



17th December 2021

Final Newsletter of the year

As always, the children have been amazing this year 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 every teacher in the school when I say that this is why we love our job - to see the children happy and learning. I have seen how important it is for the children to be in school and how they flourish due to being able to interact with each other and progress with their learning which is lovely to see. I know that we will carry on ensuring we look after the whole child and make sure their well being is at the heart of everything that we do.

However, we are still in very uncertain times as we have an increase in different variants in the Cheshire East area and also positive cases in our school. This means that over the last week we have had to change our plans to ensure that we look after everyone within the community. I know that this is disappointing but I must ensure the safety of the children, staff, parents and local community. I also want everyone to be able to have a Christmas with their families.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in January.

Thought of the Week



Christmas Service

We would normally be in Church celebrating Christmas with you but unfortunately this isn't possible again due to Covid which is disappointing for all of us at school and I know you will also be disappointed. What a year we have had with many highs and lows over the last 12 months. What I can say is the tremendous way the whole school community have come together and kept on shining throughout. The children as always have been beacons of light throughout and always amaze me on how resilient and ready they are to face any challenge. As a school we have put together a video of each class and their part in the Christmas Service. A link to the video will be sent out very shortly.

I would like us all to remember the amazing celebrations we have had over the past year at home and in school.

Praise Book Children this week

- Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class:** Rishee Brown
- Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class:** Amor Miah
- Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe class:** Millie Fellows
- Mr Davies' class:** Lucy Brennan
- Miss Morris' class:** Esmee Durgan-Smith
- Mr Blenkiron's class:** Jessica Baddeley
- Mrs Bird's class:** Ava Jones

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- Responsibility** Joshua Copson and Rhiannon Morgan
- Reflectiveness:** Tiggi Nixon and Lily Rose Satchithananda
- Readiness to Learn:** Jasmine Baddeley
- Resilience:** Akira Lee and Cyrus McDonald



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School

Amethyst class: In Amethyst Class, we listened to the Nativity story. We wrapped presents, made tree decorations and decorated biscuits. We used pictures to help follow instructions and recorded what we did first, next, then and finally. In maths, we looked at the seasons and months of the year and used sand timers to measure how long it took us to complete different activities. We also had great fun at our class Christmas party.

Sapphire class: In maths we have been learning about adding one more. In English we have been learning how to write descriptive sentences to describe waves. In design and technology, we have made Christmas cards and designed and constructed climbing frames.

Pearl class: We have thoroughly enjoyed the last week of this term in Pearl Class. We have designed fire engines for our moving vehicle project in Design and Technology. *(Photo of Y2 Fire Engine Visit on 3 December enclosed below)*

We used our artistic skills to create felt Christmas cards and also designed winter trees using charcoal to create 2022 calendars. We explored the work of Vincent Van Gogh, focusing on the techniques he used in the Starry Night painting. We emulated his skills on computers to create a skyline picture of the Fire of Nantwich. In Art we also evaluated our sketches and designs, deciding what we liked and a next step to improve on. In Science, we learned about seasonal food by investigating the pros and cons of importing fruit and vegetables from different countries. In Religious Education, we reflected on the story of the First Christmas and why the story of Jesus' birth is important for Christians. We also had lots and lots of fun at our Christmas party!



Amber class: This week, Amber class have been very busy getting ready for the Christmas holidays. We have been looking at the birth of Jesus according to the gospels of St Luke & St Matthew and how aspects of both gospels go together to make the Christmas story we find familiar today. We have enjoyed our Christmas party in class and have been looking at how different Christmas carols can trace their inspiration to the gospels we have been reading.

Emerald class: This week year 4 have been working on their 3 and 6 times tables and their related division facts. In English, they have written descriptions of a hot air balloon caught up in a tornado using conjunctions to link ideas. The Children finished writing up their Victorian Day in History and prepared their Christmas Poem to read out for the Christmas Service. We started our new topic of electricity in Science which caused great excitement with the children making complete circuits including buzzers, lightbulbs and fans. In Computing, the children made powerpoints about electricity.

Ruby class: This week in maths, we have been finishing off our unit on statistics and completed an assessment involving line graphs, tables and timetables. In English, we have been looking at the crimes involved in traditional tales and debating whether Jub in 'The Lost Happy Endings' is actually the villain rather than the witch. The children have been completing Christmas-themed guided reading comprehension tasks and enjoyed watching Emily Hennessey perform her Swedish Christmas folk tales through SettleStories. The children practised their Wise Men skit, Twinkle Twinkle on the ocarinas, and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree with the guitar, and performed this perfectly for the Christmas Service video. In Science, we have been exploring the solar system and learning about the planets and the dwarf planets that share our star. We learned the order in which they are located from the sun, and we have made the 8 planets of the solar system using balloons and papier-mache. The children enjoyed watching Despicable Me 3 in place of the pantomime on Thursday and will be taking part in a Key Stage 2 Christmas Quiz on Kahoot over Zoom on Friday!

Diamond class: This week in Diamond Class, Year 6 have been making Christmas cards for their buddies, their families and for our lovely governors. They have also been learning about dividing using factors, and have been learning about the role of women before, during and after world war two. They have discussed equal pay and rights, and have thought about how the last hundred years have seen a period of significant and rapid change. During our Computing lessons, they have also been learning about what is safe and what isn't safe to share online. We have also had the pleasure of listening to a storyteller with 'Settle Stories' tell us some wonderful traditional tales.



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Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



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Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



Friends of Audlem School

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Stroll around the village last Sunday. It was a great event on a beautiful morning and we raised over £100.

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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