



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



10th February 2023

This week has been **Children's Mental Health Week** where we have been focusing on ensuring the children understand how to be resilient. The theme for this year '**Lets Connect**'.

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends, and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.



School activities involving the Cornovii Trust – Mental Health Week

As you are aware, from September 2022, the school became part of the multi-academy Cornovii Trust and since then the children have been taking advantage of the opportunities to work with the other two Primary Schools in the Trust, Weston and Alsager Highfields. This week, groups of children have joined together to mark Mental Health Week.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February the school took part in the national day looking at safer internet. The theme this year is '**Want to talk about it?**'.

School collection for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

Children have been expressing their concern about the devastation and loss of life in Turkey and Syria caused by the recent earthquake. As a school, we are keen to contribute and are asking every parent/carer who wishes to do so to send in a cash donation from now onwards. As this is an urgent appeal the last date for this collection will be Thursday, 16 February and we will send the total to Street Child (Christian Aid) – Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal on Friday, 17 February. Thank you in advance for your generosity.





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Water bottles in school

There has been an increase recently in the number of children needing to borrow a cup for water during the school day. It is important that all children have access to water and have their own named water bottles. Please ensure that your child brings their water bottle to school every day. Thank you.

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class – Cian Murphy
Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class – Niamh Watson
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Freddie Fellows
Mr Davies' Class – George Winter
Miss Morris's Class – Jessica Martin
Mr Blenkiron's Class – Isla Lambie
Mrs Bird's Class – Isla Rowe

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: Oliver Meadows

Responsibility: Max Bunseedhun and Freya Barnett

Resourcefulness: Emily Bourne-Withey

Readiness to Learn: Arthur-Jenson Fryer-Smith, Freddy Perry, Ralph Evans and George Shaw-Adams

You are all amazing and Shining Stars!

School

Amethyst class In Amethyst Class this week, we read 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham and 'Who Sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen. We made invitations, wrote speech bubbles for the characters and designed a new boat. In maths, we compared the weight and length of objects. We also practised counting beyond 20. To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, we played fun circle time games together to promote this year's theme 'Lets Connect.'

Sapphire class This week in Sapphire class we have started to read "The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth". We have used adjectives to describe the characters. In science we have been learning about the four seasons and what happens during each season. In maths, we have been exploring subtraction.

Pearl class This week in Pearl Class we have been adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers as well as looking at 2D and 3D shapes. In English we have been learning how to write different types of sentences-statement, question, exclamation and command. In Science this week we have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have worked as a team to sort animals using a Venn Diagram. In RE we have looked at The Story of Moses and we have all made a basket for baby Moses to keep him safe.

Amber class This week, Amber Class have been looking at the different types of life found in the different layers of the rainforest. In science, we looked at how different bones in the human skeleton have different roles and how some support the body and others provide protection to internal organs. In maths we have





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looked at different strategies to answer division questions and our reading sessions have looked at the title of our class book *The Iron Man* and got us thinking if other titles may have been more appropriate. In our writing sessions this week, we have analysed *Stone Age Boy* and looked at how it fits our story mountain planning template and we have started working on our own story in a historical setting. We have also enjoyed another swimming session, playing our recorders and learning more about the Islamic faith.

Emerald class This week year 4 have been practising various methods for multiplying 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. They have used fronted adverbials to write a setting description of the view from Tranio's balcony and also written a diary entry about Tranio's daily activities. The class have had a brilliant singfest rehearsal in Nantwich and also enjoyed their swimming lessons this week. The children strengthened and repaired their Roman shields and started to learn about the importance of looking after your teeth in Science.

Ruby class This week in Ruby Class, the children have been focusing on multiplying by two-digit numbers using the formal method of multiplication. In English, we have been looking at writing dialogue that advances the plot rather than writing conversations which distract from the events of the story.

On Safer Internet Day, the class enjoyed a lesson from the BBC on how to react to certain online situations, and designed their own game character with powers to help against online threats such as spam, scams and cyberbullying. In RE, the class discussed Muslim role models from the sporting world and considered how they have shown commitment to their faith through their actions. The children are looking forward to performing their historical class assembly on Friday, which will take the audience from the end of the Roman occupation of Britain, right through the Anglo-Saxon and Viking period, and ending with the Norman conquest - hopefully, with a few laughs thrown in along the way.

Diamond class Year 6 have been learning all about how the internet works, in Computing. They have been looking up IP addresses to understand how computers 'speak' to one another. In maths, they have learning about ratio, and, in English, they have been writing poems based on *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde. They have also been reading another Oscar Wilde story: *The Devoted Friend*, and this has sparked some intense discussion about what make a good friend!

Prayers to Share this week – We pray for everyone at home, school, local community and the wider world at these uncertain times to be safe and well.

Parking at drop-off and pick-up times

Periodically we have to remind parents and carers to avoid parking in front of driveways on the roads immediately around the school. Can we remind you again today as we have recently had a number of complaints from neighbours unable to get out of their drives? Please park responsibly.

Wingate Centre – fund-raising events

We have been asked to pass on posters regarding events to raise money for the Wingate Centre in Wrenbury. These have been attached alongside the newsletter.

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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