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Audlem St James CE Primary School

I hope that everyone had a lovely bank holiday weekend and were able to spend more quality time with family and friends. We have now completed three weeks of the summer term. Next week the Year 6 will be sitting their SAT's and I know that they have been working hard all year and will achieve great things.

Thought of the Week

Every part of a school is important, governors, heads, teachers, support staff, admin staff, kitchen staff, MDAs, site maintenance staff, children, parents and volunteers helping out in school. Each one of these 'parts' creates a unique and amazing 'body' of a school; each part playing an important role in school life. This ensures that children have the best education possible, academically, spiritually, morally and socially. so that they flourish as important and integral parts of society. By working together, they make a huge difference and especially in these difficult times when school life is so different and children's needs are so much more. Every person involved with a school makes a difference and should be celebrated for the contribution they make. As Paul says 'if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it'.



Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Mia Sargeant

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - Molly Parris

Mr Davies' Class - Lillie Tudor

Miss Morris's Class - Archer Cornes

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Freddie Latham

Mrs Bird's Class - Spencer Wright

You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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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:

Resilience: Lochlan Entwistle, Sofia Tinsley and Harvey Farmer

Resourcefulness: Maddie Jones, Ethan Hughes and Millie Cronshey

Readiness to Learn: William Rowe

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst Class, we read more of the story 'Silly Doggy' by Adam Stower. We made animal posters, wrote clues, and asked our friends to guess which animals we were describing. In maths, we developed our subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements and used our understanding of doubles to support our subitising skills. On Wednesday, we had a great day bringing our favourite cuddly toys into school, writing about them and having a teddy bears picnic.

Sapphire Class This week in Maths the children have been applying their knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to make and add equal groups. In English the children have been learning about the prefix un and applying it to their sentences about the lost toys. In Science the children have been putting their detective skills to the test as they search for and identify different materials around the school and the classroom.

Pearl Class This week in Pearl Class we have really enjoyed learning about Andy Warhol and doing our own PopArt-inspired paintings of the Queen. In Mathematics, we have been learning how to divide by 2, 5 and 10. We explored what happens to remainders left over in division using the book 'A Remainder of One'. In the Mastering Number programme, we have learnt about strategies that will enable efficient calculations, with a focus on 'bridging through 10' to add two 1-digit numbers. In English, we planned and wrote a letter to an older relative to ask about toys they played with when they were little and how this compared to modern day toys. In Science we enjoyed going on a plant hunt around our school and learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. In Religious Education, we began learning about Judaism and explored some Jewish artefacts and practices.

Amber Class Amber Class have been incredibly busy this week both in school and at home! We have continued with our learning about the Ancient Egyptians and at home, the children have completed various projects including PowerPoint presentations, making physical pyramids and even using MineCraft to create pyramids and tombs virtually! In class, we have continued our learning about fractions, we have been reading The Egyptian Cinderella and expanding our vocabulary and have completed an investigation looking at how friction impacts a moving car!

Emerald Class This week, Emerald Class have been working out fractions of quantities and linking it to their times table knowledge. In English, they have been planning a retelling of 'Escape from Pompeii.' They have been trying to show off fronted adverbials, direct speech and correct use of apostrophes in their extended writing task. The class have been working on artwork The Queen's Jubilee art exhibition. Their Royal themed tessellations will be displayed in Audlem and Nantwich in a few weeks' time!! We got very philosophical in History where the children explored ancient Greek philosophers. In Geography, the class explored maps of Alexander the Great's empire. We also started our new science topic: states of matter.

Ruby Class In Ruby Class this week, the children have been working on comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators as well as revising prime numbers through reasoning games. In English, the children have been writing diary entries about what they saw and felt at the rubbish tip in The Plastic bag Prince, as well as playing a game of Poison Pool Pointless where the children had to come up with inventive vocabulary that no-one else in the class would think of.

In Science, we have been dissecting flowers and learning which parts of a tulip were its male reproductive parts and which were its female reproductive parts - as well as a few of the way in which plants can spread their pollen and disperse their seeds.

In Geography, we continued to look at the differences between physical and human features. We discussed some confusing examples such as parks and canals, and discussed why ancient civilisations (as well as more modern ones) chose to base themselves around rivers - coming up with the top 10 reasons why rivers were/are important to humans. In Music, we continued to compose our own pieces on the ocarina using ocarina tab and the standard notation for



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crotchets, quavers, semi-quavers and triplets. In PE, we have started a unit on rounders and have re-familiarised ourselves with the rules through playing games on the field.

Diamond Class Year 6 have been working very hard preparing for their SATs, which are next week, and are doing a fantastic job of maintaining their focus and energy. In between our revision sessions and boosters, we have been thinking about what dementia is and colouring bluebells as a visual reminder to think of others compassionately. WE have also continued to read our lovely book 'Can You See Me?' about a girl with autism who is about to start Year 7. A humorous book which will help the children to now think forward to their transition to high school.

Attendance this week

Amethyst class has the best attendance in EYFS/KS1 and Amber and Diamond classes in KS2 both have full attendance this week. Congratulations to all three classes.

Unauthorised use of the school field

Please take note that, for safety reasons, no-one is allowed on the school grounds out of hours. The school is private property and use of the school in this way is trespassing

Raising money for cancer charity CoppaFeel! in June

Sam Foyle, who you know as one of our clerical assistants, is undertaking a 100km trek round the Pembrokeshire coast in June as part of a team effort to raise money for CoppaFeel, an amazing charity which encourages young people to get to know their bodies and be aware of what is their 'normal' so that if anything should change it can be picked up and treated early. Sam feels very privileged to be part of the trek and very thankful to be able to go but she now needs to raise funds. If you can give to this very worthwhile cause she will be very grateful.

Please use the link: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sam-foyle1 We look forward to her updates over the five days of the trek.

Nantwich Band is expanding

The band is about to set up new Youth and Junior Bands starting on Sunday 8th May 2022 at Highfields Academy, Nantwich. If your child plays an instrument (brass, woodwind or percussion), has reached grade 3 standard, and would like to find out more, please visit the website www.nantwichband.co.uk or email info@nantwichband.co.uk We have sent home flyers with Y6, Y5 and Y4.

Marbury Merry Days - 14th and 15th May

A flyer was sent home yesterday in children's bags, advertising this event. Please also note that Sunday is "Dog Day" and there are various classes (cutest puppy, golden oldie etc.) from 12.45 on the church terrace; entries are from 12 noon and are £1 per dog.

Reaseheath Family Festival - Sunday 15th May

A poster has been attached regarding this event at the college. Flyers are being sent out today in children's bags. Participants will be required to pre-pay for tickets.

Please order via the website: <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/familyfestival/> or use the QR code on the flyer.

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.