



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



17 November 2023

It has been a fun packed week with the children creating lots of wonderful memories. We started off with the Anti Bullying Ambassadors launching Anti Bullying Week on Monday. From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

This is one of the reasons "**Make a Noise**" is so important this year as teachers and children wanted a theme that **empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes**. We believe as a school it relates to us more than ever before as '**Let Your Light Shine**' is key, encouraging us to help our community by standing up for what is right.



The children of Audlem St James have always been beacons of light that shine brightly to ensure even in the darkest days there has always been light. This week I have seen that again through Anti Bullying Week as well as Children in Need as children have gone above and beyond in ensuring they make a difference to someone's life either at school or in the wider world.



Inter Faith Week

We have also been working on Inter Faith Week. We have focused on these key principles:

- Increasing awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society.
- Increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.





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Thought of the Week



No Outsiders

We were very excited to welcome Andrew Moffatt into our school on Thursday as we introduced "No Outsiders". The principles of "No Outsiders" are:

- we recognise difference
- we are tolerant and accepting
- everyone is welcome in our school

We will hold a parent's meeting before Christmas to share principles, practice and resources. The children had a wonderful time learning through stories this week.

Praise Book Children



Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Primrose Johnson

Mrs Proctor's class: Arthur-Jensen Fryer-Smith

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Parker Bennett

Miss Morris's class: Leah Hallatt

Mrs Bird's class: Toby Le Grice

Mr Trude's class: Matty Jones

Mr Blenkiron's class: Joel Ahmad

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:

Reflectiveness: Nessa Furber

Responsibility: Erin Norman and Cyrus McDonald

Resourcefulness: Lily Satchithananda

Readiness to Learn: Isla Murfin, John Broomhall and Eve Ahmad

Everyone!





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You are all amazing shining stars.

School

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 class: This week in Amethyst Class, we continued to read 'The Three Little Pigs,' by Mara Alperin. We added sound buttons to words, described the wolf and made 'Watch Out Wolf' posters. In maths, we compared the number of objects in 2 sets by matching them 1:1 and reinforced the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there were in each set. We also enjoyed spending time with our Year 6 buddies for our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' activity.

Sapphire class: This week in Sapphire Class we have enjoyed learning about Child Rights and have had some excellent discussions and created some beautiful pieces of work about having shelter. The children have also enjoyed using 'greater than' and 'fewer than' in Maths and learning about how to compare amounts. The children have impressed me with their beautiful singing voices as we have been learning our Nativity songs.

Pearl class: The children in Pearl class have discussed the UN Convention's Rights of a Child. The children recognise the right to be cared for, have a name, a home, enough to eat and drink and to be safe from harm. Y2 considered the right to breathe clean air and created posters to persuade others to reduce pollutants. In English, we explored the use of adverbs and adjectives to describe fireworks and create a poem. In maths, we have been adding ones to two-digit numbers using a number-line. In computing we have created lines of code to create a collision event where the Princess collided with a frog and turned him into a prince. In Science we have thought about suitable and unsuitable materials for different jobs. The children loved discussing how useful a chocolate teapot would be! In RE we have started looking at the Christmas Story from the point of view of the angel, shepherds and wise men. For anti-bullying week we talked about what to do if we are concerned or worried about ourselves or others and we all participated in a 'kind words only' activity.

Amber class: This week in Amber class the children have worked on adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers from three-digit numbers when the ones cross a ten. They have written letters from the boy to Grandad telling him about seeing the seal and her baby. The children evaluated their electric posters in DT and started to learn about how bronze was made in History. The class enjoyed their recorders session where they composed a 6 beat tune and they loved working on their sprinting in PE. The children looked at the work of sculptor Robert Morris in Art and made small sculptures out of cardboard shapes. They loved using slots and balancing materials to make them 3D.

