

Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

Something we do very well at Albrighton is make learning exciting. You will know this from the topics that the children do, often requiring your input at home. Children will only make progress if they are engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.

We are very lucky at Albrighton to have such happy and positive pupils who have such super attitudes towards school. We hope you are enjoying the snippets of learning that we attach to the newsletter every week. This week, we have a 'taster' of the learning that our children experience from Reception class and History in Years 1 to 6. Please look at your child's class page on the website for even more examples of learning.

Children's experiences in netball and fencing are also detailed this week and we will continue to strive to offer opportunities for the many varied interests of children in school whether it be within the curriculum or after school.

Kind Regards

Julie Bratt

Dates for your diary



Week Commencing 18th

October:

Parents Evening - further details to follow

Thursday 21st October:

Break-up for half-term

Monday 1st November:

Return to school

Tuesday 30th November:

Deadline for donation for Bag2School collection

Friday 17th December:

Break-up for Christmas

Wednesday 5th January:

Return to school

Class Heroes:

Skyflyers:

Heidi

Millie

Starships:

Kimi

Jenson

Stargazers:

Iris

Isobel

Explorers:

Kacey

Ben

Aeronauts:

Sam

Evie

Well Done!



Attendance:

4th to 8th October

Reception Rangers M	91.0%
Reception Rangers S	97.1%
Shooting Stars	97.9%
Racing Rockets	97.6%
Cosmic Comets	95.4%
Skyflyers	99.0%
Starships	94.9%
Stargazers	94.5%
Explorers	100%
Aeronauts	98.7%

Congratulations to Explorers on 100% attendance.

Meet our Headteacher!

About Me



My name is Julie Bratt and I feel very lucky to be Head Teacher of Albrighton Primary School and Nursery where all children and staff are very special.

You all know one thing about me already and that is that I have a dog called Bronte who is not only my pet but also our school dog.

My favourite pastime is spending time with my family. I have three children, Jamie, Rebecca and Greg who are grown up now. Rebecca lives in Spain so I get to spend lots of holidays there. I have four grandsons: Kodi, Loic, Noah and Santi (short for Santiago) and am expecting another grandson who is due to be born on Christmas Eve.

As well as spending time with my family, my hobbies are walking in the countryside and by the canal where I live with my husband and Bronte; I love reading and belong to a book club and I am a football supporter. Aston Villa and England are my teams, both of which I used to travel around the country to see, but now just watch on T.V.

My Favourites

- Food:** Roast dinner; Spanish; Italian and Chinese (I like my food)
Colour: Purple and blue
Sport: Football
Books: All Enid Blyton books; The Secret Garden; Wuthering Heights
Movies: Little Women, The Sound of Music
Place: Spain and The Maldives
Animal: Dog
Subjects: Literacy, Maths, History



Netball



Tuesday afternoon Team APS took part in a county netball competition at Bridgnorth Endowed.

This competition was our first team event in 18 months, with the vast majority of our team representing our school for the first time. As you can imagine there was plenty of nerves and excitement.

Once we arrived and made base camp, we were thrown into our first game in which we showed amazing resilience but unfortunately lost the first game 1-0. After a little break and a team talk we were back to our second game, where we had a lot of possession but just could not score, drawing the second game.

We kept improving in every game from this point scoring some really good team goals but unfortunately missed out from getting to the quarter final stage.

I'm extremely proud of the children that took part today, some first-time experiences, some really good netball played and perfect behaviour meant the school was very well represented. It was a great start to our competitive team fixtures, I can't wait for the future competitions to take place.

Written by Mr Mountford

The Albrighton Book Worm



Title: Beast Quest - Epos the Flame Bird

Author: Adam Blade

Reviewed By: Louise in Skyflyers

My Review

I like this book because the main characters, who are called Tom and Ellena, are really adventurous and they're always up for a risk.

In this book, they travel to Stonewin Volcano to take on Epos, the flame bird. She has been enslaved by the evil wizard Malvel. You might want to read the other books as Epos is the final book in the series. This is the perfect book for girls and boys aged 7+.

The other books are: Ferno, Arcta, Tagus and Nanook. This is the 1st series of many.

Five star rating.

Call for more book reviews-

Children if you would like to write your own book review on your favourite book and receive a prize from Mrs Tearle, then please get writing. Review must include: your name, class, title and author of the book, an overview of what the story is about, why you really like it and how many stars out of 5 you would give it. Reviews can be hand written and handed to Mrs Tearle or emailed to the school office.

More Information

Please look at your child's class page on the school website for photos and information about what your child is learning at school. There are also useful resources and tips from the teachers to support with your child's reading at home.



KS2 Multi Sports Club on Thursday evening saw the children try fencing, which they loved!



