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Audlem St James CE Primary School

We are into our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of last term and what fun we have had. The Year 6 and Reception children went on their first trip together which was a huge success and something I know that all children fully enjoyed. It was lovely to see them all just being children and helping each other at Tattenhall Ice Cream Farm.

Back at school the children have been getting themselves ready for Town Sports and Sports day with lots of practicing and a little bit of fine tuning. We have also been able to play football against other schools which I know the year 6 have been waiting for all year.

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 Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class** - Ariana Tudor
  - Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class** - Alexandra Lee
  - Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe's Class** - Fletcher Cronshey
  - Miss Morris's Class** - Seth Minshall
  - Mr Blenkiron's Class** - Willow Adams
  - Mrs Bird's Class** - Harrison Farmer
- 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:

**Resilience:** Willow Bonell, Bobby Hough and The Y6 Football Team



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**Responsibility:** Finn Husband

**Resourcefulness:** Thomas Martin

**Readiness to Learn:** Nessa Furber

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#### Y6 Football Competition

This week, sports competitions began again and our Y6 Football Team got us off to a flying start on Thursday at Nantwich by coming second in a friendly tournament for local schools. Congratulations to the whole team.

**Amethyst Class** This week in Amethyst Class, we have read more Supertato stories and made finger space stick puppets. In maths, we have compared numbers and made repeating potato prints.

We had a fantastic time at the ice cream farm on Monday. The children had so much fun and the highlight was definitely the ice cream at the end.

**Sapphire Class** In Maths this week, the children have been learning about halves and quarters.

In English, the children have continued with the story Toys in Space and they have been focussing on verbs and using the connective 'and' in their sentences. The children then wrote a letter to their friends telling them about a party they have planned to cheer Hootopise up.

In the afternoons, the children have been planning a pretend Christian wedding as part of their RE. Brainstorming ideas to make a healthy salad. Learning to keep a steady beat whilst singing in music. We continued our Transport Topic by looking at air travel this week. We discovered the first form of air travel was a hot air balloon, then came an aeroplane and then space shuttles.

**Pearl Class** This week in Pearl Class we wrote our own version of a traditional tale. We researched the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk and also read a different version of the tale called 'Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk'. We then planned and wrote our own version of the traditional tale - the children's writing was wonderful! In Mathematics we have explored measuring different lengths in centimetres and metres, and ordering and comparing the length of different objects. In whole-class guided reading we have started the book 'Fantastic Mr. Fox', and really enjoyed learning about the characters and making predictions about the plot.

**Amber Class** This week, Amber Class have been working hard completing their assessments in Reading, SPaG and Maths. The whole class have shown excellent attitudes to them and should be proud of how well they have done. In PE this week we have continued to work on our athletics skills ahead of Town Sports & Sports Day next week and we have started to decode hieroglyphs in our History sessions. In English we have been collating a fact-file about one of the home nations using our class Guided Reading book and in our recorder session we have started to play harmonic accompaniments to well-known melodies.

**Emerald Class** This week, Emerald class have investigated decimals using a place value chart and they have also done their official multiplication check! In English, the children wrote and punctuated dialogue between villagers worried about the volcano and also converted reported speech to direct speech. They practised using pronouns and specific nouns to aid cohesion and avoid repetition. In Science the class looked at the water cycle and in RE they role played the beginning of Judaism. The children have been practising for Sports Day and made percussive accompaniments to the worm song in Music. The class continued their work on asking for and granting permission in PSHE.

**Ruby Class** This week in Ruby Class, the children have been learning about percentages; what the term means, how it relates to parts of one-hundred and how they can also be expressed as fractions and decimals.

In English, we have started our final Pathways text of Year 5 'The Hunter'. The children danced to traditional African music to get them into the right mindset; made predictions about the story and characters; researched baby elephants and wrote sentences about them including adverbs of frequency. We have been focusing on words with the 'ei' digraph in Spelling and also recently used a Shakespearean soliloquy for handwriting practice - which led to some great discussion about his way of writing and some of his other famous plays.

The children who are competing in Town Sports had an amazing morning of training with Miss Jones, and the children who are not competing spent the time writing creative scripts for their very own Newsround-style programme. These included facts about pollution and, in some cases, some rather wacky goings-on involving show mascots.



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In preparation for Healthy Week, the children have been designing their ideal healthy salad, and on Tuesday, voted for which one they will be making to go alongside the upcoming hot-dog sale. In the end, and after much deliberation, it was decided that it was best to stick to a classic Greek Salad - καλή όρεξη!

In PE, we have been getting ourselves prepared for Sports Day by practising the long jump, sprinting, relay, javelin and cross country. On Friday, we hope to hit one of our Science cornerstones through an eggciting eggsperiment... We will be dissecting eggs to closely examine its different parts and how they enable a chick embryo to grow inside of them.

**Diamond Class** Year 6 have had a great week learning new skills: they have had two days of Bikeability where they learned to ride their bikes on the roads, and cookery where they learned how to create a Mexican dish of food. They learned how to chop and slice, and grate and fry as well as using their skills in measuring quantities and times. They had great fun tasting their dishes at the end and reflected where the ingredients came from and what food groups they belonged to. The class have also been writing a suspense story based on the short film 'Alma' - a very clever animation that had them hooked!

**Sam Foyle - Coppafeel 100k trek**

You may have noticed an article on the school website (with pictures!) regarding Sam Foyle and her 100k trek for Coppafeel, the breast cancer charity. She has really appreciated the support and donations she has already received and we look forward to hearing about her adventure when she returns to school on Monday

**The Wingate Centre - Fete on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

We have been given advance notice of this event held in the gardens of Cholmondeley Castle. A flyer has been included as encouragement. Money raised will be given to the Wingate Centre.

**Demon Dentist at Crewe Lyceum - 30 November to 4<sup>th</sup> December**

We have just heard that Demon Dentist is coming to Crewe in the late Autumn. As you know, we have already booked places on the Crewe Lyceum pantomime, Aladdin, in early January as we were unaware at the time that this production would arrive. If you would like to book places for your family to see the Demon Dentist, please ring bookings on 0343 310 0050. The play is suitable for 5-12 year olds.

**RagBag Recycling - please use black bin sacks**

As you are aware, we have a clothes recycling bin at the double gate which is well used by the school and community. The bin raises up to £80 for the school each time it is emptied so it is a worthwhile enterprise. The people responsible for collecting your donations have requested that clothes are placed in black bin sacks before being placed in the bin. We do have bags in the school office if you are struggling with this.

**Dogs fouling the pavements near school**

Dog faeces on the pavements are an increasing problem and we would ask everyone to ensure that this does not happen by clearing up after your pet. Thank you for your help with this.

**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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