



## Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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I hope that everyone has a lovely bank holiday weekend and is able to spend more quality time with family and friends. We have now completed three weeks of the summer term. In a week's time 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 plays an important role in school life to ensure that its children have the best education possible, academically, spiritually, morally and socially, so they flourish as important and integral parts of society. By working together, they make a huge difference and no more so than in these difficult times when school life is so different and children's needs are so much greater. 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'.



### **Social Media and Internet Safety Meeting for Parents – held this week**

On Tuesday 30 April we invited all KS2 parents/carers into school for a presentation given by Mr Trude concerning safety online and how parents can safeguard their children. We are grateful to those who attended this very timely and necessary event but we were very much hoping for a larger response. If you did not attend, please take time to reflect on the material presented to parents on the evening, which can be found by following this link:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/staff-led-online-safety-inset-presentation/>

### **Generous giving for recent charity collections – thank you**

**Red Nose Day:** This collection was held before Easter on Friday, 15 March. The children dressed in 'red-to-toe' and raised the excellent total of £153.50. This has been sent off to Comic Relief.





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**Diabetes UK – 62 Miles in March:** Mr Trude and Y5 have been fund-raising for Diabetes UK and the school community has been very generous. To date, over £240 has been given. If anyone would still like to give to this cause, here is the link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AudlemStJamesCofE1709132860162?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=AudlemStJamesCofE1709132860162&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=d833e76f652147afa9bd2822f9ee28d1](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AudlemStJamesCofE1709132860162?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=AudlemStJamesCofE1709132860162&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=d833e76f652147afa9bd2822f9ee28d1)

## **Y6 Charity Cookie Event**

This week a small group in Y6 has organised a cookie sale. This has been extremely popular and to date they have raised £119, a wonderful effort. Any money raised will be given to Cancer Research.

## **Praise Book Children**

This week's Praise Book children are:



**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** Primrose Johnson

**Mrs Proctor's class:** Thea Waddington

**Miss Morris's class:** Chloe Barnett

**Mrs Bird's class:** Severn Leonard

**Mr Trude's class:** Jessica Martin

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Bella Roberts

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.**

**Reflectiveness:** Isla Ahmad and Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell

**Responsibility:** Jacob Hilling

**Readiness to Learn:** Jah'Mari Parker-O'Connor, Phoebe Shrimpton, Alexander Hodson and Alyssa Welch-Harding

## **School**

**Amethyst Class** In Amethyst Class this week, we finished the story 'Silly Doggy' by Adam Stower. We also read 'There's a Tiger in the Garden' by Lizzie Stewart. We wrote sentences with capital letters and full stops and made invitations to a jungle tea party. In maths, we used perceptual subitising skills, used the rekenreks and looked at repeating patterns using potato prints, bead strings and movements. We also had fun making landscape art using natural materials and learnt more about animals as part of our new topic, 'Amazing Animals.'

**Sapphire Class** This week in Sapphire Class we have been very busy! We have started our new book called 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. We have been looking at the cover and making predictions about what might happen. We have also been reading some of the story together and writing descriptive sentences about what we can see in the illustrations. As a class we have been focusing on writing our sentences independently and using 'and' to join our ideas together. In Maths we have been completing our new unit on Place Value using numbers up to 50. We have been practising using Tens and Ones to make numbers, as well as working out how many Tens make 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50. In the afternoons we have been using our Art skills to complete our artist pages, we have been doing the javelin and hurdles in PE, we have been using musical instruments to accompany a song and we have been excited to start our new Design and Technology unit





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about Fruit and Vegetables. This week we have also enjoyed being able to invite parents in to come and see our class assembly.

**Pearl Class** In Pearl Class the children made a 3D clay tile from a drawn design. In English they wrote a diary to describe Major Glad and Major Dizzy's experiences during a London air raid. They explored four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) when solving measurement problems. In Geography, we explored gardens around the world and learned how the weather and climate influences the types of plants found in those gardens. In Science we have started our new Plants topic and in RE we learned about the significance of The Star of David.

**Amber Class** This week, Year three have been writing a fantasy adventure story using all the skills they have learnt so far this year in English lessons. They have edited their stories. In maths, the children finished off their fractions topic and started to work with money. The class explored when and where The Ancient Egyptians lived in History and they worked on gathering ideas and designing Egyptian scrolls in their art lesson. The class have practiced their recorder performance for the musical showcase and have worked on running pace skills in PE. We started using spreadsheets in our computing lesson and researched the 10 commandments in RE. In their Science lesson, the children investigated how water travels through plants.

**Emerald Class** In Emerald Class this week, the children are getting very excited about their residential next week. They are looking forward to pond and stream dipping, and also to the evening campfire and all the lovely meals. In Science, we have also been investigating how long it takes to melt chocolate using water of different temperatures and, in English, we have been writing some exciting spooky sentences and learning to use some interesting techniques. In PE, we have been working on our pace when running and on improving stamina.

**Ruby Class** During this week in Year 5, the children have been working hard looking at finding a fraction of a whole amount, they then applied their knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving questions. During PE, the children worked hard completing a range of different movements to enhance their fitness; squat holds, burpees, press ups, skipping, etc. They also fine-tuned their athletics skills ready for town sports in June. In English, we have started a new book 'The Paper Bag Prince' we have started the topic by looking at two images from the book and writing two descriptive paragraphs comparing the images. In Computing, the children have enjoyed building their code to make games which they can then access on external devices.

**Diamond Class** This week in Diamond Class, we have been focusing on vertically opposite angles and the internal angles of triangles. We have also been consolidating what we already know about fractions, decimals and percentages as well as volume and square/cube numbers. In English, we have been writing our speeches for the Big Ambition competition brought to us by the Cornovii Trust, and have been practising Reading and GPS SATs papers in the hall.

### Attendance this week

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 97.62% which pleasingly is above our aim of 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst and Pearl classes have both had full attendance. In KS2, Amber class has the highest attendance. Congratulations to all three classes.

### Nantwich and Border Counties Sailing Club Open Day





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We have been asked to publicise this open day to be held on 19th May 2024 from 11.00am to 5.00pm. A flyer is attached with more details and the venue.

### **Audlem Parish Council – Art Competition – “Why I like living in Audlem”**

The council are holding an art competition with prizes and are inviting all children to take part by creating an A4 piece of artwork on the subject “Why I like living in Audlem” and bringing it into school. The closing date is 15 May and the child’s name and age is required on the back. A slip with full details of this competition has been sent home today with every child alongside a labelled piece of A4 paper.

### **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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