Emerald class: This week, Emerald Class have been learning about malware and the risks of downloading software onto their devices. They have also been practising their Christmas songs and are getting very excited about singing them at the Big Switch On next week. In PSHE, the class have been thinking about the UN Rights of the Child, and have been reading a picture book about children's rights. Our class have been thinking, in particular, about the right to find out what a true friend is.

Ruby class: During this week, Year 5 have been planning and writing a recount of their extraordinary World War I day on Friday 9th November. We first identified the features of a recount by looking at a WAGOLL and then used the criteria to help us write. In Maths, we have been looking at what factors are, learning that they are numbers that divide directly into another number without a remainder, which lead us on to common factors. In Science, we have been learning about Aristotle and how he was able to tell the Earth was spherical





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and not flat. Ruby class have also been practicing the Christmas songs ready for the Big Switch-On in Audlem on Friday 24th November.

Diamond class: This week, Diamond Class have been treated to a fascinating talk by Mrs Gunstone on the experiences of her father, Richard Dowland, who was a POW in Japan during the second World War. The children then completed a writing task based on the information they gathered and the artefacts they were able to handle. In English, we have begun to write about how an advert, raising awareness about the plight of tigers, made us feel and how it managed to do this. In Science, we have created simple circuits, tested whether objects are conductors or insulators by inserting them into a circuit, and completed quizzes on the symbols for different electrical components. As part of Art and PSHE, the class created a collaborative piece of charcoal artwork on the right of a child not to experience violence, and we enjoyed a No Outsiders workshop led by Andrew Moffatt MBE.

Attendance: Whole school weekly attendance this week is 93.48%. This is much lower than our school aim of at least 97% but is due in part to the many cases of chicken-pox throughout school especially in Y6 this week. In EYFS/KS1, the highest attendance has been in Sapphire class and, in KS2, Ruby class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School

Friends are excited to announce plans for two events that will get you in the festive spirit.

- On Friday 1 December we will be holding our annual **Christmas Fair** between 5 and 6.30pm. Family and friends are all welcome to enjoy Christmas games, decorate baubles and enjoy some festive food and beverages.
- Also, on Sunday 3 December we are thrilled for the return of our **Santa Dash** which will take place at 11am from the school grounds. It involves a mile run, walk or amble on quiet country lanes, followed by hot drinks and food to replenish your energy levels. Santa hats essential!

We can't wait to see you there!

Big Switch-On – Timings of the Event and Santa's Grotto bookings

We have attached a general poster with timings for the Big Switch-On event and a booking poster with a link to book a slot for your child to see Santa on the evening of Friday 24 November. Please note that **booking opens today and closes on Wednesday 22 November at 5.30pm.**

Free courses available organised by Cheshire College South and West (CCSW)

The college have sent us a booklet (attached) concerning fully funded short courses lasting 12-16 weeks for 3 hours. These all take place online so no need to attend college. To be eligible you have to be over 19 and reside in Cheshire/Warrington post-coded areas, and you can only commence one course at a time.

Carols by Candlelight at Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday 6 December 2023

Henshaws have sent this message for our newsletter. "Henshaws is 186 years old this year, and we support anyone of any age who has a sight impairment, sight loss, and often additional disabilities. This year our incredible Henshaws Children and Young People Choir will be performing; they are absolutely amazing. It would be wonderful to see some of your pupils there. Please find below the details of our event, and I have attached a hyperlink so that when anyone clicks on it, they go straight to the event page."

(see overleaf)





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MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL **WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023**

Doors open at 7pm | Concert starts at 7.20pm

ADULTS £10*/£14	CONCESSIONS £6*/£10	Concessions = those with visual impairments, disabilities, students, children and OAP
GUIDES/CARERS FREE!	FAMILIES £25*/£30	Family tickets = 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children

*Early bird pricing will end 6th November

FEATURING

- Dave Steele - The Blind Poet
- Denise Leigh & Stefan Andrusyshyn
- Svitoch Ukrainian Choir
- Leo Hicks
- Henshaws Children & Young People Choir

BOOK NOW:

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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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