



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



24 November 2023

This week we have been preparing for the Big Switch-On with KS2 children and I know that they will be 'shining brightly' tonight when we bring Christmas to the Audlem Community. The KS2 team have also been preparing for the indoor athletics at Malbank which will also showcase the children's skills.

Thought of the Week



Praise Book Children



Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Monty McGregor

Mrs Proctor's class: George Grieves

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Freddy Perry

Miss Morris's class: Ralph Evans

Mrs Bird's class: Louie Elliott

Mr Trude's class: Anya Miah

Mr Blenkiron's class: Isaac Parker-Bowen

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: Louis Pritchard, Sam Jennings and Noah Jenkinson

Responsibility: Daniel Wynne and Lulu Pavey

Readiness to Learn: Mary Durning and William Rowe

Everyone!

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.





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Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class, we finished reading *The Three Little Pigs* by Mara Alperin. We found the missing pigs and using positional language, played bingo with the red 'tricky' words and made a final plan to trap the wolf. We also read 'There's a pig up my nose' by John Dougherty. In maths, we explored composition by focusing on the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. We also sung rhymes such as 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and completed jigsaws together.

Sapphire class: This week in Sapphire Class we have had Nibbles the Book Monster in our classroom! The children have enjoyed creating wanted posters for him and fixing the titles of the books he had nibbled. In Maths the children have been learning about more than and less than symbols and using them to compare numbers. The children have also enjoyed learning about Noah's Ark, yoga and making hand puppets.

Pearl class: This week the children in Pearl class watched an informative video about owls and learnt how to make notes using headings such as 'What do they eat?' and 'Where do they live?' We now know lots of facts about owls in preparation for writing our non-chronological report. In Maths we have practiced different strategies for adding three numbers together e.g. look for number bonds to 10 then add the third number, look for doubles then add the third number. In Science we have continued our work on suitable and unsuitable materials for a certain item e.g. window, football. We have justified our choices using the properties of the materials e.g. window-glass is a good choice because it is hard, waterproof, smooth and transparent, metal is a bad choice because it's opaque. In RE we wrote speech and thought bubbles for the shepherds in the Christmas story.

Amber class: This week, year 3 have practised subtracting groups of tens from 3-digit numbers when the number crosses a 100. In English, they have written comparative sentences and written in the past and present tenses. The class finished learning about bronze smelting in History and discussed how to make everyone feel welcome in our school in PSHE. Year three have learnt about pneumatics in DT where they explored how compressed air can be used to move things. The children continued to learn about sculpture in Art and looked at the artist Anthony Caro. The children learned how to join shapes together using slots, tabs, tying and wraps.

Emerald class: Emerald Class have been practising their athletics, this week, and have been working together to perfect the standing jump. The class have also enjoyed a Victorian Workshop: they have been involved in an archaeological dig, been looking at Victorian toys and have experienced what a Victorian classroom feels like! They have also role-played what it was like to participate in social reform in the House of Commons and have been voting on what should be done to improve conditions for women and children. Overall, the children learned a lot about their History topic through this wonderful hands-on experience.

Ruby class: This week in Ruby class, the children have been working hard to learn the songs they will be singing for the Audlem Big Switch-On on Friday 24th November. During English, we have been writing stories about World War 1 objects ensuring our writing is cohesive. In Maths, we have continued our unit on multiplication and division focusing on prime and square numbers. In Science, we have been looking at how the planets orbit the sun and how long, in earth days, it takes them to complete their orbit. This week in RE, the children have found out that people who follow the Islam religion are called Muslims. We also discussed how Muhammad (PBUH) is seen as the founder of Islam and how he was the last prophet sent by Allah. The children continue to work hard in all other subjects.

Diamond class: This week, the children have been using their knowledge of division to complete various worded and reasoning problems. We have also been revisiting concepts from earlier on in the year and from last year. In English, we have been writing reviews of a charity advert about the poaching of tigers.





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In Science, we have been making predictions about the brightness bulbs from circuit diagrams and have written methodologies to ensure that our investigations are fair. We have also been working on our History-based Class Assembly and are looking forward to performing it to families on Thursday morning next week!

Last Friday's Children in Need Collection

The school raised **£174.10** for last Friday's non-uniform day – a very pleasing amount which will surely be appreciated by the Children in Need team. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Attendance: Whole school weekly attendance this week is 87.58%. This is our lowest attendance this term and is 10% lower than our school aim of at least 97%. Most of this is due to ill-health; persistent chicken-pox, chesty coughs and high temperatures. We hope that after the weekend the attendance will improve. In EYFS/KS1, the highest attendance has been in Pearl class and, in KS2, Ruby class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

Christingle Service – Sunday 3 December 2023

We have been contacted by Rev Alison Furber inviting all families to St James' annual Christingle Service at 3.00pm. You will be made very welcome.

Friends of Audlem School – Upcoming Events

🎄🎄🎄 CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023 – 1st of December 5.00pm-6.30pm 🎄🎄🎄

Our ever-popular Christmas Fair is returning to Audlem St. James on Friday, 1st of December and we would love it if you could join us. We have plenty of fun filled & festive crafts and games to keep the children (and adults) occupied and lots of hot food, cakes and beverages too.

Stalls include:

🎄 Bottle Tombola

🎄 Bauble Bobbing

🎄 Lucky Tree

🎄 Bric-a-Brac

🎄 Elfridges

🎄 Crafting - decorate a gingerbread tree & decorate a bauble

& many many more.....

Invite the grandparents, tell your neighbours and see you all on the 1st!

👱👱👱 SANTA DASH 2023 – 3rd December at 11 am 👱👱👱

We are extremely excited to bring back the Santa Dash in 2023!! This year we are pleased to announce that our event is sponsored by @HJLeaOakes and back by popular demand is Roachs Roaster who will be cooking up a storm, with bacon and sausage butties (as well as hot drinks and cakes) available to purchase on your return. The route will remain the same as last year, so just a little over 1 mile starting at the school.

Registration will open from 10.15 with a prompt 11am start. Each child will receive their very own medal at the end and we highly encourage everyone to dress up in festive wear. Don't delay and book your tickets below

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjudlemschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=72811>

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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