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Writing to Inspire Us All!

It has been Author Week in school this week and we have been working together to look at authors who inspire us and influence our writing. On Monday the children had an inspiring Assembly on how to become a writer. They listened to a variety of extracts from a selection of books and had to figure out which extract matched the book. The children looked at recognising the importance of reading and how reading and writing entwine together. In classes children will be transferring their knowledge of writing into inspirational pieces linked to World Book Day.

On World Book Day the children were very excited to be designing and making their own book covers for their classroom doors. School Parliament will be coming around next week to judge them. Everyone, both children and staff, shared stories and books that they have enjoyed over the last year. There was a great buzz about the choices and lots to share!

On Wednesday, Ruby Class were delighted to be visited once again by Anne Draper - this time with some exciting news! Mrs Draper has been working hard over the past few months compiling all of her hard work on the WW1 soldiers of Audlem and has had a book published which includes the poems that Ruby Class wrote last term. She has kindly donated a copy to the school, and we have secured 20 copies of the book which can be purchased from the school office. All profits made from the book will be donated to St. James' Church's repair fund. If you wish to buy a copy from school, please send £12.95 to the school office either in cash or a cheque made payable to 'Audlem PCC' by 22nd March. Well done Ruby class for your great contributions to this publication!

On Wednesday, Amethyst class visited Techniquet Science Discovery Centre in Wrexham, where they took part in a Humpty Dumpty Science Challenge. The children also had the opportunity to watch a Light and Sound in the Jungle interactive science show and spent time using the 65 hands-on activities around the centre.

This week's Praise Book children are:

- Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Maisie Baker
- Mrs Hayward's Class - Barney Stockton
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Stoker's Class - Jack Bryan
- Mr Davies' Class - Spencer Wright
- Mr Perry's Class - Jack Tilley
- Mr Blenkiron's Class - Tom Ammundsen
- Mrs Bird's Class - Sophia Wilson



Super Spellers of the week:

- Mrs Hayward's Class - Anna Ammundsen
 - Mrs Richardson's and Mrs Stoker's Class - Ava Hudson
 - Mr Perry's Class - Jonny Fellows
 - Mr Blenkiron's Class - Martha Milburn
 - Mrs Bird's Class - Ebony Rudd-Farnell
- Congratulations to you all!



School Dinner Menu - We will be serving week 1 menu next week



Tidy Team - The winning classes this week are Amethyst and Diamond - well done!

The winners of our Attendance Cup this week are Pearl and Amber classes - well done!



Prayers to Share this week - We give thanks for wonderful stories, poems and non fiction texts which inspire and entertain us all.



Good luck to our Key Stage 1 footballers who are taking part in a football competition at Reaseheath this afternoon - I am sure you will all represent our school wonderfully.

Our next Active Audlem for children, staff and families will take place next Thursday at 8.30am - I hope many of you can join us for this energetic start to the day!





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Parents' What's App and Facebook Pages

We are aware that many parents and classes have What's App groups or share Facebook messages between parents. We are told that many parents find these methods to be very useful in sharing information such as checking with each other what children may wear if it is an own clothes, dressing up or confirming homework set.

As is typical in many schools, very occasionally, we are made aware of messages posted by parents sharing a concern or opinion that is very specific to their child or to a particular incident in or outside of school. Often this is a matter that has not been raised directly with school and the information in a thread of messages can be inaccurate.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school can only take action and address questions or concerns that you may have if they are shared with the school directly. This also gives us the opportunity to ensure that parents have accurate information and all the relevant facts. Thank you.

Friends of Audlem St James

Thank you to all the children who entered the Morrisons' Colouring Competition to win a box of books for the school. The winner was Maia Lloyd Beeston and she has received her prize today.

Friend's next event will be a fabulous Easter Treasure Hunt around Audlem which will take place on Sunday 14th April starting at 2.00 pm at Audlem Scout Hall and finishing at 4.00 pm. The event is open to all village families.



ABC Childcare

ABC are looking at their favourite books with everyone dressing up on Tuesday for world book day. We are also preparing for red nose celebrations and have a week of fun planned. Sponsorship forms have been sent out. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our settling in visits at school. It is a hot topic at ABC and it's a joy to hear.



MOMO Challenge - Guidance and Advice

Further to my message regarding this challenge in last week's newsletter, I have added an additional information leaflet, produced by National Online Safety, to our e-safety section of our website which can be found here <http://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/e-safety-november.html>

This guidance, which is written to provide help for parents and carers to talk to their children about making safe decisions online, will help families monitor and demystify this concerning challenge with their children. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Parent Forum

Minutes from our Spring term meeting on Wednesday will be sent out to all families soon and made available on our school website. Many thanks to those parents and carers who attended this meeting.

Life Coach sessions offered

One of our parents, Annie Taylor, offers life coaching for anyone who would like help with worries and confidence issues. She can be contacted on 07393 722129.

Finally

If you haven't looked at our school website recently, please do..... it is full of news, photographs and helpful website links to give you a glimpse into your child's learning at school.

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