



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



16th June 2023

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We are into our 2nd week of last term and what fun we have had. At school the children have been getting themselves ready for Town Sports and which happened on Monday and Wednesday of this week. We have also been getting ourselves ready for Sports day with lots of practicing and a little bit of fine tuning. We have been able to open our doors to parents this week with Yr6 parents coming in for Parents Lunch for the first time this year as well as our Music showcase on Thursday. It has been wonderful to see the children all being able to Shine brightly.

Thought of the Week

Joab, in 2 Samuel 10:12 "Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the LORD do what seems good to him." He recognised the need to step out in faith, with the desire to see change and the very best for those he cared for and that it was God's gift to bless him with success and nothing of his own doing.



Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Burgess' Class – Ava and Myra Adair

Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class – Amelia Yusuf

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Tilly Roberts

Mr Davies' Class – Seraphina Pavey

Miss Morris's Class – Alyssa Welch-Harding

Mr Blenkiron's Class – Anna Ammundsen, Isla Lambie and Frankie Sherwin

Mrs Bird's Class – Imogen Elliott

You are all amazing Shining Stars!

The 5 'R's

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:





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Resilience: all Year 1 children (for completing Phonics tests); Harriet Walley

Reflectiveness: George Aspinwall; Levi Mace

Responsibility: Sebastian McComb

Resourcefulness:

Readiness to Learn: Lucy Rogers, Anya Miah

Sporting Successes this week

Wednesday evening saw our Key Stage 2 Athletics Team competing in the annual Town Sports Track events at the Barony Park in Nantwich. The children competed in the top group of the competition and really did do themselves proud. Due to the delay to the Field competition (now scheduled for the Monday 26th June) we haven't received final results but we're hopeful we will be competing in Group A again next year!

On Thursday morning, the Nantwich Seals swimming club took over the indoor pool at Everybody Nantwich to host their annual Swimming Gala. This isn't a competition Audlem children have competed in before (certainly not within the last 15 years!) so we eagerly (and with a little trepidation!) took our first ever swim team to the event. The children really did us proud – competing in the best of spirits and doing the school proud. I am hopeful we will be competing in the Gala regularly in future.

School Sports Day – next Thursday 22 June

- EYFS/KS1 in the morning – 9.30 until 11.00am
- KS2 in the afternoon – 1.15 until 3.00pm

Parents and carers are very welcome to support their children at these events which will be held on the school field. Please note that children need to wear their sports kit all day on 22 June.

Musical Showcase very well received – Thursday 15 June

We had a large, appreciative and very warm (in every sense) audience at our afternoon showcase. This was the first time since 2019 that this event has been held so it was especially enjoyable. Comments we received after the event included: "Fabulous – what talent!" "Super! Well done" and "Just wonderful; you should all be very proud". Special thanks to all the performers but especially to Mrs Shackleton for achieving these standards with our children and organising the whole event.

New Team Captains for this half-term

Alder: Ed Whittaker and Henry Howe

Lime: Joshua Hassall

Rowan: Jack Bryan

Oak: Tobias Dinsdale

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst class, we read more of the story 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and labelled food for the supermarket. We also wrote speech bubbles and thought of other ways the story might end. In maths, we used perceptual subitising skills, used the rekenreks, made 2D shape superhero badges and looked at repeating patterns using potato prints. We also enjoyed playing the playground games - What's the time Mr Wolf and Granny's Footsteps together in our well-being Wednesday activity session.





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Sapphire Class This week in maths we have been learning how to partition numbers into tens and ones. In English, we had some items that were left in our classroom and we have been trying to solve who they are from. We think they might be from Goldilocks and the three bears! In history we have been exploring different kinds of transport and designing our own Viking longboats to make next week.

Pearl Class This week, Pearl Class have started reading our new book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. We made predictions about the story and matched adjectives to the characters to describe their personalities. In Maths we have continued with our work on telling the time and we have been practicing our times tables. We have learnt about how different religions welcome babies and in Science we have discussed what makes a healthy diet in preparation for healthy week next week. In Art, we created simple looms and explored weaving. We used atlases and globes to find out about gardens around the world. In English, we retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Amber Class This week has been a really interesting week in Amber Class! We have been continuing our studies of addition and subtraction in Fractions and in English we have been writing about our Ancient Egyptian workshop in a recount. We have been practicing for the Musical Showcase concert that we performed in on Thursday and we created sand art sculptures of the great pyramids of Giza.

Emerald Class This week, the children have looked at tenths and hundredths in maths and dividing by 10 and 100 when a decimal is made. The class have used 'show not tell' phrases to describe the way a character is feeling in English and have planned a retelling of 'When the Giant Stirred.' The children investigated the weight of gases using fizzy drinks in Science and studied the Battle of Marathon in History. In French, the children practised talking about the weather and in art the class worked on their landscape paintings. Year 4 completed their multiplication checks this week and also enjoyed a wonderful visit from children's author Rebecca King!

Ruby Class This week in Ruby Class, the children have been focusing on classifying angles (acute, right, obtuse, straight line, reflex) as well as estimating the amount of degrees in each angle. In English, we have had a punctuation focus. Firstly, with an emphasis on commas and then using apostrophes for possession and omission. In RE, we have looked at pilgrimage. We discussed famous sites of pilgrimage for Christians in England and abroad, and the children talked about places they have visited in the past which had special significance for them - as well as places they would like to visit (visiting some of these virtually using GoogleMaps and StreetView). We have begun to work on our cam toys – the children measured out where their axels need cutting and holes need drilling in their frames. The children have also composed new pieces of music, using their knowledge of rhythm, and the notes from the D major scale to make their note choices less random.

Diamond Class Year 6 had a lovely parents' lunch on Tuesday with mums, dads and grandparents. It was wonderful to see so many parents back in school and being part of our day. The children were marvellous at waiting on their families and were even more keen to take them out to play! Year 6 have also been producing some fabulous artwork relating to their History topic. They have designed their own Maya masks and have written facts about why they were important to the Maya. The class have also begun to write a story called 'Rubato' based on a French animation.





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Attendance this week

This week, four classes have shared the best attendance with only 8 half-days absence per class. In KS1 and Early Years, this was Sapphire and Pearl and in KS2, Emerald and Ruby. Congratulations to all four year groups. This week the average attendance has been 94.49% which is higher than last week. There have not been as many unauthorised holidays this week which has helped the overall attendance but we are still short of our target of 96% or above.

Preloved Uniform

Helen Fell, on behalf of Friends of Audlem School, has asked us to send out the attached list of preloved uniform items. As usual, if you require anything, the number to ring is 07554013347 and the charge is £1 per item.

Important Message about Parking

Mr Perry has received a call from an annoyed neighbour living close to the school concerning unhelpful parking and manoeuvring by parents attending school events and dropping off or picking up children. Please ensure that you consider our neighbours when visiting school and perhaps choose a parking spot further away from the immediate environs of the school.

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.

A. Perry.

