



ALDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring News Review



THE HEAD'S LINES!

Welcome to the latest edition of our School Review. How time flies... of course, it's been helped a little bit by the early celebration of Easter but nonetheless I can hardly believe we are so far into the year.

We should all be so proud of our children. Visitors often comment on the way they present themselves as learners and on the wonderful displays of their work that are on show throughout the school.

I am thrilled that The Friends has gone from strength to strength, not just raising money but adding so much to the community. Our children benefit enormously from their efforts – from subsidised trips to treasured equipment and of course free whole

school learning days. Coming soon is a special piece of apparatus for the hall! Watch this space!

Quietly hidden from sight are our solar panels. Mrs Hall worked so hard to get them installed before the tariff was reduced. They are silently creating energy, helping us in our drive to make the school 'greener.'

Happy reading!
Mrs Casburn

LITTLE MONKEYS!

The Children Enjoy Chinese New Year

It's the Year of the Monkey and, thanks to The Friends, all classes enjoyed a Chinese New Year Workshop by Marcus Reoch from 'Dragons in Europe', the organisation specialising in all things Chinese. Marcus taught the children to speak some words in Mandarin, how to use chopsticks, the reason behind having lanterns and much more.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Marcus loved the preparations we had done here, decorating the school with a Chinese New Year theme and getting the children to wear red on the day. And everyone enjoyed a great Chinese feast from Tracy and Kerry for lunch!

"It was awesome"
– Jude, aged 6

"It was really fun learning how to speak Mandarin with Marcus"
– Brandon, aged 9



ACADEMY MATTERS

You'll probably be aware of the government's plans to make all schools academies in the next few years. As Aldborough is part of the Aylsham Cluster Trust our governors are working closely with our partner schools to ensure that the transformation is as smooth as possible – and that our children's learning is protected before, during and after any changes.

IT'S CLASS 2 – BUT IS IT ART?

Class 2 recently took a trip to the Sainsbury Centre to learn all about abstract art and see works by lots of famous artists, including a Giacometti sculpture. The children were given a special tour during which the guide explained what makes abstract art different from realism.

After a brilliant packed lunch (thank you, Tracy and Kerry!) the Class had a workshop on Kandinsky. Then the children were given pastels and we had to listen to music and draw what they heard – with their eyes closed!

Then they made sculptures in the style of Kandinsky – look out for them on display in the School, very soon...



Julia: "I enjoyed the sharp sculpture that looked a bit like a swordfish."

Oliver: "I liked making our own art."



STOP PRESS: SHOCK VERDICT IN LITTLE PIGS VS WOLF!

For English, Class 4 has been studying traditional stories such as The Three Little Pigs. For their class assembly the children put a twist in the tale (or should that be tail?) by turning the School Hall into Story Town Court House, with the prosecution putting forward that the Wolf was guilty of destroying the Little Pigs' homes. His defence was that he only wanted somewhere warm and dry to stay as he was homeless. The defence lawyers obviously did a good job as the jury's split decision meant the verdict was 'not proven!'

Libby: "I enjoyed being a good pig because my house didn't fall down"

Freddie: "I liked watching our class progressing to success in our assembly. I really enjoyed showing everyone what we had learnt"

Elysia: "I really enjoyed playing the part of a good pig because of the comedy"



CLASS 5'S STAR CROSSED LOVERS...

Class 5 has been studying Romeo and Juliet in English and drama for several weeks. Over time the class worked in groups and had the chance to play several characters. On the last Friday of half term they performed their own unique production of the play, including moments of comedy and tragedy, for all the school as well as parents and friends. It delighted and amazed the audience.

Ben M: "Studying and performing Romeo and Juliet was a great experience. We got inspiration from watching the performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at Paston College"

Rudi: "It was fun and exciting to perform Romeo and Juliet and doing the drama really helped me to understand the story"

Aaliyah: "I enjoyed performing Romeo and Juliet more than Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream. I felt it was easier to get into character as it was a tragedy"

Francesca: "Romeo and Juliet was easier to perform than Macbeth as I felt it was a simpler story and everyone picked up the story line really quickly"

WE THREE MUMS...

Who do you ask when you need a job doing? Busy parents! Huge thanks to these three bighearted mums, who gave the school a few hours of their precious time and moved Class 2's raised flower bed to its new location, where it will be freely watered by nature!

Rosie's mum: "It was a great workout!"



