



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



10 March 2023

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts as we enter our second full week at school. The seasons have now changed again, and it has felt more like winter than officially Spring. Spring is about where I hope new life can grow and we can keep on growing as a community and this is what I hope for our community.

The children are still growing in their appetite for knowledge, and this has been evident in the way all classes have been learning. I have been very fortunate to see an abundance of lessons ranging from Art about Ancient Greece, looking at poetry within English to the why we have seasons in Science. The children always amaze me by what they ask and how they take that knowledge and deliver questions which make not just the other children in the class think about the bigger picture but the adults as well.

Thought of the Week

New beginnings are always possible.



Parent Survey

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AudlemParentSurvey2023

Please take the time to complete our annual parent survey by 31 March 2023. It is important that we hear from as many parents/carers as possible and this year the survey includes important information about how we communicate/engage with parents and your views on the likely demand and potential for Audlem St James to offer holiday club and before/after school provision within school in the future. Thank you for your views and opinions in advance.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class – Ariana Tudor
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Lottie Hilling
Mr Davies' Class – Maddie Fell
Miss Morris's Class – Finlay Lambie
Mr Blenkiron's Class – Tallulah Woods
Mrs Bird's Class – William New





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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 – Amelia Leslie

Reflectiveness – Mia Sargeant, Toby Le Grice, George Aspinwall

Responsibility – Hugo Higgins, Chloe Hallatt

Readiness to Learn – Leo Smith

School

Amethyst: This week in Amethyst Class, we have been continuing to read 'The Pirates are Coming' by John Condon. We wrote a list of treasure that we found, labelled treasure maps and made a 'Wanted' poster. In maths, we explored the composition of numbers within 10, focusing on when 2 equal parts combine to make a whole. We looked at doubling and seeing 'the same number twice', or '2 times the number'. We recorded it symbolically, e.g. $3 + 3 = 2 \times 3$, and used the language '2 groups of 3'. We also had fun on our treasure hunt around the school grounds, searching for the hidden chocolate treasure that had been buried.

Sapphire: This week in Sapphire class in English we finished our class story "The Case of the Missing Mammoth" We have been writing our own versions of the story by changing the setting and one of the characters. In maths, we have been focusing on one more and one less. In science we have started our investigation 'are all leaves the same?' The children learnt that we needed to write a prediction prior to starting our investigation. Next week we will carry out the experiment to find out if the children's predications were correct. On Thursday the children really enjoyed their visit to Crewe Lyceum to watch 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson.

Pearl: This week Year 2 have continued reading 'The Dragonsitter'. We have been learning to 'read and explain' by finding words or phrases in a text to back up our answers to questions. In Maths we have been practising adding two 2-digit numbers as well as revising our shape knowledge. In Science we have used a resource from Sir David Attenborough to think about different habitats animals can live in and how they are suited to their environment. We have begun to discuss the Easter story and we have been practising for the Easter celebration in church. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting Crewe Lyceum theatre to watch 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson as part of our World Book Day celebrations. In History, we researched famous inventors and inventions focusing particularly on animation. We sorted 2D and 3D shapes in different ways developing reasoning skills using stem sentences.

Amber: This week in Amber Class, we have been looking at religious art and traditional Christian representations of Jesus and the resurrection. We have discussed the Easter story and looked at how this is represented in many ways through art. In music we continued our recorder sessions and in swimming a number of children have been assessed against the National Curriculum objectives. In our English sessions we have been writing a recount from the perspective of the protagonist of our class book and in Maths we have been solving problems relating to the comparison of metres, centimetres and millimetres. We've also continued to compare the Amazon and Sherwood forests and looked at the lifecycles of flowering plants.





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Emerald: This week, Emerald class have divided 3-digit numbers by 1 digit numbers including with remainders! In English, they wrote letters of advice to Livia and Tranio and edited and proofread their work. They also gathered ideas for speech sandwiches they will be writing next week. The children finished off their science investigation about the effects of sugary drinks on teeth and had a singfest rehearsal. On Wednesday and Thursday, the class travelled to Delamere forest for their residential trip. In Delamere, they built dens, hunted for badgers, went orienteering, had a campfire and explored the forest.

Ruby: This week, in Ruby Class, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of long multiplication and have begun to work on division (using various approaches including the "bus-stop method"). In English, the children have been introduced through clues to their new text 'The Darkest Dark'. We have begun to write descriptive openers including many of the literary devices we have learned about so far in Year 5, and, in Writing Conference, we have been focusing on using semicolons to join independent clauses that are related in some way - e.g. "The dinosaur roared; an asteroid was heading straight for it." or "I missed the bus; I guess I'm walking to school." In PSHE, the children have heard some great advice about how to be a good friend. They then wrote letters to their future selves about the advice that most spoke to them personally. In History, the class have been researching the Anglo-Saxon gods that our days of the week are named after, and compared these to the Roman gods that the French days of the week are named after. They then had a brief lesson in democracy and have started to write manifestos for their chosen god who wants to become the new king of the gods in place of Woden.

Diamond: This week, Year 6 have been doing their DT research by looking at how fairground rides are constructed and how they move. In RE, they have also been thinking about Holy Week and the concept of resurrection. They have then had some thoughtful discussions about what Christians believe happens after you die and reflected on their own beliefs. In PE, the children have been playing some hockey matches.

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

This week, the highest attendance in EYFS/KS1 was in Amethyst class and in KS2 it was Emerald class who have actually had full attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School are excited to present our:

🥰🥰 EASTER BINGO EGGSTRAVAGANZA 🥰🥰 We are delighted to invite all families to our fun-filled, exciting Easter bingo night! Do you know your Legs eleven from your Kelly's eye? If not, be sure to dust off your bingo etiquette books and come join us for a night of laughter and fun. Doors open at 5.30pm, eyes down for first call at 6pm. Hot food is available to pre-order along with a fully stocked bar and snack shop to keep the thirst at bay while you dab the night away! Get your tickets via the link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-audlem-school/index.cfm?event=Shop#.ZAXxQHbP23A>

***This is a ticketed event and tickets are limited - please purchase sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. Tickets are non-transferrable unless organised directly through Friends.





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Don't forget that **next Friday, 17 March is Red Nose Day** in school. We will not be selling noses this year but we are encouraging every child to dress in red in exchange for a 'gold' coin. We would also like cakes with a red nose theme which we will be selling to the children. Please ensure that they have 20-50p in change so that they can buy cakes. Thank you.

Heathfield Road Problems at Drop-Off and Pick-up

Please take care on the roads near school. Children and their parents use the road as pedestrians and we had a report of a near-miss on Thursday morning at the bend on Heathfield Road. Thank you for your help with this.

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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