written. Noah exclaimed, "It was sad but I loved to read out my poem because it made me think of all the people who died in the war."

By Rebecca and Kyle

## CLASSIC CLASSROOMS

At the beginning of September 2016 the children from Albury school were presented with their new classrooms.

Class Three changed rapidly during the summer holidays. From yellow to white walls and a new carpet to finish it off. Don't forget the new Smart Board and the new white board.

Rebecca stated that she loved the new classroom and she likes being taught in a brand new room. She also said that she liked the old classroom but she likes the new one a lot more. Everyone agrees that it's great to have a new beginning and they love the new charts, new topics and so on.

Strangely, class three seemed bigger to the children than it was when it was class one. Chloe commented, "I like the new room, it looks a lot bigger and it's cool how it's changed from class one to class three in only six weeks."

All the children are now settling in to their new classes and they want to say thank you to all the teachers.

By Annabel and Kyle



## DRUMMING TO THE BEAT

Every Friday after school, Drum Truck, a popular drum teaching company, offer drum lessons for children who are interested in taking part.

Two people have drum lessons together; they get 15 minutes each during which time much happy drumming and crashing can be heard. The lessons are usually taught by Chris or Ben who are both expert drummers.



Fynn and Joe getting into the rhythm

All of the children who take part enjoy the lessons.

All of the children willing to do drum truck have been given free drum sticks and a "Chris Senior" drumming book. To get the most from the lessons they should practise at home. Many children were startled by the fact that the drumming teacher, Chris, could do 64ths. (64ths are drum beats so fast that they sound like bees.)

Fynn commented, "Drum Truck is great because the teachers are amazing plus I'm with my best friend." If Drum Truck continues to get reviews like this then they will probably become the most popular drumming club in the United Kingdom.

The vast majority of children are now working on their bronze award which they hope to achieve in January 2017.

By Joe and Mason

## HELPING HARVEST

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September Albury school went to church for the harvest assembly.

Everyone brought in tinned fruit, pasta and cereal. They presented the food on a small table in the church ready to give it to the Broxbourne Food Bank. A passage from the bible was read, reminding us to be grateful for what we have and to think about those less fortunate than us. The children all listened to what the reverend said and started to think more about the people who don't have enough food to feed their families.

Ilinca stated, "It was good to bring in food for people that don't have enough." Later, all of the children sang songs that they had been practising especially for their harvest assembly. Annabel mentioned that she really liked the songs and it felt nice to give food to the people who don't have as much as we do.

All of the children feel happy that they have helped people that are in need and will continue this throughout the years to come.

By  
Millie  
&  
Rebecca

## FUN IN THE FOREST

During November each class from Albury Primary School visited Hatfield forest.



One of the teams playing croquet blindfolded!

On the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Class 3 set off on their trip to the forest. Their activities included Cup Arrow, Save the Duck and back drawing. When questioned, Joe answered, "Hatfield Forest was great because they always have amazing activities and my favourite activity was the cup arrow one. It really made you think!"

The following week, years 2-4 went along. In the morning they created forest art and they had to scavenge for different objects in teams and create a symmetrical piece of art. In the afternoon they built dens in teams. The den had to fit their whole team in and had to be sturdy.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November Year 1 and EYFS were the last classes to make the trip. They arrived bright and early ready for their adventure to begin. In the morning their first activity was pond dipping, where they had to look for creatures among the weeds and reeds. In the afternoon, they built animal houses where they were given a picture of an animal and had to find the right environment and build a small house for this particular animal.

The children of Albury School had a great time at Hatfield Forest and are looking forward to visiting again next year.

By Fynn and Edi



Sports page

### LOVE FOR FOOTBALL

Albury Primary School played a football match against another primary school called Puller Memorial.

On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, Albury Primary School played for the first time against Puller. They went to Puller's school to play. In the

team there was: Haydn, Tom, Kyle, Saul, Noah, Fynn and Ilinca. Ilinca was the captain in the first match and she was in goal as well. Albury had Ross to coach them and Albury won 7-2 in their first match.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December Albury had a rematch against Puller and they came to Albury to play. This time Kyle was captain and he was main-striker. Albury won 6-2 and they played really well.

Noah, Saul and Tom scored in the first match. In the second match Kyle, Saul and Noah scored a lot of goals. This time the pitch was very muddy and slippery.

At the end of each match they had juice and cookies. Screams were heard by the children of Albury because they won! Saul commented, "It was very exciting to play two games of football!" Noah cheered that he really loved playing with the Al-

bury football team because they worked as a team.

Noah and Barnaby both received Terrific certificates for playing well and encouraging everyone at the football team. Mr Howard is really proud of the footballers that played for Albury. Hopefully they might have another match against a different school.

