



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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15 March 2024

Thought of the Week

New beginnings are always possible.



Praise Book Children

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Bodhi Scott
Mrs Proctor's class: Carter Swailes
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Madge Sumnell
Miss Morris's class: Molly Parris
Mrs Bird's class: Brodie Cowden
Mr Trude's class: Megan Chesters
Mr Blenkiron's class: Tallulah Woods



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: Dougie Simmons, Isla Bonell and Austin Wright

Resourcefulness: Max Bunseedhun

Readiness to Learn: Phoebe Fellows, Theo Jones and Anna Hyncica

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.

School

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school today to look at the marvellous collection of **World Book Day Boxes** the children have brought in. The children (and parents) have created some amazing entries and the children have really enjoyed looking at each other's ideas and exploring the scenes from so many books. A big thank you to everyone who enabled the children to take part; your support is much appreciated. Winning boxes have rosettes and book token prizes have been awarded. All the children who





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took part received certificates in this morning's assembly and the whole event has been a great success. Thank you for all your help with this. World Book Day vouchers have been sent home in children's bags today.

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

Amethyst: This week in Amethyst Class, we read more of 'The Pirates are Coming' by John Condon and also read 'Commotion in the Ocean,' by Giles Andreae. We also researched sea creatures and wrote sentences about pirates. In maths, we developed confidence in counting strategies, including counting on from different starting numbers. The children considered strategies for counting larger amounts or objects that cannot be moved. We also had a great time on Thursday at Xplore! Science Discovery Centre (see photo below).



Sapphire: This week in Sapphire class we have been writing our own story like 'The Lion Inside'. We worked hard to plan our story and think of how our story would begin and end. In maths we have been practising one more and one less than numbers up to twenty. As it is science week, we have been exploring hedgerows and learning about why they are so important to our eco-system. We went on a bug hunt and made a poster.

Pearl: In Pearl Class, the children have been solving two step problems in Maths related to Money. In English the children have written their own stories in the style of The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward. We have started our new story 'Major Glad and Major Dizzy' and we have looked at toys popular over the last 100 years. In Art, the children have decorated and evaluated the pinch pot and clay faces that they have created. In Computing, the children looked at Impressionism and then used the colour palette to create their impressions of gardens and streams in the style of Claude Monet. In History the children explored inventions related to transport and talked about how these had changed over time. They created simple timelines. In Science we took part in a special science game for 'British Science Week' called Metamorphosis Mayhem! In Music we looked at Australian instruments such as the didgeridoo and learnt an Australian song. In RE we looked at the Easter Story and discussed the importance of Good Friday and Easter Monday for Christians.

Amber: This week in Amber class, the children have looked at column multiplication and related facts. They have written setting descriptions including similes in English and added detail with adjectives and prepositions. The children have worked on their ball skills in dodgeball, researched different animals that live in rainforests in Geography and looked at wearable technology in DT. The children learnt about the human skeleton in Science and continued with their coding in Computing.





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Emerald: This week, Emerald Class have been learning about climate change and about how weather is different to climate. They have been investigating weather forecasts and have been taking daily temperatures using thermometers, which they have then plotted onto line graphs. We have also been finding out how scientists use ice cores to analyse how the climate has changed over time. To help the children understand the different layers laid down at the Poles, we created our own ice core over the week. The children have also been rehearsing for Singfest next week and have been learning about different artists.

Ruby: During this week in Year 5, the children have taken part in Science Week focusing on the topic 'Natures Future'. We looked at how native plants and wildlife are struggling to survive in the UK. Then the children selected an area in the school grounds, which they thought they could improve, then through design and research they drew and labelled a landscape picture. During English, the children have planned out their own Norse Myth which includes quests and magical objects. During Maths, we have continued practicing long multiplication fluency and reasoning problems. Ruby class show continued hard work in DT, PE, computing, and RE.

Diamond: This week in maths, Diamond Class have been focusing on consolidating what we know about the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. In English/Science, we have been writing articles about how the dinosaurs became extinct - writing hypotheses, researching the issue, debating with one another and forming conclusions. We have used 'if statements' when coding in Computing and we have also begun to work on posters for the upcoming Science posters competition - with the theme of 'time' in mind.

Attendance

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 94.56% which is unfortunately still below our school aim of 97% every week. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst and Sapphire classes have both had full attendance. In KS2, the best attendance has been in Emerald class. Congratulations to all three classes.

Friends of Audlem School - Tickets selling fast for Easter bingo – one week to go!

Just a reminder to get your tickets for the Easter bingo; tickets are selling fast! Our popular Easter bingo event will take place at school on **Friday 22nd March**. Doors will open at 5.30pm with the first call at 6pm. It is £2 per entry and there are some amazing prizes to be won. We will be serving hot food (which can be preordered on booking), cakes and other treats along with a range of beverages. It will be a great fun night for all the family! You can reserve your tickets by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjudlemschool/index.cfm?event=Shop>

We can't wait to see you there!

More Easter Sports Activities - offered by NAR Sports

We have attached two flyers for Football (6-14 year olds) and Basketball (8-14 year olds) events at Reaseheath. These are paid courses; £40 for each or £70 if your child is older and does both activities.

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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