



10th December 2021

Last Friday Christmas started at school where our own Big Switch On happened in every classroom and the festive spirit was sprinkled over all classrooms. The children have been very creative with their own decorations and showed their understanding of art & design.

Last Friday's we held our Elf Run on behalf of St Luke's Hospice. We have had an amazing response from parents, friends and staff and we are sure that the total we have raised will be splendid. St Luke's will be collecting the envelopes unopened on Tuesday, 14th December so if anyone still has donations, please bring them into school on Monday 13th so that they can be added to the collection. Photos can be viewed on the school website under News.

On the same afternoon, Pearl class had a wonderful visit from the Fire Service. The class would like to say a big thank you to all of the fire fighters for an informative talk about the role of a fire fighter, keeping safe over the Christmas Season and for allowing us to have a close look at the fire engine. The children particularly loved squirting water from the hose. (A photo will follow).

The Christmas Lunch was enjoyed by all on Thursday as most children had the full Christmas trimmings as well as a sumptuous dessert. The hall was decorated to ensure Christmas is now part of school as staff became waiters and served the children their lunch at their table. It was clear how much everyone enjoyed the day and we can't wait for our Christmas Service and the Panto next week! Mr Davies took photos during the KS2 sitting and we've chosen four to represent the four year groups. The children's hats were marvellous.



Prompt Arrival for KS2 Pantomime

In advance of next week, can we remind everyone that the four KS2 classes will be setting off for Crewe Lyceum to watch "Sleeping Beauty" next Thursday morning, 16th December. Please ensure that your child arrives on time as we don't want to leave any child behind! However, please read the letter that has gone home today as there may have to be changes in the light of Covid-19 cases.

Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Erin Sanderson

Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class: Lottie Hilling

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Nia Brown

Mr Davies' class: Maisie Baker

Miss Morris' class: Frankie Sherwin

Mr Blenkiron's class: Jack Bryan

Mrs Bird's class: Callum Lambie

5Rs

Responsibility: Erin Wynne, Hugo Higgins and Caleb Bowen-Jones

Readiness to learn: Jamie Sargeant

Resilience: Eleanor Wood

Reflectiveness: Nessa Furber and Ethan Hughes

School

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class, we have read the Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We talked about our favourite storybook character and drew a picture of them. We also labelled toys. We recapped the counting sequence to 10 and used our fingers to represent quantities 10. We sang songs, played a bean bag throwing game and built towers with cubes and wooden blocks.

We had great fun on our trip to see Santa on Tuesday and enjoyed our school Christmas lunch on Thursday.



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Sapphire class: The children have had a very busy week getting ready to film our Christmas show. They have all been superstars. The children have also been carrying out PSHE lessons with Crewe Alex football club in addition to practising a variety of sports skills. In art the children have been sketching winter skylines in their sketch books. In maths they have been consolidating their knowledge of number bonds to 10.

Pearl class: This week we have been extremely busy performing our Christmas Play - the children have been absolutely amazing learning all of the songs, dances and lines and they should all be extremely proud of themselves. In English this week we have written about owls, using books, videos and our own knowledge, in preparation for learning about the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. In Mathematics, we have continued to develop our knowledge of addition and subtraction by using the inverse operation of subtraction to check addition calculations. We have also explored the composition of the number 9 in Mastering Number. In Science, we have explored where food comes from, seasonal food and debated whether foods should be imported to this country. In Religious Education, we have learned about parables in the Bible, focusing on the story of The Lost Sheep and the hidden message this parable has for Christians.

Amber class: This week, Amber Class have continued writing their historical recounts in their history sessions and enjoyed their final swimming session of the year at Nantwich baths. All children tried really hard with their swimming and the instructors and teachers are very proud of all of them! In Maths we have continued using the column method but this time were solving problems all about Christmas presents and working out total values and change. In English, we continued to work on our setting descriptions and have been introducing the conjunctions when, if, although & because to our writing.

Emerald class: This week in Emerald class the children have written descriptions of mechanical animals at the circus using effective verbs and conjunctions. In maths, we have revised how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. The children had a splendid day in role as Victorian children and wrote reflections of their experiences. We had our final dance session and performance and also our final swimming session! In RE, the children studied the parable of The Lost Son and reflected on themes of love and forgiveness. Lastly, the class had an extremely interesting school trip to Englesea Brook Museum where they learnt about the effect of railways on Victorian Britain.

Ruby class: In maths this week, the children have been extending their statistics knowledge by retrieving and inserting data into two-way tables. Our times-tables focus this week has been the 8xtable and we searched its multiples for patterns and helpful ways of remembering calculations.

In English, our spelling focus has been words ending in -ent and, in reading, we have come to the end of Neil Gaiman's 'Hansel & Gretel', who fortunately lived happily ever after. However, as part of our writing linked to Carol Ann Duffy's 'The Lost Happy Endings', we have had to write *unhappy* endings to our folk tales since the witch came along and stole all the happy ones! Little Red Riding Hood has been eaten by the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Little Pigs have met a similar fate, and the less said about the Billy Goats Gruff the better...

In computing, we have been programming our helicopters to rescue a distressed panda and figuring out ways to make our coding more concise.

In art, we have been sketching soldiers using charcoal in the style of Cheshire soldier, William Hutchings, and we have been doing so upside-down in the style of illusionist, Derren Brown (to show how faces are merely a collection of different shapes).

In music, we have been learning to play the D major scale and Twinkle Twinkle on our ocarinas.

In history, we have been writing about animals and their roles during the war - as well as considering which animal we think played the most vital role.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs Ayers to Ruby Class and we all agree she has been a brilliant addition right from the offset.

On Thursday, the class enjoyed their class reward for filling the marble jar! They watched a film, played games, ate biscuits and made merry!

Diamond class: In Year 6 this week, we have been making shadow puppet theatres to retell the Nativity story and to connect to our science learning about light. We have also been learning about the nature of God and the meaning of the Holy Trinity by reading the Nicene Creed. In Computing and RSE, we have been discussing the issue of cyberbullying and the children have had some great ideas on how to deal with this. They have also been finding out about what type of personal information can and can't be shared online. In History, we have been reading some stories on Audlem Online to find out what life was like for the residents of Audlem during WW2. We found out about bombs, prisoners of war and children who were evacuated to the area from Liverpool.



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



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Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



Attendance

In Early Years and KS1, Amethyst had the highest attendance. In KS2 it was Diamond class. Well done to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School

Christmas Stroll - this Sunday 12 December at 10.30. Meet at the Scout Hall and follow Santa's trail around the village. Wear your Santa hat or buy one of ours.

Don't forget to buy your Christmas trees at Birchall Moss Hall Farm to benefit Friends of Audlem School. Contact Oliver on 07973398562.

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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