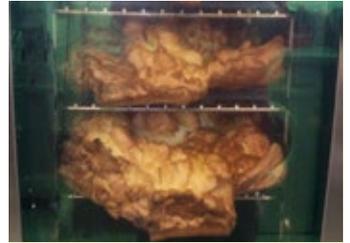
Hugo: "The castle was the best thing ever to play in. I loved the drawbridge and the arrow slits"

Daisy: "We got new princess dresses to play with in the castle"

Ewan: "The most thing I liked about the castle was pulling up the drawbridge. It was really cool"

CLASS 1 BUILDS A CASTLE

As part of their history learning, Class 1 children built a castle – right in their own classroom! It had walls, battlements and a wind-up draw-bridge – not to mention some proper little princesses (and princes).



BIG OLD YORKIES!

Tracy and Kerry always cook a roast for the children on a Thursday. Have you ever seen such huge Yorkshire puds trying to escape from the oven? Don't worry, we managed to woof them all up!

SPORTS UPDATE

CROSS COUNTRY

The school has a strong tradition in cross country – huge thanks to Mrs White for taking over the training duties. In the Norfolk Finals four of our boys represented North Norfolk against all Norfolk schools. They all did really well: in fields of over 80 youngsters, they took 30th and 28th places (Yr6), 7th (Yr4) and 13th (Yr 3).



SWIMMING

In the North Norfolk Swimming Gala eight boys and girls represented our school with two children gaining a place in the finals. Well done everyone!



NETBALL

Mrs Cuthill has been working her magic again with our netball team, who twice beat Sheringham Primary School convincingly. In a tough home game, Aldborough also beat Mundsley 6-2.

YOU CLEAN RAT!

North Norfolk District Council helped Class 1 and Class 2 learn all about the 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' message by providing an all singing, all dancing and all storytelling workshop. To help the children think about being 'Eco' there was a special guest in the shape of Recycling Rat! Not surprisingly, he was a big hit.

"The rat was funny" - Jack G

FOOTBALL

Back from their winter break, our football team set off on a winning streak with wins against Hevingham & Marsham and Colby. Huge thanks to James Green for sorting out their brilliant new strip!

FRIENDS UPDATE

Busy as ever, The Friends held a Quiz Night and a Christmas Fair in December followed by a Bingo Night in January. The Friends also supported our Parents' Evening with refreshments and what a great time we had on Valentine's Day with their BIG Breakfast! More recently The Friends' Easter Egg Hunt involved the whole school racing across the field to be rewarded with – an egg! Special guest the Easter Bunny appeared, too. All the events were supported really well and, with healthy funds, we have great plans to enhance the school learning. So another great big THANK YOU to The Friends.

We rely so much on The Friends for funds and for the wonderful contribution they make to the school community, with activities and events. If you'd like to help, please leave your name with the school office.



CYCLING: LE TOUR DE ALDBOROUGH!

Big thanks to Mr Elworthy, aka Rex's dad, who is organizing a wonderful biking event to raise funds for The Friends. Starting and finishing at the school on Saturday 21st May, it will involve a (gentle) ten mile ride for children, parents and friends. Look out for full information on what will surely be great fun for everyone!



SOME ENCHANTED EVENING...

With over forty singers and musicians, parents and teachers shared a wonderful evening of entertainment just before the holiday with the Easter Soiree. Huge thanks to Mrs Lockhart for all the arrangements and to Mr Care and his drumming club for their contribution.

It was a lovely occasion where we drank wine, ate nibbles and listened to the music. Huge thanks to The Friends, too, who did a wonderful job decorating the hall and providing the nibbles!

Zak (10) (pictured): "I think all the musicians in the soiree did really well!"
Will (9) (also pictured): said "I really enjoyed playing my saxophone"

THE GREAT ALDBOROUGH BAKE-OFF

Our wondrous school cook Tracy Hindry is running a very popular Baking Club after school on Thursday. Ask at the office to find out more!

*Here's one of her favourite recipes:
Tracy's Chocolate Beetroot Brownies*

*Makes 16
Oven temperature: 180°C
Time: 30-35 minutes*

*Ingredients
200g cooked beetroot
250g dark chocolate
250g softened butter
330g castor sugar
3 eggs
75g plain flour
50g cocoa
½ tsp baking powder
Pinch of salt*



Method

- 1 Line a shallow tin (approx. 20 x 30cm) with baking parchment*
- 2 Blitz the beetroot in a food processor until smooth*
- 3 Melt chocolate over hot water or in a microwave on low heat*
- 4 Cream the sugar and butter until light and fluffy*
- 5 Beat in the eggs into the sugar and butter mix*
- 6 Beat in the puree beetroot into the mix*
- 7 Beat in the melted chocolate into the mix*
- 8 Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa and sieve into the mix, folding it in*
- 9 Pour into the tin and bake at 180°C for 30-35 minutes,*