



The Albourne Way

Living life to the full

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Dear Albourne Family,

Happy New Year to all of you. We have had a fantastic start to the spring term and are looking forward to the rest of the academic year. The Robins are fully immersed in their dinosaur topic and will be using some of our resident Palaeontologists to help them with their learning. In Y1, they are studying London. Y2 have begun their topic on Australia and are making some outstanding progress from their starting points. The Kingfishers have started their topic on the Egyptians and already we have many children being an 'Explorer' **by independently finding out more about the topic at home**. In Y4, 5 and 6, they are studying WW2 and had a fascinating workshop for WW2 day, as you can see from the photographs. As part of the Hurst Education Trust, we are involved in a teaching and learning group. This term the focus is on questioning and how using different questioning styles can help the children to be more resilient in their learning – we will keep you updated. We have many sporting activities coming up including: Hurst sports event Y3/4, Y2 Interschool competition, Boccia / New age curling event and a Y5/6 Indoor cricket competition this term.

We have been working on a new reading for pleasure project, which ensures that children are reading certain books in each year group. We will be launching this to our Albourne Family on **Thursday 23rd January at 3:30-4:00pm in the hall.**

Living life to the full at Albourne



Albourne Writers' Award winners



The Steiner Family
Starlings WW2



Staff Snow Angels



Perseverance Aspiration Respect



Responsibility Kindness Courage

Nightingales WW2 and Tank Trumps

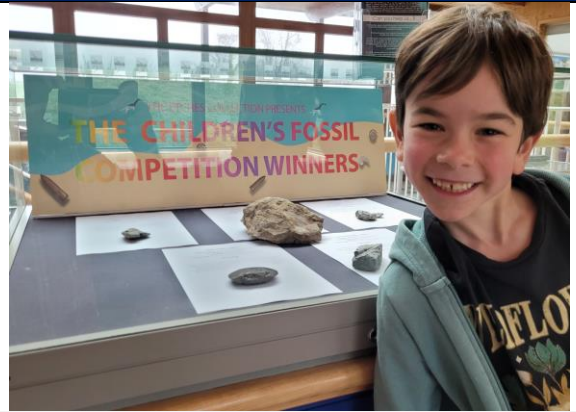


Reflection / Prayer

As we approach Winnie the Pooh day, it is good to reflect on one of Pooh's famous sayings that we use in school, ***"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."*** — Winnie the Pooh

Well Done for *living your life to the full*

Albie found an excellent example of an Oxynoticeras ammonite whilst fossil hunting. He entered 'The Etches Collection Children's Fossil Competition' and was one of three winners. His fossil is now on display in The Etches Collection in Kimmeridge. From there, his fossil will be transported back through geological time, heading West along the South coast, firstly to Charmouth to be displayed at the Heritage Centre from May to August, before finally being displayed from September to December at the Lyme Regis Museum, birthplace and home of famed fossil hunter Mary Anning.



Albourne Safeguarding

Please see this useful guide to supporting your child with technology at different ages:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

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The Albourne Learners are starting to have an impact on the children's understanding of what makes an excellent learner. So far we have introduced the Polisher and the Explorer. The staff are looking for children using the skills of these learners. Here are two examples: **The Polisher - for writing the best that he can to make excellent progress from his starting points. When Ms Keeling showed the class his work, some children put their hands over their mouths in awe!**

The Explorer - for always independently using the environment, watching the 'I do' part of the model and replicating it in the 'you do'.

We interviewed a group of children from across the school and here are some of their comments about the Learners. ***"You can use the sheets to look at them and they make us be one of them."*** Y2 ***"They help you to independently learn without being asked."*** Y4 ***"They encourage you to follow your dreams and be who you are capable of being."*** Y5 ***"They show you that everyone starts at a small point and gets better."*** Y4 ***"If you are stuck, then the Polisher will help you do really good writing and maybe we can do some magpying!"*** Y2

I will be hosting an online presentation to talk about the Albourne Learners on **Thursday 6th February at 7:00pm.**

Upcoming Events

- 23.1.25 Launch of our new reading project – all families 4pm
- 28.1.25 Rocksteady Whole School workshop
- 28.1.25 Y3/4 Sports Event @ Hurst College
- 31.1.25 PTA Disco in the hall after school
- 4.2.25 Interschool Sports Competition
- 6.2.25 Writing workshops @ Hurst College
- 6.2.25 Online talk about the new Albourne Learners 7pm
- 7.2.25 Y5/6 Cricket Competition

Best
Fiona

it's time to

Disco



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM

DJ 80

TICKET £5

R&KS1
3.30PM-4.30PM

KS2
4.45PM-5.45PM

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY - SCHOOL HALL