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4th March 2022

Audlem St James CE Primary School

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts as we enter our first full week at school. It has been an absolute pleasure to have all the children back in school. To see them engaging in lessons discussing reasoning in Maths and working through some of the exciting new class books in English has been lovely. The work that the children are already producing across school shows a real determination to succeed. I believe in this quote below:

"Our job at school is to support you and your children. We will endeavour to instil that anything is possible through the way that we nurture the whole child and that their dreams can come true."

At Audlem 'Everyone Matters' and this is key as its not just the children, staff and governors that matter to us but the whole community as we have recognised the strength of working together and supporting each other.

Thought of the Week

Please remember this as anything is possible



Getting together

This week for the first time in two years we have begun to get together again. At playtime and dinner time we are now back to normal and are all together. Today we have held our first full school assembly in the hall, much to the amazement of Y1 and Reception children who have never had the experience. This is a joyous occasion for our school.

World Book Day



Every class marked World Book Day on Thursday by watching and listening to children's authors, discussing their favourite books and writing book reviews. The photo shows three Y4 children with their review of J K Rowlings' books.

For more details, see the reports from each class below where World Book Day is referenced.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Thomas Martin Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - George Shaw-Adams



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Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe's Class - Emily Bourne-Withey
Mr Davies' Class - Jessica Martin
Miss Morris's Class - Freya Jones
Mr Blenkiron's Class - Milo Hetherington-Doyle
Mrs Bird's Class - Archie Wright
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 – Bella Smale, Tabitha Brampton Readiness to Learn – Isaac Swailes, Lochlan Entwistle, Maddie Fell and Matty Jones Reflectiveness – George Aspinwall

School

Amethyst: This week in Amethyst Class, we have read the story, Ten Little Pirates.' We have written messages in bottles, designed our own pirate ship flags and made treasure maps. In maths, we have played board games, recited numbers to 20 and learnt about measuring quantities on Pancake Day.

We have also had fun learning our pirate names and a pirate dance and loved the World Book Day story retelling and activities.

Sapphire: In Sapphire this week the children learnt about Shrove Tuesday and ate pancakes with toffee sauce!! In English the children have been impressing us with their use of exclamation marks and question marks in their writing. In maths the children have been consolidating their knowledge of counting forwards and backwards whilst also practising how to spell number words up to twenty. In topic the children have been generating questions to ask our group leader when we go on our trip.

Pearl: This week we have enjoyed a wonderful storyteller on World Book Day, written our own book reviews and designed book front covers. We also learnt how to be a story detective, how to ignite inspiration for story writing and developed new writing skills from authors famous. In Mathematics we have been developing our knowledge of money by selecting coins and notes, making the same amount and comparing amounts of money. In the Mastering Number programme, we have composed numbers 11-19 by recognising them as '10 and a bit'. In Science we have learnt about adaption and how different animals adapt, including giraffes, polar bears and camels.

Amber: Amber Class have had a very busy start to the second Spring half term! We have started a new unit in maths where we are looking at Statistics and we have also started looking at our new class books for English and Guided Reading. We have started our new Science topic where we will be looking at different animals, nutrition and the muscles & bones of the body. Recorder sessions have started again and we enjoyed a very special World Book Day where we had the opportunity to discuss our favourite books, write book reviews, take part in online live story telling sessions and even read about a dino-poop planet! On Tuesday, we studied the importance of Lent and even had a pancake race in the school hall!

Emerald: This week Emerald class have practised dividing with remainders in maths. In English, they have worked on their handwriting and planned paragraphs on themes about the activities Tranio did each day. We added the finishing touches to the collages we have been creating in art and wrote about the functions of the digestive system in Science. For RE, the class role-played a pilgrimage to the River Ganges for the Hindu Kumbh Mela festival. Following this, the children wrote a diary entry as a Hindu pilgrim to the festival. Emerald class enjoyed celebrating World Book Day where they investigated Ben Bailey Smith's books and made posters about their favourite authors.

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Ruby: In Ruby Class this week, we have moved on to multiplication in maths focusing on the formal method, multiplying three digits numbers by one-digit numbers.

As part of World Book Day, we have been joining prevalent authors talking about their new books; we logged into Settle Stories for a live feed story telling session; started writing our own book reviews and tried to guess who the mystery 'masked reader' was from the members of staff at school.

In History, we have been learning about how the Anglo-Saxons converted from paganism to Christianity and analysed artefacts to figure out whether they are examples of Christian symbolism, pagan symbolism or something in between during the crossover period.

In PE, we have started a unit on cricket and have begun by perfecting our catching technique.

In Science, we will be remembering our zipwire experiences from Condover; describing the forces at play and considering how to make a zipliner go even faster.

Diamond: In Year 6 this week, the children have enjoyed reading to their buddies in Reception for World Book Day, and also enjoyed completing a treasure hunt with the children. The class have also been thinking about how people with a non-religious world view decide what rules to follow to lead a happy life. The children have also worked very hard in maths learning all about fractions.

Prayers to Share this week - We pray for everyone at home, school, local community and the wider world at these uncertain times to be safe and well.

Attendance

The best attendance in KS1/EYFS this week was in Sapphire class and in KS2 it was Amber class. Well done to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School

Friends would like to thank everyone that came along and bought a book from us or donated books for our World Book Day Book sale. Despite the pouring rain we had a wonderful turn out and raised £52.

Anyone for Tennis?

Audlem Tennis Club are holding FREE taster sessions on Friday 11th/18th/25th March 1st April.

Reception & KS1 from 4pm - 5pm; KS2 from 5pm - 6pm

Juniors do not need to sign up in advance; please just bring your child down on the 11th March. You will need to provide full name and contact details. Please note that young children cannot be left without a parent / guardian for the whole hour.

(There are sessions available for secondary aged children on Wednesday 9th/16th/23rd/30th March from 6.30pm - 7.30pm and Adults from 7.30pm - 9.00pm)

If you have a racket please bring it along!! There will be an opportunity to book further sessions after the Easter holidays! Any queries please let me know.

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Parking in Emberton Place

Nick Jarvis, our Police Community Support Officer, has let us know that he has received a few complaints from residents of Emberton Place about parents parking there when picking up and dropping off children. It is **residents only parking**. He has asked if we can remind people in our newsletter not to park there. He will be keeping an eye on the street and Guinness Housing, who own the properties, have also been informed.

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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