

Spring 2024

# ALP Newsletter



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## Headteacher's Response



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

It might be because I'm getting older, but this academic year seems to be going faster than ever! Over the last term our learners have achieved, and been involved in, so many great events, activities and learning opportunities.

We have had several year groups going on trips and visits to places e.g. Base and Upper Base visiting the Legoland Discovery Centre. Learners have also attended a special Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Day at ALP Nuneaton. Students participated in a fantastic day of activities, challenges and learning. Red Nose Day, World Book Day and Safer Internet Day are some of the many other events which our school learners have participated in this term.

ALP Leicester have also continued our hard work and never-ending job of exploring and challenging ourselves as teachers to ensure that we are constantly reviewing what we are doing and how we positively impact the learning and development of our learners. We have been completing mock 'Deep Dives' to review what we do with PSHE and Art in our school. In previous terms we have completed mock Deep Dives in Mathematics and Reading. I am very pleased to say that our PSHE and Art review days were a huge, positive success and helped confirm and reassure me that what we are doing in school is of a high standard. A special 'well done' to everyone involved.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support, interest and enthusiasm in our school. I hope you and your children enjoy the Easter break. Learners are back in school on Monday 8th April 2024 and we will update you on the many events taking place in the Summer Term. Dates for the next academic year 2024-2025 are provided on the last page and are always on our school website.

*Daniel Brown* (Head Teacher)



**Attendance**




**Routine**

**Relationships**

**Respect**

**Trust**

**Teaching**

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| Summer Term Dates 2024 |                  | <br><a href="#">Link ALP School OFSTED Report</a> | <br><br><b>Healthy Schools</b> |
| School Opens           | Monday 8th April |   |  |
| School closes          | Friday 24th May  |   |  |
| Half Term              | 27th - 31st May  |   |  |
| School Opens           | Monday 3rd June  |   |  |
| School closes          | Friday 12th July |   |  |

## Careers Update (D Belgrove)

ALP learners have been very busy this year, they have been working towards their Enterprise and Employability qualifications. Some of our students are thinking about progressing on to College, whilst others have visited various schools and have been looking at their future opportunities. As the careers lead here at ALP Leicester I am undergoing specialist training in offering careers advice, this will better enable our students to understand what options they have after education. For more information on what's happening in Leicester please check out this website which has been designed and created to better support those young people that might need a little extra help:

<https://lep.yourfutures.uk/>



## Red Nose Day at ALP

The base learners at ALP displayed their generosity and kindness by collecting money for Red Nose Day. They spent the day raising money for this important cause. Their efforts not only contributed to the overall fundraising goal but also helped raise awareness about the importance of giving back to those in need. The ALP community commends and appreciates the base learners for their compassion and dedication to making a positive impact through their charitable efforts.



## Community Christmas Party Fundraising

Learners and staff at ALP Leicester have been busy raising funds for The New Wycliffe Care Home resident's Christmas party. Funds were raised through a raffle of wooden items made in the workshop.

On Monday 18th December 2023, learners visited the care home and presented the residents with £100, cards, and a wooden star that they had made.

Residents and staff at the care home were very appreciative of the funds raised and all the hard work by the learners and presented them with some chocolates.

It was a lovely visit and to see the residents again





# STEAM Day 2024



This year, British Science Week marks its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Taking place annually in March, British Science Week is a national 10-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, art and maths, marked by schools, libraries, museums, businesses and more.

Our ALP Leicester learners were actively involved in STEAM Day 2024, collaborating with students from ALP Nuneaton to participate in a range of STEAM-related activities and challenges. From workshops and competitions to science experiments and engineering challenges, our students worked together to explore the exciting world of STEAM and showcase their skills and knowledge. Through this collaborative experience, our pupils were able to enhance their problem-solving abilities, creativity, and teamwork skills, while also fostering a deeper appreciation for the importance of STEAM in our daily lives. Overall, STEAM Day was a great success, and our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn and collaborate with their peers from ALP Nuneaton.



## A swimming success



Learners at ALP Leicester have been engaging in swimming lessons this term and many have gained their next badge and certificate. Swimming is not only a sport but an important life skill. This year we have had some very brave and resilient learners that are new to swimming and new to ALP Leicester. Well done to these learners.

Our learners really enjoy getting stuck into new sports and activities and our PE department is here to promote the fun in physical activity. It is important to us that our learners develop skills and interests that will promote leading a healthy, active lifestyle for years to come.

## ALP in the Community New Wycliffe Care home Visit 18/3/24

Learners from the Nurture group visited the care home supported by their tutors, and together with the elderly residents they made Easter Cards. These cards were used to brighten up the home's lounge area and for the residents to give to family members.

This was the third visit made by the learners, and they were far more relaxed and interacted positively with the residents.

The learners also gained valuable community experience which helps them to develop their personal and social skills, whilst contributing to the community and helping the elderly residents. An enjoyable morning was had by all.



## Online Safety at ALP

### Computing and Creative Media

The learners have been exploring coding and physical computing. Fostering a safe online environment remains paramount, especially as we introduce new platforms to our students.

Here are some essential tips to ensure online safety at home:

- Establish clear guidelines for internet usage and screen time
- Encourage open communication regarding online activities
- Talk to children about the importance of privacy and the potential risks of sharing personal information online

For comprehensive resources and further guidance on online safety, visit Thinkuknow website

[\(https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

or Google Be Internet Legends program

<https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en-uk/>.

Let's empower our young people to navigate the digital world responsibly and safely.



## Something fishy at ALP Leicester

### Our new aquarium

Primary schools from across the UK had the chance to create some beautiful living aquariums and used these to inspire some amazing interactive learning in the classroom. ALP Leicester participated by not only encouraging our learners to complete the worksheets and tasks provided in the programme, but also extended the material in the programme across the wider primary curriculum. This was achieved by developing their own additional projects (and linking them with English and English and Mathematics). Learners have been immersed in the possibilities of their new aquarium.



