

# Up! Up! And Away for School's Birthday

Written by children in Year 5

**On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October the pupils and staff of Allesley Hall Primary School came together for a balloon race to begin the celebrations of their 50th anniversary.**

A few days before the big event staff took the children out onto the playground to practise standing in a giant 50. Parents were invited to come along and help. They were needed to tie labels to each balloon. The labels were in the shape of a dove, the school emblem.

On the actual day everything went smoothly. The children led out class by class holding onto their balloons tightly. They stood ready in the shape of the 50.

Mrs Green, the Head teacher, made a short speech about the school and thanked the parents for coming. Then she began the countdown from ten to zero. On zero there was a huge cry of 'happy birthday' as 180 blue and yellow balloons were released into the air.



Balloons in our school colours



The race begins!

After the balloons were released, children watched and followed their balloon. Shaan, Year 3, said, "I had a great time watching the balloons go up into the air."

So now the race is on! The balloon that travels the furthest will win a special prize. However, all labels returned will earn their owner a prize.

This is just the beginning of the school celebrations. They have several events planned for the year, leading up to a huge street party in the summer term.



Children get ready for the launch