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Audlem St James CE Primary School

We have now entered the last month of the academic year and I can't believe that we only have 3 weeks of school left. The year 6 have been on there transition over the last few days which I know has been very exciting for them and they are starting to feel ready for their next journey in education.

In school we have been looking at Transition. Our new reception children came in for another day on Tuesday and the rest of the school will be having their transition over the coming weeks. This is really exciting as they will all have a chance to meet their new teachers and class environments.

Thought of the Week

It focuses on 2 Kings Chapter 6.



On the surface the situation is dire. An army with horses and chariots surrounds the city. Yet this chapter includes a dramatic reveal. Elisha's frightened servant has his eyes opened to reality as it is, rather than reality as he sees it: 'Those who are with us are more than those who are with them' (verse 16).

It's an important lesson. Even if we have 20:20 vision our sight is imperfect. We can tend to go through life seeing things at the surface level and assuming that's all there is. We look at a lake and admire the sun sparkling on the surface, yet we are oblivious to the universe of life just below the surface. Who hasn't had the experience of looking for a lost set of keys only to discover they were 'in front of our eyes' all along? Even a small shift in perspective can reveal something we missed.

Where in life are you only seeing what's on the surface? Do you assume you can see it all? Has your vantage point become fixed or narrow? Perhaps you feel God seems absent or you cannot see the actions of God in the world? Make the words of Elisha's prayer your own: Open my eyes that I may see.

Covid 19 cases are on the rise

Please be aware that Covid-19 is on the rise within the Nantwich Partnership of Schools. We would ask all parents and carers to be vigilant. If your child has a temperature, sickness or a sore throat, please consider the possibility that they might have Covid-19. We have had an increasing number of cases in our school over the last two weeks, especially amongst the staff.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are: **Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class** - Freddy Perry

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - Lottie Hilling

Mrs Richardson/Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs Smith's Class - Ashden Malkin

Mr Davies' Class - Lily Satchithananda

Miss Morris's Class - Anna Ammundsen

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Isla Rowe

Mrs Bird's Class - Will Goodwin, Emma Kay, Callum Lambie and Archie Wright

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: Harry Graham

Reflectiveness: Tommy Roberts

Responsibility: Parker Bennett, Amelie Smith, Fletcher Cronshey and Emily Bennion

Resourcefulness: Freya Jones

School

Amethyst Class In Amethyst Class this week, we read Super Duck by Jez Alborough. We retold the story with puppets and wrote instructions to make a kite. In maths, we explored patterns within numbers up to 10, looked at even and odd numbers and practised rapidly recalling double facts. We also enjoyed playing dodgeball in PE on Monday.

Sapphire Class In Sapphire class this week we finished reading our book 'Toys in Space'. We really enjoyed the story and we were able to retell the narrative. We have used the story to think of our own character for a lost toy and we have planned a beginning, middle and end for our own version of the story. In Mathematics we have been counting forwards and backwards to 100 and using a hundred square to help. We have started partitioning two-digit numbers to identify the tens and the ones. In Science we really enjoyed investigating how different materials could change shape when we bend, squash, twist and stretch them. We had lots of fun in Topic mapping our route from home to school and plotting all the landmarks we can see on the journey.

Pearl Class In Mathematics this week we really enjoyed investigating capacity and volume by creating potions using dragon's blood, troll's bogeys and witch's cauldron. We used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to calculate the perfect potion which makes 1000ml. We used different measuring containers and practised reading scales and measuring with accuracy. In Computing we followed instructions to build a programmable robot called Milo and we created a simple programme to make the robot move backwards and pull a heavy load. The children then challenged each other to a game of tug of war with their robots. The children used this to help them to evaluate the effectiveness of their robot and the algorithms they used to control them.

Amber Class Amber class have continued their work on the Egyptians looking at the famous mask of Tutankhamun and creating beautiful line drawings. They took part in a quiz about Tutankhamun, practised hieroglyphs and learnt about Howard Carter, who discovered the tomb. In Mathematics they have investigated odds and evens. Today they have enjoyed a cricket session in PE.

Emerald Class This week Emerald class have been rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and learning about the decimal equivalents to one quarter, one half and three quarters. In English, the children wrote 'show not tell' phrases about emotions that the villagers were feeling when they had to leave their island home. We also finished our book and the children reviewed their likes and dislikes of the story. In Science we learned about how, through condensation, rain forms and falls because of gravity. The children made shaving foam clouds and using food colouring as rain! In Geography, the children looked at how floods happen and what some of the consequences are. In RE, the children wrote their own 10 commandments for Emerald Class after studying Moses' conversation with God on Mount Sinai. The class enjoyed an extra PE session where they learned a new ball game called four square and they had a PSHE session on diversity and inclusion.

Ruby Class This week, Ruby Class have continued their work on angles and measuring turns in degrees aided by Mr Blenkiron's friends; Jim-Bob the Jellyfish, Obtuse Goose and Deidre the Doughnut. Mrs Bugeja and Mrs Ayers have also been very helpful this week!

In English, they have been using adverbs of probability to write explanations from the perspective of Jamina (the main character in our latest Pathways text 'The Hunter') and developing "speech sandwiches" to make dialogue between Jamina and her granddad more interesting.

The children have been creating absolutely beautiful posters filled with fun facts about ducks, and will be making life-cycle revealers detailing the life-cycle of the peregrine falcon.



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In PE, we have started a unit on Judo. So far, this has involved explaining its meaning and origins; the terminology related to bowing, starting and stopping; how to fall without hurting yourself and two basic throwing techniques (though without actually letting your opponent fall) - osoto-gari and ouchi-gari.

Diamond Class Year 6 have been very busy preparing for transition by visiting their new schools. There has been a mix of excitement and nerves, but all the children who have been have found it a very useful experience. In class, we have been preparing for the Leavers' showcase. The children have been writing scripts and poems and are working hard to make their final show a memorable one. They can't wait to make their pop video!

Attendance

This week, Amethyst have the best attendance in EYFS/KS1 and, in KS2, Amber have the best attendance. Congratulations to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School

We have now provided a labelled, blue wheelie bin next to the school office for uniform donations. Can we ask that uniform items are in a good, clean condition with name labels removed, The bin will be there until the end of term. We would also like to say Thank You to everyone who bought tea and cake from Friends at sports day. Together we raised over £200 for our wonderful school!! Thank you to all of our volunteers old and new that manned the stall, the fantastic people that baked for us and the Tearoom at number 11 for donating coffee cups.

Audlem St James Church

You are warmly invited to All Age Worship this Sunday at 11.00 am. This is a regular event and Rev Alison has assured us that the service is noisier and shorter than a normal Sunday service so is very welcoming! She looks forward to seeing you there.

ABC Pre-School Staff Vacancy

Are you a recently qualified or soon to be qualified early years educator? Are you an early years teacher or manager? Looking for more than just a job? Get in touch! (Attractive salary, bonus scheme, training and team building days.) Call 01270 669050 or email your CV to: abcoperationsdirector@outlook.com

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.