



**18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Audlem St James CE Primary School**

I would like to start with a huge thankyou to the school community on how they have risen to the challenge of helping others over the last week. The Ukraine Appeal was a huge success with over 30 bags full of goods that will benefit families that have had to leave everything behind. All of these items will be heading out to the Ukraine and Poland border next week. We wish Caroline (Head of Bridgemere) and her husband a swift and safe journey.

On the theme of helping others today was Comic Relief. All I can say is that it brought a huge smile to my face on how we keep on giving and helping others. It shows the power of humanity and when we pull together what we can actually do. I have listed some of the activities the children got up to below:



**Activities Today**

The children have been:

- Wearing red
- Undertaking races with red noses in place
- Participating in class talent shows with the winners performing to the whole school
- Buying cakes from the cake sale organised by Y6 (thanks to everyone who sent produce in)
- Carrying out secret missions (details will be divulged next week with, hopefully, some photographs).

**Thought of the Week - Kindness in the World**

"TOO OFTEN WE UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF  
A TOUCH, A SMILE, A KIND WORD, A LISTENING  
EAR, AN HONEST COMPLIMENT, OR THE SMALLEST  
ACT OF CARING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE THE  
POTENTIAL TO TURN A LIFE AROUND."

- LEO BUSCAGLIA

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[www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)



**Praise Book Children**

This week's Praise Book children are:

**Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class** - Phoebe Shrimpton

**Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class** - the whole class

**Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe's Class** - Maddie Fell

**Mr Davies' Class** - Alyssa Welch-Harding

**Miss Morris's Class** - Evie McColley-Hayward

**Mr Blenkiron's Class** - Tobias Dinsdale

**Mrs Bird's Class** - Lizzy Ellis

You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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**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** - Clara Wellings

**Reflectiveness** - James Tipper and Joe Hassall

**Responsibility** - Amelia Yusef, Charlotte Clark and Emma Kay

**Readiness to Learn** - Arabella Goodwin

**School**

**Amethyst:** This week in Amethyst Class, we continued reading 'The Pirates are Coming' by John Condon. We went on a treasure hunt, labelled a pirate ship and made 'Wanted' posters. In maths, we sequenced and ordered numbers. We used words 'more than' 'fewer than' and 'equal to.' We played '6 or not 6?' with arrangements of objects and played 'Fast fingers' by holding up our fingers in different combinations to represent the numbers 1-8. We also had fun during Science Week, looking at floating and sinking and investigating slime.

**Sapphire:** The children have had a really busy week. They have been learning about the Easter story in R.E. In English the children have made posters for a missing pet and written 'Thank you' letters to our friend at Fordhall Farm following our fun trip on Wednesday. In science as part of British Science week the children have been learning about different jobs that involve science, and we watched an online story session with a real scientist. In maths the children have been extending their knowledge of tens and ones.

**Pearl:** In Pearl Class the children have developed their mastery of the present progressive tense where describing scenes from the story Major Glad and Major Dizzy. They explored statistics in Maths; interpreting data using tally charts, pictograms and block graphs. The children have evaluated the effectiveness of the moving vehicle that they designed and made. To celebrate British Science Week, we enjoyed watching a live STEM story-time as well as researching minibeasts using the NFU Education live lesson. In Music this week we are learning about music around the world and this week we stopped in France - we learnt to sing Frere Jacques in rounds. In support of Comic Relief, we enjoyed our Red Nose race, the cake sale and performing comic acts.

**Amber:** In Amber class this week we have been looking at the book "The Big Blue Whale" in English. We have written a letter to David Attenborough to ask questions about a whale using similes. In maths we have been measuring in mm, cm and metres and solving problems with these. In science we learnt about different skeleton types - endoskeleton, exoskeleton and hydrastatic skeleton.

**Emerald:** This week Emerald class have practised punctuating direct speech. They have written dialogue between Tranio and Livia as Mount Vesuvius began to erupt in Pompeii. In maths, we have started to work on fractions and introduced the idea of equivalent fractions. We have also been practising the seven times table this week in preparation for the year 4 multiplication check in the Summer. In History, the children studied Roman architecture and leisure activities such as visiting the bathhouse. The class worked on computing and getting their lego we do resources ready to start coding next week. The class looked at teeth in Science and learnt about incisors, canines, pre-molars and molars. We have also been polishing our singfest songs as our performance is in less than 2 weeks!

**Ruby:** For British Science Week, Ruby class have been looking at coral reefs and life cycles. They have been practising long multiplication in maths and in English they have been continuing their work on "The Darkest Dark". In art, the children have been looking at Banksy and the implications of his public artworks. They've been looking forward to Comic Relief today and their guided reading has been based on it.

**Diamond:** Year 6 have been enjoying British Science Week by learning lots about different types of living things. They have learned about different vertebrates and have been answering questions such as 'what makes a dolphin a mammal'? To learn about the classification system, they have been sorting out sweets into groups. They have also had great fun organising their Red Nose Day talent show and selling red noses around the school.

**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.

**Attendance**

In EYFS/KS1 the highest attendance this week has been in Amethyst class and in KS2 Emerald class has the highest attendance. Congratulations to both classes.



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*Let your light shine'*

*Matthew 5:16*

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**Friends of Audlem School - School Uniform**

We have been asked in recent weeks if we have second hand uniform sales.

We are looking for a person or people who would like to help out and run uniform sales for us. If you think that you (and a friend or two) would be interested speak to a member of Friends in the playground, comment on our Facebook page or pass your details to the school office or Mr Perry.

Thank you for your continued help.

Friends of Audlem School.

**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*