



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16

14th October 2022

Our School

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. We have been looking at 'Peace' which is one of our Core Christian Values and asking the children what their thoughts on how we can use Peace with our school, community and the wider world. This was then discussed in all classes and throughout the curriculum and the children came up with this quote below:

Peace is when people are able to resolve their conflicts without violence and can work together to improve the quality of their lives.

Thought of the Week

You should ALWAYS believe in yourself and remember the words below as this will ensure you can do anything you set your heart on.



Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we keep our faith and stay happy.



Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Nancy Vernon

Mrs Hayward's class: Mia Sargeant

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Lucy Rogers

Mr Davies' class: Tiggi Nixon

Miss Morris' class: Lewis Rogers

Mr Blenkiron's class: Lucia Pavey

Mrs Bird's class: Charley Hough



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5Rs

As a school we are concentrating on the 5 'R's - **resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn**. These are the children who have shown such qualities this week:

Resilience: John Broomhall, Seb McComb

Reflectiveness: Austin Wright, James Carlin

Responsibility: Hugo Higgins, Seth Minshall

Readiness to Learn: Maisie Hallatt

School

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

Amethyst class: In Amethyst Class this week, we finished reading 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. We sequenced the pictures and retold the story using puppets, We also read 'Five Minutes Peace.' In maths, we explored how numbers can be made of 1's and investigated the composition of number three and four. On Friday, we had fun completing our first Amaven PE fitness test with Mr Bradley.

Sapphire class: In maths this week we have been using the less than, greater than and equal to symbols and comparing numbers. In English, we have been re-telling the story of "Look Up" and we are going to start writing our own versions. In science we have been looking at healthy and unhealthy foods and why it is important to eat healthily and in geography we have been sketching buildings of Audlem for our display.

Pearl class: This week in Pearl class we have been writing a diary entry as Tabitha and we have been explaining all the cheeky things she got up to when she swapped to a troll! We have been continuing to use 'and' and 'because' in our sentences and we have worked hard to include commas and apostrophes. In Maths we have been writing numbers to 100 in expanded form and we have looked at different ways of partitioning two-digit numbers. The children have also carried out an investigation to test which materials changed shape by squashing, bending, stretching and twisting.

Amber class: We have had an amazing week in Amber class. We have loved writing character descriptions based on the boy and his grandfather from our focus text "Seal Surfer". We drew around our friends before writing statements about each character in the outline. In our topic work we have looked at how and why Stone Age people started farming. We also created our own farms and then drew bird's eye view maps of our creations. In Science we have been learning about weathering and erosion and how this affects rocks.

Emerald class: This week, Emerald Class have practised rounding 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in maths. In English, they have worked on using speech marks. They have written speech sandwiches between Hannah and the gorilla and a lively description of the pair's feast in a colourful cafe. In Science, they investigated animal ears and how animals turn their ears towards sound waves. In History, they studied Victorian inventions and pitched their favourite Victorian invention to the class. The children had a brilliant outing to their first singfest rehearsal for music and looked at how religious beliefs shape people's lives in RE. The children investigated how Bear Grylls lives his life from a Christian perspective.

Ruby class: This week in Ruby Class, we have been working on addition and subtraction, both mentally and through column methods. We have also been using our knowledge of inverse operations to work on algebra questions. In English, we have been working on fronted adverbials to express time, place and manner. We had a mini-competition to see who could write the best ending to the adverbial 'In the middle of the night,...', and on Thursday, we began to look at emotive language as a persuasive tool, focusing on how this can be used in a charity appeal. In History, we have learned about the Canary Girls - the women who went to work in munitions factories during WW1. We found out what the conditions were like for them - the pros and cons, and how propaganda may have been used to persuade them into the jobs. In Art, we have been looking at the WW1 sketches of Cheshire artist, William Hutchings. We recreated one of his sketches, then, after watching a snippet of Derren Brown, attempted to redo our picture upside down to really focus on the shapes that make up a person's face. The class have discussed what Living Well together means in our school, and the behaviour systems in place to help us all get along swimmingly. In RE, we have been learning how the Hindu god, Brahman is described in the Bhagavad-Gita. We compared this to St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures (showing God's glory throughout nature). We then engaged in a philosophical debate about the existence of God - arguments for and against, and the counter-arguments throughout.



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Diamond class: In Year 6 this week, the children have been learning about the 'Appeasement' during WW2. They have analysed the reasons why Neville Chamberlain was in favour of appeasement through the Munich Agreement, and why he thought it would bring 'peace for our time'. We also studied the opposing views of Winston Churchill. The children then carried out a lively debate, acting as members of parliament debating their different views about the agreement. It was very heated and Mrs Bird had to call 'order, order' quite a few times, but the children loved it and were very good at using counter-arguments.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



Attendance

I would like to remind all parents that school attendance is vital. After the turbulent last few years when you were asked to keep your child off if they were ill in any way, we are now trying to ensure that all children attend unless they are very unwell. Please be assured that we will send your child home if we find that they are not fit for school. We are trying to 'close the gap' as we deal with the after effects of lockdowns and can only do that if children are present. We are aiming for all children to have 96% to 97% attendance and we need your help with this. Thank you.

This week in Early Years/KS1, Pearl class has the best attendance and, in KS2, Emerald and Diamond classes have the best attendance. Congratulations to all three classes.

Friends of Audlem School

1. Spooky Disco

Friends are hosting a fun-filled, fiendish Spooky Disco on Friday October 21st in the school hall. Parents can drop off at 16.30 and collect at 18.00. We have lots of fun party games planned along with a ghoulish disco. Come dressed in your best costumes as there will be prizes on the night for the best dressed. Tickets are £5 per child and this includes entry to the disco, hot dog, drink & cake. This is the link to order tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofaudlemschool/#.YOW3yyXTWA4>

2. Pumpkin Carving Competition

We would like to invite the children to indulge in some pumpkin decorating fun during the half term holiday! Once they have completed their creations, simply post a picture to the Facebook page (Search [Friends of St James'](#)). Please remember to share your child's name and what year they are in. Competition ends on Wednesday 2nd November and the winner will be announced on our Facebook page.

Finally

It is important that our newsletter and all other forms of communication we send out to parents and carers, give you a clear and detailed picture of our work in school, so that you are kept up to date with events in school and our community. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about the content of newsletters please get in touch with me.

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