Developing a Growth Mindset at Home



What is Growth mindset at a Glance?

- Growth mindset refers to how we face challenges and setbacks.
- Having a growth mindset can have real benefits for wellbeing.
- There are lots of ways to help children develop a growth mindset.



"I can't do this homework. I don't understand maths."

"I can't do this homework yet. I don't understand how to make sense of this math problem."

Do either of these statements sound like something your child would say? The first statement would be said by someone with a fixed mindset, whereas the second would be said by someone who is developing a growth mindset. People with a growth mindset believe their abilities can improve over time. On the other hand, people with a fixed mindset think their abilities are set in stone or can't change, no matter how hard they try.

Praising your child's talent or "smarts" — "You're really good at maths" — can actually promote a fixed mindset. It's like saying that the ability to do math is just something your child "has." Praising your child's effort — "You worked really hard" — is more helpful. It can help build your child's self-esteem. But that's still not enough to promote a growth mindset. If children don't use the right strategies, they might try hard but still not improve.

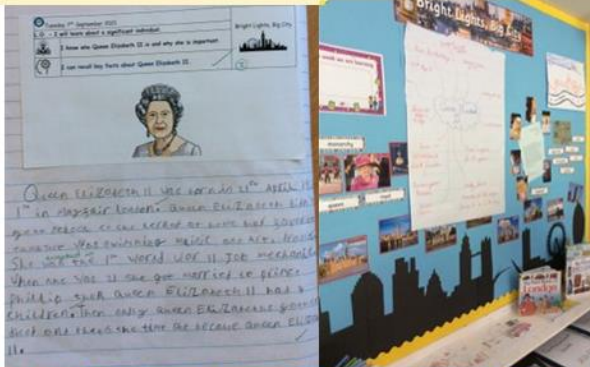
The most important thing to praise is how they approached the challenge, not how hard they tried or how well they did. For example, you could praise the way your child solved a math problem. Or the system your child used to make sure homework got done on time all week. This is called process praise. And it's the most helpful type of praise for promoting a growth mindset. It puts the emphasis on the steps your child took to get to the end result.

By focusing on process, it shows that getting stuck, asking for help, and trying new strategies are important, too. For instance, you could say to your child:

"I'm impressed by how hard you worked to complete that science project. I know you had trouble getting started, but it made a lot of sense to ask your teacher to help you figure out how to break down what you needed to do. It seems like working with a partner really helped keep you to complete your work. Your project reflects all that hard work!"

A big part of having a growth mindset is not letting failing at something stop you from working to improve. It's important for children to know that setbacks can actually provide a way forward. Tell your child it's OK to find something hard as it is 'growing your brain'.

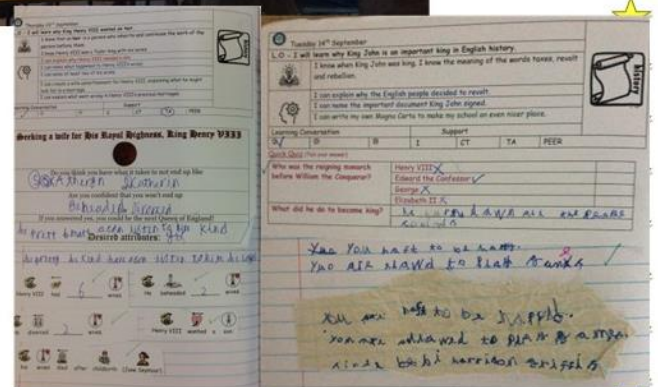
Our learning in HISTORY



Children in Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria. They looked at similarities and differences between them. Now, they are beginning to work on The Great Fire of London.



Year 3 and 4 have been looking at changes in monarchs beyond 1066. They started with William the Conqueror, then King John, Henry VIII and then Queen Anne. This involved activities such as: making our own Magna Carta; creating a wife advert for Henry VIII and debating whether we should have become Great Britain!



As part of their 'Stargazers' topic, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the history of space. They started by focusing on chronology: ordering important events they have learned about throughout school and ordering space events on a timeline. The children had the opportunity to add their own captions to the photos—demonstrating their fantastic knowledge!

Awe and Wonder in Reception Rangers

Reception Rangers have had lots of fun learning about the Three Little Pigs story. Using green screen technology, mummy pig was able to send a video message to the children. We had lots of fun thinking about ways we could help mummy pig and retold the story using masks and props.



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Information and Reminders

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic, caring and self-motivated lunchtime supervisors to join our dedicated team in ensuring the safety, welfare and enjoyment of our children during lunchtime.

