



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



3 March 2023

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 it is 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



World Book Day – Thursday 2 March 2023

On Thursday the whole school (including the staff) dressed in pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns ready for bedtime stories at the end of the day. Some children even brought cuddly toys and pillows for the full effect. The school looked amazing. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this event, especially those of you who came in to read with your children. World Book Day vouchers were handed out and we look forward to the visit of Collette Warbrook, the author of "Help! I've lost my llama", who will be visiting school on Monday 13 March as part of our celebration. It was a very successful day.

(photos overleaf – for more photos look at the class pages on the school website)





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Y2 children happy in their pyjamas



A bedtime story surrounded by books



Family groups reading in the school hall



Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Burgess' Class – Harriet Walley

Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class – Akira Lee

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Lottie Hilling and Joe Bennion

Mr Davies' Class – Nessa Furber





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Miss Morris's Class – Billy Cornes
Mr Blenkiron's Class – Max Bunseedhun
Mrs Bird's Class – Barney Goldrick

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:

Reflectiveness – Isaac Swailes and Amelie Furber

Responsibility – Grayson Swailes, Arabella Goodwin, Evie McColley-Hayward and Billy Fellows

Resourcefulness – Emily Bourne-Withey

School

Amethyst: In Amethyst Class this week, we started reading 'The Pirates are Coming' by John Condon. We went on a treasure hunt following the clues, wrote a list of hidden sea creatures and played a memory game together. In maths, we partitioned the numbers within 7, e.g. seeing that 7 can be made of 5 and 2. We also investigated missing parts and played '7 or not 7?' with 2 different coloured multi-link cubes. We had a great day Thursday celebrating World Book day and loved our Forest School with Mr Hadfield on Friday.

Sapphire: This week in Sapphire class we have been continuing to read our class book "The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth". We have been focusing on using 'and' to connect words and clauses and adjectives to make our writing more descriptive. In maths, we have been partitioning tens and ones. On Thursday the children loved celebrating World Book Day in their pyjamas and it was so lovely that some of you were able to join us in school.

Pearl: This week in Pearl Class we have been collecting words and phrases to write a description of the setting where dragons live. We continued our work on adding two two-digit numbers as well as counting the number of faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes. In reading we have explored exciting vocabulary and we have made inferences based on what has been said and done in The Dragonsitter. We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and would like to say a special thank you to all the grown-ups who came to read with us on Thursday. We also took part in an exciting BBC Live Lesson for World Book Day where we talked about reading for enjoyment and the children had the opportunity to re-design their favourite book characters. In design and technology, the children learned that an inventor draws plans, makes prototypes and tests their invention to see if it will solve a problem. They learned about the inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci and created a prototype of a parachute which they will test.

Amber: The week in Amber class has absolutely flown by! At the start of the week we were looking at graffiti art and recreating the style of Banksy and enjoyed our first swimming session back after the half term break. In English & reading we have been looking at our new class books (Big Blue Whale & This Morning I Met





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a Whale) and in Maths we have continued our learning about length & perimeter. We have been laying down some disco beats in our recorder session this week learning an accompaniment to 'Le Freak' by Chic and we have started our new science topic looking at plants.

Emerald: This week, Emerald Class have worked on dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers with remainders. We have practised this skill using cubes and part whole models. In English, the children have planned and written letters of advice to Livia and Tranio using the present perfect tense. The children finished painting their Roman shields in DT and wrote a recount of our trip to the DEVA Roman experience in History. We started our new Science topic of animals including humans and the class planned and executed a science experiment to investigate tooth decay. In RE, the children looked at the significance of Palm Sunday and The Last Supper for Christians. On Thursday, we enjoyed having an inspirational World Book Day!

Ruby: This week in Ruby Class, the children have been continuing to secure their knowledge of long multiplication by multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and applying this to worded problems. In English, the children have been working on parenthesis (using brackets, dashes or commas to add extra information into a sentence) and have observed this in their new Guided Reading text 'Exploring Space'. In Computing, the children have learned about how search engines generate their results using an index created by web-crawlers. We created our own index showing where various items could be found around the school and then made PowerPoints demonstrating how we can reduce the amount of search results by refining our search terms. On Tuesday, the children had an art-based day and painted/drew pieces which reflected how they can let their light shine in school and in the local community. On Thursday, the children will be enjoying World Book Day in their pyjamas. They will be decorating potatoes to represent their favourite book characters, will be listening to several famous story-tellers online and will have a chance to read themselves and have a bedtime story read to them.

Diamond: This week, Year 6 have been learning about The Amazon Rainforest and river. They have also been reading more of Oscar Wilde's story, 'The Selfish Giant' and have been writing their own personification descriptions. On World Book Day, they listened to stories read by Nothando Zulu who is the president of the Black Storytellers Alliance in America, and took part in some World Book Day reading activities. Some parents were able to join us in reading bedtime stories to their child, and Year 6 had fun making the classroom ready for bedtime stories with Mrs Bird.

Attendance

In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst have full attendance this week and, in KS2, Emerald and Ruby have the best attendance. Well done to all three classes.

Friends of Audlem School – Non-uniform Day – 10th March 2023

In anticipation of our Easter fundraising, we will be holding a non-uniform day on the 10th March 2023. We are kindly asking that pupils donate items for our Easter hampers of a particular colour/type in return for wearing their own clothes. Details as follows:





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Year 6 – Red items for a hamper

Year 5 – Green items for a hamper

Year 4 – Yellow items for a hamper

Year 3 – Orange items for a hamper

Year 2 – Blue items for a hamper

Year 1 – an Easter themed treat e.g. an Easter egg, chocolate bunny

Reception – an Easter themed treat e.g. an Easter egg, chocolate bunny

Can we kindly remind everyone that all donations need to be nut free – thank you.



Streetchild UK - Turkey-Syria Earthquake Rapid Response Appeal

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send off an amount of **£152** following the school collection for this appeal at the end of last half-term.

St James All Age Service – Sunday 5 March

Rev Alison Fulford has sent us the following message “Please could you let your community know that St James has its All Age service this Sunday at 11am and that they are really welcome? Thank you”

Church Cake and Coffee at St James – Saturday 11 March

A week later, St James are holding a fundraising event from 2.00 until 4.00pm. They have provided us with a poster which we have attached alongside the newsletter.

Lightworks – Men’s Woodcraft

Andy Townsend, who has worked with the children in school, has asked us to publicise this new venture: Design and make wooden crafts from planters to toys, learn new skills or share your own, prepare articles for children’s and school workshops, re-use and recycle, all while having a brew and a chat.

Thursdays 1:00—3:00pm, Lightwood Green Methodist Church, Whitchurch Road, Lightwood Green, CW3 0EP

Email Andy— 1108lw5@gmail.com to book.

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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