



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



17th February 2023

Well, it's the end of half term and I can tell that everyone is tired. I just want to congratulate everyone associated with Audlem. It has been a busy half term with lots of wonderful visits, parent assemblies, new learning throughout the curriculum and celebrations of children's learning.

It always amazes me how resilient, kind, and courageous children are. I feel we can learn a lot from our children as well as us supporting them in their lives. In our busy lives try to ensure we make time to listen and watch as all children have a lot to offer us and if we nurture them as I know we do then these young people will become anything they want to be.



Finally, I hope you all have a restful break over the holidays and remember school starts on **Monday 27th February** and school is open for all classes as normal on **Tuesday 28th February** when teachers are striking.

Thought of the Week

Major life change can be a huge cause of anxiety - it represents a loss of the support and comfort you had from daily life. A move, a family illness, a lost loved one, and even a lost pet or activity can all be a hugely stressful. Maybe, try to focus locally on your own small contribution – finding small ways to be impactful and improving the lives of others and yourself. Be prepared to celebrate those contributions, rather than dismiss them as unimportant.



In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes (Ch 4:6-8);

Do not worry. Learn to pray about everything. Give thanks to God as you ask Him for what you need. The peace of God is much greater than the human mind can understand. This peace will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Christian brothers and sisters, keep your minds thinking about whatever is true, whatever is respected, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever can be loved, and whatever is well thought of. If there is anything good and worth giving thanks for, think about these things.





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This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class – Arthur Hughes

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class – Theo Jones

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Isaac Purnell

Mr Davies' Class – Fletcher Cronshey

Miss Morris's Class – Lucy Brennan

Mr Blenkiron's Class – Ethan Hughes

Mrs Bird's Class – Bess Simon

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:

Responsibility: Amelia Yusuf

Readiness to Learn: Thea Waddington, Esmee Leslie, the whole of Amber class – everyone brought their recorders ready for the lesson!

Resilience: Arabella Hughes and Charlie Stretch

Reflectiveness: Henry Howe

You are all amazing and Shining Stars!

Mrs Hayward is leaving us

We were sorry to learn this week that Mrs Hayward, one of our Y1 teachers, will not be returning to school. She has been a valued member of our teaching team since 2012 and in that time has taught in our nursery, in Reception and in Y1, contributing hugely to our school life. We wish her all the very best in the future.

School

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class, we read 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We went on our own pretend train journey and recorded what we saw and designed a healthy packed lunch to take with us on the train. In maths, we begun to develop our own 'mental number line' in our heads, as well as the ability to understand which number is more than or less than another. We then moved on to compare quantities and order numbers on a number line or number square. In science, on Tuesday we also had fun matching animals and their offspring.

Sapphire class: In Sapphire class this week we have started a new place value topic. We have been counting from 20 to 50, focusing on how many tens and ones the numbers have. In English we have used speech bubbles in our writing. In computing, we have been writing a questionnaire on Word so that we can use Google after half-term to find out the answers to our questions.

Pearl class: This week in Pearl Class we have completed our Maths unit on addition and subtraction. We have been looking at how many vertices there are on 2D shapes and we have had a go at drawing different shapes with the correct number of sides. In English we have written rules for looking after dragons using verbs as well as continuing our work on exclamations and questions. In Reading we have been focussing on inference and we are thoroughly enjoying The Dragonsitter story. In Science we have thought about the difference between living, dead or never alive and in RE we have continued learning about the story of Moses and Passover. We have become inventors of our own inventions as we answered Inventor Questions such as 'How can I make my





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bedroom tidy itself?' or 'How can I get to the park without touching the ground?' In Art, we have created our own Paper Looms and explored simple weaving techniques.

Amber class: This week has seen Amber Class continuing to learn about the rainforest animals and we have used laptops to complete research on various creatures so we could write fact files about them. In Maths we have moved on to measurement and have been looking at measuring and calculating the perimeter of 2D shapes. English has seen us writing our own version of Stone Age Boy and we have enjoyed our last recorder and swimming sessions of the half term.

Emerald class: This week, Emerald class have practised multiplying 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and they have started learning how to divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. In English, the class punctuated direct speech in a conversation between Livia and Tranio. The children had an amazing trip to the DEVA Roman Experience in Chester where they learned about The Roman Army and The Roman way of life. They wrote recounts of their brilliant day in English. The class worked on finishing off their Roman shields in DT and also enjoyed swimming and netball during PE this week.

Ruby class: This week in Ruby Class, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of the formal method of multiplication. In English, we have begun to write our own stories based on Norse mythology and the structure of Arthur and the Golden Rope. In Science, we have been learning about how to promote positive brain development in babies from 0-1-year-old. In Art, we have looked at the artefacts found at the Sutton Hoo burial site and identified common themes in the artworks engraved on the items - we then began to design our own Anglo-Saxon cushions which we will be sewing after the half-term holiday.

Diamond class: This week, Year 6 have been learning about voltage and current. They have had an exciting time changing the voltage in circuits to see what effect it had on the brightness of a bulb, the loudness of a buzzer and the speed of a motor; all useful knowledge before they being to plan how to build their own fairground ride in DT! They have also enjoyed drawing shapes to scale and writing letters in English using formal language.

Attendance this week

In EYFS/KS1 the highest attendance was achieved by Sapphire and, in KS2, by Emerald. Congratulations to both classes.

Skirts worn as uniform

Mr Perry is asking all parents/carers to ensure that the skirts your children wear for school are an appropriate length. He has noticed that some skirts are very short and would ask you to check on this. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

A.Perry.