## Getting creative for Mothers Day

Learners at ALP Leicester created wooden Mothers Day plaques and easter baskets to take home (to loved ones). They made these plaques during their construction lesson, as part of the enrichment calendar and curriculum support.

Whilst making these items the learners practised and developed key employability and practical carpentry skills, which helped to develop their personal, social interaction, cognitive and fine motor skills.



## This sounds cool

In music, Upper Base Learners are learning how to compose, produce and perform their own rap songs! Each component of the song has been created by the learners: the base lines, the drum beats, the chords and the lyrics! Not only are they producing, but they are performing too!





This half-term learners have completed the module Dreams and Goals.

The topic explored:

- Celebrating success
- Identifying goals
- Employment
- Learning from mistakes
- Overcoming challenges
- Planning skills
- Safe & unsafe choices
- Substances
- Gangs
- Knives
- Exploitation
- Emergency first aid.

Here are a few links on MY Family Coach that might be of interest:

Helping my child if they are struggling at school:

<https://www2.myfamilycoach.com/quick-read-school-life-school-additional-needs-struggle-at-school/>

Talking to your child about drugs, alcohol and smoking.

<https://www2.myfamilycoach.com/quick-read-at-risk-behaviour-communication-conversation-health-alcohol-drugs-drugs-and-alcohol/>

Teach your child to respect themselves and others.

<https://www2.myfamilycoach.com/quick-read-communication-conversation-respect-child-respect-others/>

Talking to your teen about consent.

<https://www2.myfamilycoach.com/quick-read-puberty-sex-relationships-at-risk-behaviour-consent-sex-relationships-talking-teen-consent/>



## Supporting your child through school holidays

Picture the scene: it's been a long school term. Your child is frazzled, *you* are frazzled, and everyone is desperately in need of a break. Luckily, the holidays are just around the corner and you start to fantasise about long lie-ins and spending quality time together as a family.

The holidays arrive and everything goes swimmingly - for a while. Then, after just a few days, you find yourself shouting at your child for not tidying up after themselves, despairing at the state of the house and wishing they were back at school. This is not the holiday you had in mind! You ask yourself, where did it all go wrong?

Link: [Supporting your child through school holidays](#)

## Supporting Your Child with changes to their routine

As parents and care-givers, most of us, most of the time, like things to be predictable. We like to know what's coming. And we like things that stay the same. We want to be in our comfort zone.

However, life is not always like this. Changes, surprises, unpredictable and unexpected things do happen and can make us anxious. This is the same for children

Link: [Supporting your child with changes to their routine](#)

# WORLD BOOK DAY

## 2024

### at ALP Leicester

We are thrilled to report that World Book Day at ALP Leicester was a fantastic success! The day was filled with enthusiasm as learners wholeheartedly engaged in various activities celebrating the joy of reading. From lively book discussions to creative storytelling sessions, our students embraced the spirit of literary appreciation.

One of the highlights of the event was the poetry competition, where our talented learners showcased their poetic skills with remarkable enthusiasm and creativity. We were truly impressed by the quality and diversity of the entries.

Overall, World Book Day was a resounding triumph, highlighting the importance of reading and celebrating the power of storytelling in our school community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, teachers, and staff who contributed to making this day a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved. Here's to many more celebrations of literature and imagination in the future!





### ALP Leicester Term Dates 2024-2025

| <b>Term No 1: 39 days (7 weeks 4 days)</b> |   |
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| INSET Day (school closed)                  | Tuesday 20 August 2024 and Wednesday 21 August 2024 |
| Schools Open                               | Tuesday 27 August 2024                              |
| Schools Close                              | Friday 18 October 2024                              |
| Autumn Half Term Holiday                   | Monday 21 October 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024    |

| <b>Term No 2: 39 days (7 weeks 4 days)</b> |  |
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| Schools Open                               | Monday 28 October 2024                           |
| INSET Day (school closed)                  | Monday 25 November 2024                          |
| Schools Close                              | Friday 20 December 2024                          |
| Christmas & New Year Holiday               | Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 6 January 2025 |

| <b>Term No 3: 28 days (5 weeks 3 days)</b> |  |
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| INSET Days                                 | Monday 6 January 2025 and Tuesday 7 January 2025   |
| Schools Open                               | Wednesday 8 January 2025                           |
| Schools Close                              | Friday 14 February 2025                            |
| Spring Half Term Holiday                   | Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025 |

| <b>Term No 4: 35 days (7 weeks)</b> |  |
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| Schools Open                        | Monday 24 February 2025                        |
| Schools Close                       | Friday 11 April 2025                           |
| Easter Holidays                     | Monday 14 April 2025 to Friday 25th April 2025 |

| <b>Term No 5: 19 days (3 weeks 4 days)</b> |                      |
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| Schools Open                               | Monday 28 April 2025 |



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| May Bank Holiday (schools closed) | Monday 5 May 2025                        |
| Schools Close                     | Friday 23 May 2025                       |
| Summer Half Term Holiday          | Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025 |

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| <b>Term No 6: 30 days (6 weeks)</b> |                     |
| Schools Open                        | Monday 2 June 2025  |
| Schools Close                       | Friday 11 July 2025 |
| Summer Holiday begins               | Monday 14 July 2025 |

**190 Pupil Days** (3 INSET days have been allocated by the school – from the pupil days).

**Bank Holidays:**

- 26 August 2024
- 25 and 26 December 2024
- 1 January 2025
- 18 April 2025 and 21 April 2025
- 5 May 2025
- 26 May 2025

**Links to ALP Leicester Social Media Pages**

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