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Audlem St James CE Primary School

This week has been Healthy Week looking at emotional and physical health of all at school. The children have had lots of different activities throughout the week which have given them an insight into sports and activities that they might have never had before.

This is key as you do not have to be elite sports men or women to do sports outside of school. We hope that this might have ignited children again to have a love of sport or physical activity as this does help our health in lots of different ways.

Sports Day was something that made me so proud as all year groups took part in a variety of events that showed off their sporting skills. All children showed the importance of team work and having sportsmanship as they cheered all their classmates and teams through every event. This year was different due to COVID and not having a crowd to cheer them on but this didn't stop the children from showing what athletes they have become. Again, I would like to congratulate all the children in how they contributed to an amazing Sports Day.



The KS1/EYFS Sports Awards go to Hugo Hughes, Caleb Vacara, Jessica Martin and Willow Bonell for showing resilience and taking part in all events with a smile on their faces.

The KS2 Sports Award goes to George Aspinwall, Barney Goldrick, Charlie Furber and Heidi Woods for exhibiting true sportsmanship.

The KS1/EYFS Sports Day was won by Oak team (red).

The KS2 Sports Day was won by Lime team (green)

The overall School Sports Day winners were Oak team and Rowan team (yellow) as they tied for first place.

Congratulations to all the winners.



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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.



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.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Freddie Fellows for working so hard in phonics and during carpet time

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - Arrietty Graham for an amazing effort in English during our work on modifying nouns

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class - Maddison Wood for applying herself consistently to tasks set.

Mr Davies' Class - Larnah Murfin for superb application during her Lacrosse sessions and when trying new sports all week

Miss Morris's Class - Bess Simon for keeping a smile on her face throughout the week despite not being able to participate in a lot of the fun activities because of her injured foot.

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Esme Hetherington-Doyle for an excellent effort in all Healthy Week activities and a positive attitude to life in general

Mrs Bird's Class - Isaac Minshull for great enthusiasm during our 'Try Something New' sessions.

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: Riley Critchley for showing resilience when learning to play lacrosse; Jake Quigley for showing resilience and effort in all his races on sports day; George Aspinwall and Alfie Brooks for their attitude to Sports Day races; Tabitha Brampton for trying her best in all sports day activities; Bradley Charlesworth for working hard on his reading assessment.

Reflectiveness: Kate Sullivan for thinking about how to improve her story

Responsibility: Maisie Baker for working hard to develop her reasoning skills in Maths; Isla Rowe for responsible questions when talking to PCSO Nick; Callum Lambie for helping with sports day; Emma Kay for comforting friends when they were upset; Jonny Fellows for being sensible and helpful during PE.

Resourcefulness: Dorina Banfalvi for using her knowledge to create some great 'food bugs'

Readiness to Learn: Caleb Vacara for always being ready to start his morning jobs; Austin Wright for readiness to learn new skills in P.E.; Isla Lambie and Barney Stockton for trying something new; William New for being prepared during all of the sporting events this week; Olivia Entwisle for always being organised.

School

Amethyst Class In Amethyst Class, we read the story 'Juniper Jupiter' by Lizzie Stewart. We wrote about our own superhero powers and searched for a perfect sidekick. We made a comic strip about our adventures. In maths, we created our own 'How many legs?' problems. We combined different characters to find the total number of legs we would have altogether. We explored different combinations. We made boats using different materials. We investigated how many marbles each boat would hold whilst staying afloat. We also predicted which boat would hold the most. We also enjoyed sports day and all of the activities we completed during Healthy Week.

Sapphire Class The children have enjoyed a busy week of sports. They were super excited to take part in sports day on Monday, they all worked hard for their teams. They have enjoyed trying out a variety of sports thanks to North - West Coaching including fencing and lacrosse. In maths the children have been learning about half and quarters of shapes and quantities.

Pearl Class This week was Healthy Week and the children in Pearl Class thoroughly enjoyed trying new sporting activities including fencing, lacrosse and archery. Children achieved their best efforts during Sports Day and were proud of their success. In Science, the children learned about seed dispersal and created paper helicopters to emulate the sycamore seeds. The children listened to the poetry of Michael Rosen. They learned a poem off by heart and then created their own rhyming couplets which they performed to their class.

Amber Class Amber Class have been focussing on Keeping Safe & Healthy this week during our special theme week. We started the week by enjoying our Sports Day where all children represented their houses superbly! We have also enjoyed a gymnastics & street dance session with Ad Hoc, we have tried some new sports (fencing, archery and Lacrosse) and we completed our final Amaven challenge of the year. We also got to watch the teachers take on Year 6 in the greatly anticipated Staff v Students game. On top of all of this activity, we have considered how important bees are to keep us healthy by looking at all the fruits and vegetables they help to pollinate.

Emerald Class This week Emerald class have had an amazing time during keeping safe and healthy week. They really enjoyed talking to PCSO Nick about the countryside code and asked him lots of interesting questions. As well as all the active sessions and sports day, they have also worked very hard in the classroom. We have written setting descriptions inspired by our new class book 'When the Giant Stirred.' We have focussed on finding synonyms to improve expanded noun phrases and using pronouns to avoid repetition in writing. The children learned about hadith stories in R.E. completed a well-being session on emotions.

Ruby Class This week, Ruby class have participated wholeheartedly in Healthy Week, listening to PC Nick in a mature and respectful way, cheering for each other during sports day and willingly trying out more unusual sports such as lacrosse and fencing. They have also taken part in a fascinating class debate "Can money really buy us happiness?".



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Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



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Diamond Class In Year 6 this week, we have been very busy trying out new sports; from lacrosse to fencing and have carried out our Sports Day races over the week. We are really looking forward to the relay at the end of the week! We have also learned about road safety, and how to keep safe when in a car or on the school bus, and we learned a lot from our talk with PCSO Nick about 'County Lines'. On Wednesday, we started our high school virtual 'intake' day with a talk from a teacher at Brine Leas School. We then began the first of our transition lessons which was Food Technology. We really enjoyed designing our own food bugs!

Friends of Audlem School - Active Audlem goes to Tokyo

We hope you are all clocking up the miles as you join the whole school in travelling the 5911 miles from Audlem to Tokyo. Sponsor forms were sent home last Thursday, 24 June but are also available on the Friends page of Audlem St James website <https://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/p/friends.html>

Wild World Heroes - Summer Reading Challenge

This year's challenge is being launched at Nantwich Library tomorrow, Saturday 3rd June. Every child has been given a Wild World Heroes bookmark today with full details. Search for **wildworldheroes.org.uk** to find out more.

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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