



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



30th June 2023

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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 their 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

Our focus this week is 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.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Burgess' Class – Arthur-Jensen Fryer-Smith

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Chloe Barnett

Mr Davies' Class – Tiggi Nixon

Miss Morris's Class – Lily-Rose Satchithananda

Mr Blenkiron's Class – Joel Ahmad

Mrs Bird's Class – Fay Cottrell, Freddie Latham, Will New,
Ed Whittaker and Eleanor Wood

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: Lily Moulton, Esmée Durgan-Smith and Emily Bennion

Reflectiveness: Akira Lee,

Responsibility: Willow Bonell, Seb McComb and Finlay Lambie





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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 with numbers up to 10, looked more at even and odd numbers and practised rapidly recalling double facts. We also enjoyed playing dodgeball in PE on Monday.

Sapphire Class: This week in Sapphire Class we have been learning about trees in science. We went on a walk around the school groups to see how many different types of trees we could find and used a key to find out the names of them. Also, we drew what our sunflowers look like this week! Now, they have stems and some leaves. In English, the children wrote some amazing diary entries using lots of adjectives to make their writing really descriptive!

Pearl Class: This week Pearl Class have been adding suffixes -er and -est to root words to write about things you should know before entering the woods. We have continued our work on telling the time and we have solved some time related problems. We have read Chapter 3 of Fantastic Mr Fox and we discussed how the characters were feeling at different points in the story so far. In Science, we have continued our work on healthy bodies. We have talked about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and found food in supermarket magazines to sort into the five main food groups. In Music, we learnt the song 'Rain is Falling Down' and we tapped different parts of our bodies to the pulse and rhythm of the song. It was lovely to have our parents share a Computing lesson with us on Tuesday. We identified different forces and then created a Pull Robot using Lego WeDo. We followed instructions to build the robot and then created a simple program to make it move. We then tested the program to see how many bricks the robots could move. Finally, we challenged each other to compete in a tug of war.

Amber Class: In Amber Class we have reading a narrative poem based on the fairy tale Hansel and Gretel. The children loved creating their own narrative poems based on other traditional stories! Linked to our Ancient Egyptian topic, the children made their own textured paper and they drew details from a variety of Egyptian artwork. They focused on the lines, colours and shapes that they could see. In maths, the children have moved on to money this week.

Emerald Class: This week, year 4 have worked with decimal equivalents of one half and one quarter. They have rounded decimals to the nearest integer and started to work with money. In English they began work on their new class book 'Where the forest meets the sea.' They worked on proposing changes to vocabulary and grammar to improve it. The children melted chocolate to observe how solids can change state into liquids in Science and the children practised talking about the weather in French. The class made Greek God information cards to learn about all of the different Gods that the Greeks worshipped in History. Year four worked on making tints and shades with paint in art and then using painting techniques to make objects look 3D.

Ruby Class: This week in maths, the children have been focusing on shape. Specifically, the internal angles that make up a 2D shape, and the features of different 3D shapes. In English, the class have been working on problems and resolutions to their stories about the African girl and her elephant. They have also begun to work on their end of year evaluations, where they consider their favourite moments and lessons, what they are most proud of and what they would like to achieve next year. In music, the class revised 'duration', practiced an easy song on the ocarinas, wrote out the tab for parts of My Lighthouse, and then performed what they managed to write successfully. In Science, we have learned how to classify animals into different





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groups based on certain characteristics. Some children went on to design their own brand-new animal, and later on in the week, they created PowerPoints about their favourite animal.

Diamond Class: This week, many of our Year 6s visited their new high schools for transition. We hope they are all looking forward to the opportunities ahead. The children have also enjoyed having their parents come in to see how different lessons are delivered in our school, and for our Year 6 parents, they were able to join in with the PE lesson on rounders. We're not sure who was most excited: the children or the parents! As we enter the last few weeks of the school year, Year 6 are getting on with their show and are busy learning their lines and planning their costumes. We are all very excited to see it all coming together.

Attendance this week

This week, the best attendance in KS1 and Early Years was in Amethyst class. In KS2, Amber class has had the best attendance. Congratulations to both year groups. This week the average attendance has been 94.22% which is disappointingly lower than last week and considerably below our target of 96% or above.

Nantwich Summer Reading Challenge – visit to school next Wednesday

The Nantwich Library summer reading challenge starts on Saturday 8th July and runs through the summer holidays until Saturday 9th September. A representative from the library will be talking to children in assembly on Wednesday next week. Please click on the following link for more information and resources for this year's challenge which is entitled **Ready, Set, Read**. www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src

Friends of Audlem School

The Summer Fair is being held on Friday 14th July from 5pm-7pm and we would love to see as many parents, students and family there as possible to support this event. This year's Raffle has been very generously donated to by many local businesses and tickets will be sent out early next week for children to sell.

We are also asking families to send in/donate any unwanted (excellent condition) teddies, toys, puzzles etc that we can use as prizes for our summer fair. These can be given to a member of the Friends team or dropped into the blue wheelie bin located outside of the main entrance no later than July 12th. Flyers are attached with more details.

ADAS-donated pumpkins for every child

Today in Praise Assembly we had a visitor, Mrs Nixon from ADAS, to talk about the pumpkin plants every child is bringing home tonight. We have sent a leaflet out with the newsletter.

Water Safety

As the summer holidays approach and children may be playing near water, we have been sent two flyers concerning water safety which we have attached to this week's newsletter.

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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