By Ilinca and Haydn

### BOUNCING BASKETBALL

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, eight of our year five and six pupils went off to a basketball competition at Birchwood High School.

Eighteen schools participated in the competition. Mason, Lola, Fynn, Saul, Lauren, Millie, Noah and Rebecca played for the Albury

team. Mrs Pettitt and Miss Bainbridge acted as their chaperones and supporters.

Albury participated in five matches, each of which were five minutes long. When the team wasn't playing, volunteers practised with them and gave them tips on how to improve their game. They found this very helpful.

Millie stated, "The basketball competition was exciting and we are all

proud of what we achieved, even though we didn't win." Noah also commented that he really enjoyed playing for the team because they worked well together and supported each other

The children hope they will be invited to future tournaments and are continuing to practise in the hope of performing even better next time.

By Saul and Lola

### CRICKET HEROES

On Friday, some pupils from Class Two went to a cricket competition in High Wych.



Competing for Albury were Lucy Harris, Sylvie Combes, Jesse Lane, Tom Combes, Genevieve Wilson,

Zack Beardsell, Fletcher Tattum and Arthur Kelly. Fifteen teams from the local area competed. The four schools that got into the semi-finals were Northgate, Reeding, St Andrew and Albury!

Albury and Northgate went into the final. Both teams were nervous and excited. The final score was 47 runs to Albury, 35 runs to Northgate. Cheers were heard and the children were really happy.

Annabel said she was really happy that the cricket team won. They won a medal each and a massive T-shirt. We are very happy that we

won. The school should be very proud of the cricket team.

Tom stated, "The competition for rapid fire was great. We hit the ball extremely hard and shouted to cheer our team mates on. Miss Bainbridge and Mrs Pettitt were cheering us on and we were very excited when we were in the final!"

The team is very excited that they will be going forward to represent the Birchwood Sports Partnership in the next level of the Rapid Fire Cricket competition.

By Barnaby and Lauren



Festive special

### WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2016, Albury School did another amazing Nativity.



The whole cast in the church

The whole school joined in with the Christmas Nativity play and even some of the adults. They did two different plays. "Whoops-A-Daisy Angel" was performed by EYFS and Y1 to a group of parents. The other one was a mixture of readings from the Bible, acting parts of the story and singing Christmas Carols and that was performed by years 1 - 6.

All of Class 3 and Year 4, did all of the lovely art work for their School Nativity, with a little help from some of the lovely staff. It all looked really good and very effective.

There were three girls, Rebecca, Edith and Frances who did all of the refreshments for every body and they also handed out programs that the children from Class 3 and Year 4 made.

Both of the school Nativities went really well and everybody enjoyed them a lot. Lola commented, "The Nativity went really well and everybody had a lot of fun."

Everyone is now packing away all of the Nativity things and looking forward to the end of term.

By Edith and Kyle

### CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING FARYE

On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2016, Albury School raised over £940 with their Christmas fair.

There were lots of games for children and adults all ages. Also there were yummy mince pies and waffles to eat along with a range of drinks.

On their way to the hall, the children got their hands stamped so they could see Santa. As the children went into Santa's Grotto, he asked them what they wanted most for Christmas this year and if they had been naughty or nice. Then he gave them an early Christmas present of chocolate or sweets. Laughter and smiles were seen and heard through the day.

Children also volunteered to help with games and stalls. Sylvie who was running a game mentioned, " I liked my game which was to throw a ball into the Christmas bowls and we raised lots of money." Other games were decorating biscuits, throwing a baubles to get Santa down the chimney, throwing darts at Rudolph and many, many more.

The money raised will be used to buy essential resources for the School when Mr. Howard decides what to spend it on. Hayden exclaimed that the Christmas fair went really well and we raised lots of money.



By Chloe and Millie

### FANTASTIC PANTOMIME

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Albury School went to watch an Pantomime, held at the Rhodes Centre.

Albury School went to watch a panto Cinderella that was a special Christmas treat. It was as mad as it sounded. It went from pies in face to leaning and dabbing. All of it was absolutely crazy.



Edith joining Buttons on stage!

The director, Phil Dale played the wicked step mother. The cast (including our very own Lucinda) had been rehearsing since October! Many pupils enjoyed it and would love to watch it again. Everyone found it really interactive and a few of the girls even took a liking to Prince Charming!

Frances said, "It was amazing how the dress transformed so quickly and how the pumpkin turned into the car." Whilst Lola added that she really enjoyed it! Everyone who watched it would rate it 10/10!

Returning to school the next day, everyone is still talking about how much they enjoyed it.

By Edith, Lucinda and Chloe