



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



19th March 2021

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Whole School Together Again

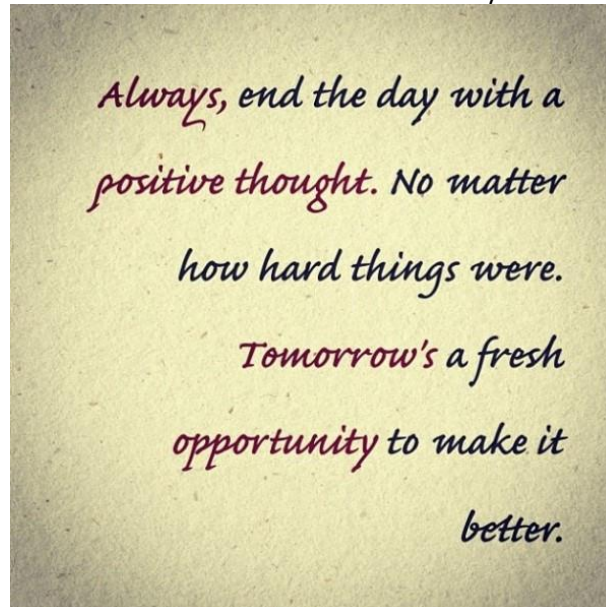
I just thought I would share with you my thoughts as we enter our second full week at school. As always it has carried on being a pleasure to have the buzz of the children in school. They have been completing lots of different activities both inside the classroom and outside with Census day work using practical maths, Science and P.E. sessions.

"This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge."

I know that our school community can do anything when we work together. I know that we live in an ever-changing society due to COVID 19 but at our school we are committed to creating a safe, enjoyable, stimulating and creative environment for all of our children to flourish in. Our staff, Governors and families work together to strive to ensure that the primary years are a positive, rewarding experience for all of our children and we all learn together in a caring Christian community.

Thought of the Week

We must always believe in what we can do and that tomorrow is another day to succeed and do good in the world.



At the current time, all we can do is keep to the advice given by the Government that we must wash hands, wear face masks and ensure we give people space.

Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March 2021

Today the school has been a sea of red as children have marked Red Nose Day by wearing red clothing, red noses and logoed t-shirts. We are filling the day with fun activities and generous donations have been collected. As we "go to press" we have received £184 and there may be more. The whole school dancing at 9.15 a.m. wearing their red noses, red tops and comedy head boppers was a sight to behold! Thank you for your help and generosity.



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Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

- Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class** - Lochlan Entwistle for showing resilience when writing a sentence and Lottie Hilling for always listening well and applying her phonics knowledge in her writing
- Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class** - Emily Bourne-Withey for excellent reading this week
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** - Maisie Baker for excellently well-structured sentences.
- Mr Davies' Class** - Alfie has consistently tried his best in all sessions this week - well done Alfie!
- Miss Morris's Class** - Fay Cottrell for writing an excellent diary entry as the character Leon during writing conference
- Mr Blenkiron's Class** - Calum Wilson for his engaging and entertaining diary entry
- Mrs Bird's Class** - Tom Satchi for really persevering with his writing.



You are all amazing Shining Stars!



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: Lochlan Entwistle for showing resilience when writing a sentence; Lottie Hilling for showing resilience by always listening well and applying in her phonics knowledge in her writing; Lucy Brennan for always trying her best; Jamie Sargeant for having the courage to stand up in front of his new class to tell the excellent jokes he composed himself; Eesha Thornton-Jones for overcoming challenges in her art.

Reflectiveness: Lily Satchi for reading her work, reflecting upon it and adding improvements. Excellent handwriting too. Bella Smale for reflecting on our class novel; Louis Macbeth for choosing his vocabulary carefully and considering the effect

Responsibility: Tommy Roberts for working hard to organise his resources in class; Barney Goldrick for updating his reading diary.

Resourcefulness: Jake Quigley for using the resources in the classroom to help him to work independently; Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell and Rebecca Kay when completing their Seurat-inspired parrots; Harry Graham for using his English book as a tool to help him write his diary entry; Niamh Roberts for including many of the elements from our writing models

Readiness to Learn: Maddie Fell for always being ready with the correct equipment; Jessica Martin for enthusiasm for learning and for always applying herself readily to tasks; Anna Ammundsen, Isla Lambie, and Seth Minshall for their attitude to learning and assessments; Jacob Graham for being organised and listening well to show he is ready for every lesson

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst Class we have read the story "What the Ladybird Heard" by Julia Donaldson. We have drawn maps of the farm, labelled the locations and used the pictures to describe the animals. In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of numbers to ten, matching numerals and objects playing a snap game, filling tens frames and recording our scores in tally charts. We have also continued our Read Write Inc phonics lessons and enjoyed completing activities for science week.



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Sapphire Class This week in Sapphire Class the children have been investigating length. In ICT the children have been using navigational skills to guide a robot around a maze. In English the children have been writing extended sentences.

Pearl Class The children in Pearl Class have started a new book this week called *Major Glad and Major Dizzy* by Jan Oke. They have learned to write consistently in the past and present tense. They have described and drawn their favourite toys. In Maths, they have explored the two times tables and have solved problems related to multiplication. Our school is taking part in the Census 2021 education programme, 'Let's Count!' which is being run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in the lead up to the census which takes place on Sunday 21st March. The children in Pearl Class have counted their favourite fruits. In Science, They have explored animals in their habits.

Amber Class Amber Class have completed a number of assessments this week, including reading, maths and grammar & punctuation. We have continued with developing our Hockey skills in PE and have been busy decorating our classroom by making a huge collage showing the different layers of the rainforest and finishing our artwork inspired by the post-impressionist artist Seurat. Finally, on Friday as part of our 'Let's Count!' work combining this with Comic Relief, we held an Amber Class Stand Up comedy show where we counted how many jokes the children of Amber Class could memorise and deliver to their friends. Does anyone know why pirates are called pirates....?

Emerald Class This week, Emerald class have begun to work with equivalent fractions in Maths. They have looked at fraction walls and how you must always do the same to the denominator as you do to the numerator. In English, they planned their writing conference task which was to write a past tense, first person diary entry including conjunctions and fronted adverbials. They wrote their diaries during the week too. The children finished their artwork on Greek pots, learned about Palm Sunday in RE and built and coded a model lego frog robot in computing. We participated in the Let's Count day on Friday and enjoyed celebrating Red Nose Day.

Ruby Class This week in maths, we have continued to look at equivalent fractions, and thinking about the golden rule of whatever you do to the numerator also must be done to the denominator. In English, we put what we learned about the key features of a diary entry into practice and have written diary entries from the perspective of Hades. In science, we have looked at the life-cycle of a bird and made circular revealers to showcase what we have learned. In History, we have been looking at important events from Ancient Greek times, and creating our own timelines of the facts we found the most interesting using ICT. For Red Nose Day, we will be completing a classroom census about what makes both unique and the same and relating this to our work on fractions. We will also be having a comedy talent show within the class; hearing jokes, watching funny dances and performing comedy sketches - Mr Blenkiron and Miss Moore will be presiding as judges!

Diamond Class This week in Year 6, we have been learning about the importance of the census and have been thinking of things we can count on our Let's Count! day. So far, the children are thinking of how many jokes they can learn ready for Red Nose Day or counting some sports-related challenges. Watch this space! In English, they have been learning how to write for effect. They have been very carefully choosing their words and crafting their sentences into some wonderful narratives, using some short animations for their stimulus. Some of them haven't wanted to stop! We have been progressing well with our art and hope to have some wonderful 'Growth' self-portraits ready for display very soon.

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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