



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

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I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the wonderful weather with their families and friends as it truly felt that summer has finally arrived. We have finished the 1st week of the last term and the year seems to be flying past us and we now enter the last half term before the summer holidays.

As always, the children have been amazing and I am so proud of how every child has been able to cope with the stress and turmoil of the last year with a smile on their faces. I know that I speak for very teacher in the country this is why we love our job is to see the children happy and learning.

Unfortunately, we are still in very uncertain times as we have an increase in different variants in the Cheshire East area and also a positive case in our school. This means that over the next week we will be reviewing what we can offer to parents regarding coming into school to watch different activities e.g. Sports Day. I know that this will be disappointing but I must ensure the safety of the children, staff, parents and local community. Thankyou for your patience in this matter.

Thought of the Week



'We Seek Your Kingdom', is a whole-life worship song commissioned by [LICC](#) and Thy Kingdom Come, it is sung to the tune of the much-loved hymn 'Abide With Me' and has been written by Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan, and Graham Hunter. It inspires us to see our daily tasks through God's eyes - and live out the prayer 'your kingdom come' in every part of life. It offers a prayer that through ordinary Christians like you and me, God would transform, revive, and heal our society. The song is an encouragement and a call to action - a declaration that each of us can join in God's kingdom work right where we are through the power of His Holy Spirit. It includes the line, 'selfless in service, loving constantly,' a perfect reflection of what our school does best!



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At the current time, all we can do is keep to the advice given by the Government that we must wash hands, wear face masks and ensure we give people space.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Howie Goldrick for learning lots of doubles and being a superstar adding 2 numbers

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - Toby Le Grice for settling in well to his new class

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class - Alyssa Welch-Harding for her continued progress in reading and always using her growth-mindset to improve

Mr Davies' Class - Frankie Sherwin & Anna Ammundsen - for demonstrating how team work makes the dream work!

Miss Morris's Class - Billy Fellows for paying careful attention in Maths and working diligently through his tasks

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Rory Brampton for receiving Star of the Day twice this week and trying extra hard in his maths,

Mrs Bird's Class - Charlie Crowley for good focus during Bikeability.

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: Arabella Goodwin for showing resilience when practising counting in 2s every day this week; Tiggi Nixon for showing resilience during phonic based activities; Bella Condrey for persevering with an open-ended Maths challenge; Rory Brampton for resilience during our rounders game; Tom Satchithananda for completing his own Bikeability even when he couldn't come to school.

Reflectiveness: Finlay Lambie for an amazing plant study which has enhanced his knowledge and understanding of our Science topic; James Brennan for thinking through his methods in maths.

Responsibility: Maddie Wood for being a supportive friend at all times; Bess Simon for taking responsibility for her learning; Isaac Minshull for being very mature and listening well to instructions during Bikeability; Aidan Bugeja and Spencer Wright for taking the school's safety seriously and alerting Mr Blenkiron to a potential hazard so it could be quickly rectified.



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Resourcefulness: William Rowe for using apparatus accurately in our science investigation; Kate Sullivan for making excellent use of equipment to help solve maths problems.

Readiness to Learn: Caleb Bowen-Jones for sharing his amazing general knowledge during class discussions; Joe Hassall for readiness for his music lesson; Bella Roberts for being ready to read!; Fay Cottrell for outstanding organisation during lessons; Bradley Charlesworth for being ready for all instructions during Bikeability.

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst Class we have read the story 'Supertato.' We have written instructions of how to rescue the peas from the blocks of ice and written speech bubbles for the characters. In maths, we have been doubling numbers to ten using numicon, dice and dominoes. We have also enjoyed starting our new Superhero topic, making masks, designing capes and building dens.

Sapphire Class A busy first week back in Sapphire class. The children have been wowing Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward with their knowledge of multiplication facts. In design and technology, the children have been writing instructions in preparation for the construction of their bicycles next week. In English they have been discussing the feelings of the characters in our story Toys in Space.

Pearl Class This week, Pearl class have started their new guided reading book Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. We have enjoyed reading the first two chapters, analysing the characters and making predictions about the story. In Writing we have collected information and facts on endangered animals and we are now experts! In Science we have continued to make observations of our growing sunflowers and we have set up our 'bean in a bag' investigation on germination. In PE, Pearl class have been practising for Sports Day-we're ready!

Amber Class Welcome back to Amber Class! We have started the half term with 2 new books to help us with our reading and our writing - Zeraffa Giraffa & The Illustrated Atlas of Britain & Ireland. We have continued our PE sessions focussing on Athletics ahead of Sports Day and we have enjoyed a philosophical discussion about inclusion and compassion.

Emerald Class This week in Emerald class we have revisited to column multiplication and started to look at using different methods to work out simple divisions. The class have used part whole models to partition dividends into easier number to divide. The class have been working hard on times tables to prepare for the multiplication check. In English we have finished our class book and made sure we can punctuate direct speech perfectly. We have planned our writeaway task to retell the story using the first person. The children worked on using 'call and response' in Music and investigated different types of mountain formation in Geography.

Ruby Class This week in maths, Year 5 have begun to look at decimals to two decimal places, and using this knowledge to help them place decimal numbers on a number-line and to estimate measurements. In English, we have been extending our knowledge of vocabulary that will be appearing in 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' using our dictionary and online research skills - including looking up the etymology of words (Did you know 'fruit' comes from a Latin word meaning 'to enjoy'?).

We have also been looking at the four countries of the UK in relation to each other on a compass; working out ways to remember where the capital cities are; learning the names of the rivers that run through them; and manipulating maps to represent pictures to help us recognise a country by its shape (Have you ever noticed that Great Britain looks a bit like a witch riding a pig?) In PE, we have been working on how to triple-jump, making sure our hops are actually hops, and enjoyed a game of rounders on Thursday afternoon. We have also started a sweepstake for the Euro Cup. Each child (and Mr B) have a country to support that was chosen at random - come on, Poland!

Diamond Class This week in Year 6, the children have been enjoying their level 2 Bikeability training. Every child enjoyed a whole day's cycling around the local area and passed with flying colours. Back in class, we have been focusing on our maths, and have learned about ratio and solving problems with two unknowns. Tricky stuff, but the children have given it their best. Next week, we hope to begin a new topic in science and start writing our stories.



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Sunny weather - sun-hats, sun-cream and water bottles please

The weather continues to be hot and sunny so can I remind you that the children need water bottles, sun-hats and sun cream. On hot days sun cream can be used by children before they arrive in school and then only a top-up will be necessary at lunch-time. Please use a roll-on as we have had incidents recently where cream has irritated children's eyes. If the sun is extremely hot, we will be asking children to keep to the shade, especially in the middle of the day.

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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