Successful candidates will be required to supervise the children both in the dining room and outdoors, encouraging independence and promoting positive behaviour. The ideal qualities we are looking for are enthusiasm, reliability, a willingness to learn and a commitment to the safeguarding and welfare of young children.

We offer a caring school with wonderful, energetic children and a hardworking, committed and supportive team.

If you are interested or have any queries, please contact the school office on 01902 372558 or admin@albrightonprimary.com

We believe lunchtime supervisors have a very important role within our school and the contribution they make to the management of the school, and the care and welfare of the children, is valued very highly. Children who are happy and well cared for at lunch time start the afternoons refreshed and ready to learn.



Home Learning

We are updating our home learning class pages in case your child needs to self-isolate. Work will be updated on a weekly basis. If you require any further support with this work, then please email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can also be found on the class page.

We have published a document that is on our website which gives details of resources to support reading and book related activities at home. It can be found at:

<https://www.albrightonprimary.com/homelearning/websites-and-resources>

Just click on the book worm picture for the latest document.

COVID 19 - LFT and PCR Tests

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online following this link and are usually delivered the next day.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

To book a PCR test follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

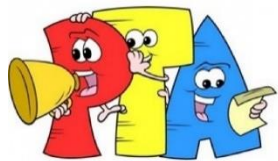
School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all school uniform including PE kits and coats need to have your child's name in it. Our lost property collection is getting larger and we are unable to reunite items as they are not named.

It is part of our home school agreement that our school uniform policy is adhered to. There are increased cases of children wearing of nail varnish and jewellery and the size/colour of hair accessories, all of which are outside policy. We hope we can rely on your support in addressing this issue.

Fundraising and Parent's Support

As I'm sure you're all aware due to the pandemic we haven't been able to have some of our usual fundraising events at school. We rely on our fundraising to raise funds for some of the lovely things that help to make Albrighton Primary School the best and most exciting place it can be for our pupils, as funds are used for playground equipment, books for our library, games and IT equipment etc.



We would like to set up our Friends of Albrighton Primary School group again, to support us in our fundraising efforts. If you have an hour to spare here or there or you would really like to make a difference to our school community then we need your help.

Mrs Tearle would like to invite willing parents, grandparents etc. to support her to form a committee that would arrange various fundraising events across the year, such as Christmas and summer Fairs, raffles, bake offs, discos, Mother's and Father's Day shops etc. If you do feel you have some time to spare either during the school day or after school, please get in touch with Mrs Tearle via the school office. If you feel you don't want to be part of the committee, but you could support us at our events then please look out for further information in the future.

We can only hold these events and raise the funds that will support us in our endeavour to make our school the best and most exciting learning environment it can be, if we get enough volunteers.

Thank you to those who have already contacted us to volunteer, we really appreciate it and will be in touch shortly.



Easyfundraising is a great way that you as parents, grandparents and friends of the school can raise money without it costing you anything.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you". There are over 6,039 retailers to choose from and so far we've raised £368.46 with our 52 supporters. It would be fantastic if we can get to over 100 supporters.

All you need to do is follow the link to the easyfundraising website and either sign up and start shopping straight away or download the app. Every time you are buying items online go through the website or app and we get a percentage donation from the retailer.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/albrightonpschlnursery/>

Thank you



Bag2School

Following the success of our collection in the summer term, we are doing a 'bag2school' collection and all donations need to be in school by 4pm on 30th November. The more bags of clothing we get; the more money we raise as payment is based upon weight.

Bag2School will accept donations in any bags / bin liners but please ensure they are strong. We are able to start accepting donations from Monday 11th October and will store them until Bag2School collect them.

Bag2School accept 'good quality' items for RE-USE, a full list of items that they accept can be found on their website <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

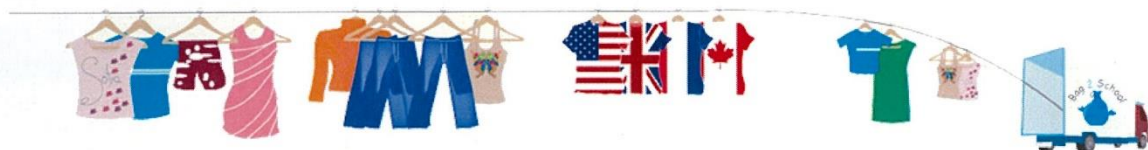
Get sorting!



We are having a

Bag2School

fundraising collection



Please give good quality:-

- adults' & children's clothing
- paired shoes
- lingerie, socks, hats, scarves, belts & ties
- handbags & jewellery
- soft toys
- household linen, curtains, towels & bedding (sheet, duvet covers & pillow cases)



The more we collect, the more we raise!!



Please return bag to school by

4pm on

Tuesday 30th November 2021