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Standing Together

I know that the news over the weekend would have been unsettling for families especially as we get closer to Christmas. What I can say is that we as a school will continue as normal with the same restrictions we have in place now, however if people would obviously like to wear masks as they pick up or drop off this is fine. I would like to go over the importance of us all working together and ensuring that if you are in doubt about your child being unwell then do phone the school and discuss it with myself or the office staff.

It has been a wonderful week as the school has been transformed into a magical winter wonderland as Christmas has come to Audlem. Each class have been busy over the last few days building, making and decorating Christmas decorations for their classrooms. It felt that we had 190 elves ensuring that Christmas was coming to school no matter what. Today it happened we had the Big Switch on in school and the school looks magical with every class ensuring that all children will be able to enjoy Christmas over the next few weeks of school.

The school production is coming on as I can hear the singing of carols and songs from the Nativity and children practicing their words from different scenes.

Brine Mat

This week you had a letter informing you that we have now converted to Brine Mat from Richard Middlebrook (CEO). I would like to take this opportunity to say that there will be no changes in school as we keep everything the same this includes uniform, name, term dates, daily hours and changes to the curriculum. The only changes are what Mr Middlebrook has stated in the letter that financially over time we will be better off which will have more of an impact on the children's learning.

I would like to say how excited I am that this has now happened as we have been working on this as you know for many years. I know that this next journey for Audlem school will enhance the children's learning by developing an even stronger bond on ensuring the education of all children aged from 4-18 years old within our schools. We are looking forward to working even closer as teachers by developing each other's skills through quality opportunities which will enhance our learning and the children's. I will keep you updated over the next few terms on the ways the Brine Mat has advanced our curriculum and teachers expertise.

Big Switch On

How to make Christmas magical. All you need is enthusiastic children and sprinkle of teachers and TA's and then you have a choir of over 70+ children and WOW you have Christmas all wrapped up. It was lovely to actually be able to interact with parents for the first time in almost 2 years and also be part of the community. The smiling faces from both children and parents said it all. I must say I was a very proud Headteacher last Friday night. Well done to everyone taking part.



Thought of the Week





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Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class: Willow Bonell

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Isla Moulton

Mr Davies' class: Jake Quigley

Miss Morris' class: Orion Morgan

Mr Blenkiron's class: Willow Adams

Mrs Bird's class: Katy Entwisle

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Resourcefulness: Samuel Jennings

Readiness to Learn: Jaxon Colley, Archie Barber and Elliot Waddington

Resilience: Riley Morris

Responsibility: Finlay Lambie, Ava-Louise Bowen-Jones

School

Amethyst class: In Amethyst Class this week, we read 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We sequenced the story, listed ways to use a stick and wrote Christmas lists. In maths, we investigated ways to compose and de-compose the number 3 using cubes and paint stamps. We explored how 1 and 2 are parts of 3 and began to use spatial language to describe some 2d shapes. We also read 'Stanleys Stick' by John Hegley and had fun thinking up names for our own sticks that we had collected.

Sapphire class: We have had a busy week in maths learning number bonds to ten. In English the children have been learning how to write factual sentences about penguins. In I.C.T the children have been learning how to log on and search for images of climbing frames. In phonics the children have been impressing us with their 'sticky knowledge' of the digraph 'oy'. They have also been busy designing and making a variety of Christmas decorations.

Pearl class: This week in Year 2 we have been very busy rehearsing for the Christmas Play and the children have been wonderfully learning the songs, dances and lines. In English, we planned and independently wrote our own story with a beginning, middle and ending, all about a troll and a child who are complete opposites. In Maths we explored the rules of fact families for addition and subtraction. We also practised subsidising and representing the number 7 in Mastering Number. On Thursday we were very lucky to have Crewe Alex come to our classroom and teach us about being healthy. On Friday we were also extremely lucky to have a visit from the Fire Engine, to help us with our Design and Technology project of designing a fire engine vehicle which moves. We also had lots of fun on Friday in the Elf Run for St. Lukes - a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us!

Amber class: This week, children in Amber Class have been working really hard with their end of term assessments. All children have impressed with how much effort they have put in this week - well done Amber! If this wasn't enough, children also enjoyed their penultimate swimming lesson this week as well as writing recounts in their history lesson and using their knowledge of Stone Age attire to create sketches of what they think the Amesbury Archer could have looked like. We have also started to feel a little festive by decorating our class room with a Christmas theme including making Christmas-inspired 3D shapes in maths!

Emerald class: This week Emerald class have finished their addition and subtraction topic in maths and have begun their multiplication topic. In English, They have expanded sentences with adjectives, prepositions and conjunctions. They have also looked at identifying singular and plural nouns. They completed their zentangle patterns in art, worked on their Victorian partner dance and completed a reflection on the positives and negatives of the invention of the railways in History. They have also continued their computing unit on internet safety.

Ruby class: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! This week, we have been transforming Ruby Class into "Mr Blenkiron's Grotto" with paperchain streamers, and colour-refracting snowflakes on our Christmas tree - as well as being treated to Mr B's online advent calendar. To increase the Christmas cheer even further, we have also been completing end of term assessments...

In maths, we have been looking at tables of data and how to interpret them, as well as using our knowledge of subtraction to calculate questions involving 'difference'. Our timestable of the week has been the 6's - we practised this using a counting stick and then made the timestable out of concrete resources for our display.

In English, we have been predicting the end of Hansel & Gretel, and thinking about how the Old Woman's demise is a typical feature of a folk tale - relating this to other folk tales and films where characters have met a similar end.



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In R.E., we have continued to think about how the Messianic prophecies relate to Jesus and we have been writing our explanations up into our books.

In PE, we have carried on developing our skills in football, including passing and we have applied these skills to game scenarios.

Diamond class: This week, Year 6 have had the pleasure of working with two Halle Orchestra musicians to compose and play some original pieces of music based on WW2. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to live performances from the violinist and cellist and the children were definitely amazed at the speed that the musicians could play - the message was, lots of practice! The children have also been enjoying Forest Schools in the snow, where they made some lovely art and built some well-needed fires. In Science, we conducted some chromatography experiments to see what colours were within our felt pens.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



Christmas Card design for Edward Timpson

Two of our Y6 girls, Katy Entwisle and Emma Kay, have been shortlisted for our MPs Christmas Card. Congratulations to both girls. We should hear soon if one of them has been chosen.

Attendance

Amethyst Class have had the best attendance in EYFS/KS1 and Amber Class have had the best attendance in KS2. Congratulations to both classes.

Car engines running in colder weather

It has been pointed out that, with the colder weather, people are leaving their engines running whilst they wait for to collect their children. This creates pollution that our children are breathing in, is bad for the environment and goes against the advice in the Highway Code. Can we ask that you turn off your engines whilst waiting at school? Thank you for your support in this.

Friends of Audlem School

A note went home in registers regarding cutting your own Christmas Tree at Birchall Moss Hall in Hatherton - open from this Saturday, 4th December. Ring Oliver on 07973 398562. 15% donation to Friends of Audlem school if you do! Don't forget if you would like a beautiful Christmas Wreath for your home, Friends have you covered. We will start making our wonderful creations next week. You can pre-order these at

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofaudlemschool

or keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. Save the Date! Friends will be holding a **Santa Stroll** from the village on Sunday 12th December at 10:30. Join us for some Santa hats, fresh air and fun. Further details to follow.

Children in Need Collection - Well Done Everyone

The Friday 19th November collection for Children in Need raised an amazing £208. Thank you to everyone for this excellent response.

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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