



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



1 December 2023

Our Values and Vision for Our School

These are the words that appear on the homepage of our website and sum up our vision.

Our visions and values statement has been decided by staff and children and it is something we are all very proud of. At Audlem we embrace the adventure of learning, encouraging everyone to step out further, think more deeply and become more understanding. Inspired by our Christian values, we are developing our skills, our courage and our wisdom to achieve beyond expectations and become successful learners, caring citizens and confident individuals. Through God's love we are nurtured, we are inspired and we shine.

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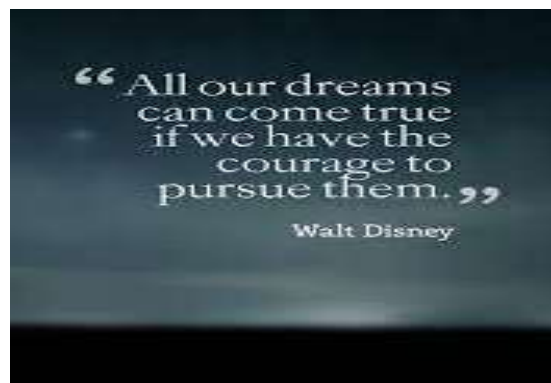
Big Switch On – last Friday

How to make Christmas magical; all you need are enthusiastic children and a sprinkle of teachers and TA's. You then have a choir of children and WOW you have Christmas all wrapped up. It was lovely to have a normal start to Christmas 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.



After last Friday and now that we have now entered December, there does seem to be a bit of magic in the air as children are starting to get excited about Christmas. 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. We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair today.

Thought of the Week





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SIAMS Inspection – Monday 4 December 2023

As you are all aware after the official letter sent home yesterday, Anne Brooksbank, the SIAMS inspector for Anglican and Methodist schools, will be visiting us on Monday. We are hoping that she will be able to speak with everyone including parents and discover that our school has a strong and caring Christian ethos which shines out from everything we do. We are looking forward to her visit.

Praise Book Children



Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Freddie Thorley

Mrs Proctor's class: Archie McComb

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Thomas Martin

Miss Morris's class: Riley Critchley

Mrs Bird's class: Sofia Tinsley

Mr Blenkiron's class: the whole of Diamond class.

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: Millie Fellows

Reflectiveness: Joe Bennion

Responsibility: Larnah Murfin

Resourcefulness: Clara Dodd

Readiness to Learn: Cian Murphy, James Pritchard and Lucy Brennan

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.

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class, we read *The Gingerbread Man* by Mara Alperin. We made gingerbread men, designed 'Look Out' posters and acted out the story. In maths, we verbally counted together numbers larger than 20 and spotted the pattern of number names beyond the 'teen' numbers. We also enjoyed our art lesson when we went outside to find materials to make our own natural paintbrushes. We then experimented making different marks with paint.

Sapphire class: In Sapphire class we have enjoyed seeing what mischief Nibbles is getting up to in his story. We have been writing lots about what he's been doing and how he's been making the other characters feel. In maths we have been learning about addition and number bonds to 10. We have also enjoyed evaluating our puppets, by thinking what went well and what we would want to improve on.

Pearl class: In Pearl Class, we have collected vocabulary to describe the night sky from Plop's perspective in English. In Maths, we have been learning add and subtract across ten using number lines and tens frames. In History we retold the story of the Fire of London as a reporter. We have also written a letter to the Children's





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Commissioner with our ideas of how to improve education. We have been rehearsing for our Christmas performance and perfecting our singing!

Amber class: This week the children in year 3 have been using column addition and subtraction when renaming is not needed. They also started working on column addition where renaming is needed in the ones column. The children practiced using direct speech in English and also using the past and present tenses. The class learnt about how Jewish people welcome babies in RE and designed pneumatic toys for younger children in DT. In art, the children worked with the concept of negative and positive space and identified these in a series of pictures. The class studied Iron Age camps in History and also enjoyed their final swimming session.

Emerald class: This week, Year 4 have enjoyed writing their own fantasy story based on the book 'Gorilla'. They have come up with some wonderful ideas and are busy putting them together. In PE, the class have been learning javelin and have had their last swimming lesson for the year, and in French, have been learning about colours. The class have also been designing some lovely Christmas cards to be sent out to local homes for the elderly.

Ruby class: This week, the children have been working hard in English writing a descriptive paragraph about when Jub first met the old women on the path. They have also used speech to move their writing on. In Maths, we have continued our learning on cube numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. During DT, we have started looking at stuffed toys and how they are constructed, and the children have designed their own stuffed toy. In Science, the children have been looking at the movement of the moon relative to the Earth.

Diamond class: This week in Maths, the Year 6 children RAG-rated a past SAT's reasoning paper and then went through any they found tricky in class. We have also begun to revisit fractions - specifically how to find equivalent fractions and simplify them. In Writing, we used Armin Greder's 'The Island' as a stimulus for diary entries and letters from the perspective of an Islander, complaining about the presence of the foreign man who has washed ashore. We also created charcoal artwork around this text in the form of a comic strip with single words representing the overall feeling of each scene. Diamond Class have worked hard in their rehearsals for our Class Assembly 'War, What is it Good for?', which they performed to the parents on Thursday morning.

Attendance: Whole school weekly attendance this week is 92.56%. This is an improvement on last week but is still well below our school aim of at least 97%. Most of this is due to ill-health, chesty coughs, a vomiting bug and high temperatures. We hope that next week the attendance will improve.

In EYFS/KS1, the highest attendance has been in Sapphire class and, in KS2, Emerald 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 this week. You will be made very welcome.

Friends of Audlem School

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





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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!

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In light of the freezing temperatures forecast this weekend we are incredibly sad to announce that the Santa Dash this weekend is being cancelled. A risk assessment of the route was carried out this morning and some areas are simply unsafe for running and we do not want to risk any injuries. We are hoping to replace the Santa dash with a similar event potentially in the Spring (details will be shared once confirmed). We will post details regarding refunds in due course. Thank you for your understanding.

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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