



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



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Healthy week has been a huge success ensuring children know how to keep themselves healthy by looking after their bodies and mind. A range of sporting activities has been on offer throughout school this week including yoga, archery, running club, dodgeball, cricket and rounders, culminating in a wonderful Sports Day with beautiful weather. The winner of the EYFS/KS1 event in the morning was Oak House and in the afternoon the KS2 winner was Rowan House. When the points were added together, the overall winner was Oak House. Congratulations to all the children who took part and to those in the winning houses.

I know that all parents were as excited as me and the children, that we were able to come together and celebrate sports day. This is one of the highlights of the academic year as we are able to get together as a community and see how the children 'Shine' and we weren't disappointed.

Thought of the Week

Today – Every morning we enter a new day. Who knows what the day will bring? God knows. Which is why he tells us not to be afraid. He has already gone ahead of us into the new day. He knows the way, what will happen, all we'll need. In the morning we can put our day in his hands. And let him bring into our day whatever he has for us. And then, in the evening, we give it back to him. And trust him with all that happened in it.

'Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you.' Deuteronomy 31:8



Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Burgess' Class – Archie McComb
Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class – John Broomhall
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class – Eve Ahmad
Mr Davies' Class – Olivia New





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Miss Morris's Class – Oliver Meadows
Mr Blenkiron's Class – Elliott Weaver
Mrs Bird's Class – Jessica Baddeley and William New
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: Etta Evans, Ariana Tudor, James Tipper and Isla Lambie

Reflectiveness: James Carlin

Responsibility: Jessica Martin

Readiness to Learn: Joe Bennion

School

Amethyst Class: This week in Amethyst Class, we finished the story 'Supertato,' wrote lists of what we could see happening in the pictures and labelled his appearance. We also made a wanted poster for the Evil Pea. In maths, we looked at odd and even and put objects into pairs. We read the story 'One Odd Day' by Dani Sneed and made our own odd day picture. We played a barrier game, building models with blocks. In pairs, one partner gave the instructions and checked if their partner could arrange the blocks in the same way. We also had great fun during Healthy Week, playing rugby and rounders.

Sapphire Class: We have had a very active in Sapphire Class for Healthy Week. The children loved taking part in Sports Day on Thursday. In English, we have been reading our new class story 'Goldilocks and the one bear.' We have been making predictions about the story. In science, we have started our new topic plants! We have planted our own sunflower seeds and thought about what they need to grow and survive.

Pearl Class: This week, Year 2 have been continuing to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. We talked about stories we know containing wolves and wrote rules for walking through the woods, focussing on the use of contractions. We have continued reading Fantastic Mr Fox and looked at words from the story with suffixes. We have practiced for Sports Day and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all the races on Thursday. During Healthy Week we have learnt about the importance of a balanced diet, hygiene and exercise and we continued working on 'My Happy Minds'. We looked in supermarket magazines for healthy foods and used these to design our own healthy smoothies.

Amber Class: The class have had a very sporty week, participating in dodgeball, athletics and a mixed game of cricket and rounders. We have also played all kinds of throwing and catching games. Using the film "Up" as our starting point, we have been learning about adventures. We have also continued with our study of fractions and are hoping to move to a new topic in maths next week.

Emerald Class: This week in Emerald class, we have worked with decimals and have ordered them and investigated the place value of each digit. In English, the children have written first person recounts of the story 'When the Giant Stirred' including fronted adverbials, adjectives and conjunctions in their work. The children enjoyed experimenting with materials in art and developing their drawings and compositions. We





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looked at describing the weather in French and the children explored how to relate to each other in our wellbeing session. Of course, everybody enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day on Thursday.

Ruby Class: This week in Ruby Class, the children have been focusing on calculating angles around a point and adjacent angles on a straight line. In English, inspired by the front cover of *The Hunter*, we have been slow-writing stories about a girl and her elephant - including beautiful description, dialogue and cohesion. As part of Healthy Week, we have enjoyed a martial arts session, utilising the children's knowledge of Jiu-jitsu, Karate and Taekwondo, as well as Mr Blenkiron's knowledge of Judo. The class also revised and learned about eating and drinking healthily, making posters about the standout messages from the session. The children all performed fantastically on Sports Day and did themselves proud - congratulations again to Team Oak, who won overall!

Diamond Class: In Year 6, the children have been enjoying extra PE lessons which have a PSHE link to them. We have been looking at how to challenge barriers which might prevent people from taking part in exercise. Our first challenge was to get moving by putting together a dance. We then learned some games which made us think about those who may have physical difficulties with moving, and learned how to adapt the games to make them accessible. The class have also been finishing their lovely stories called 'Rabuto', and have been practising their leavers' show. In RE, we have been thinking about how Humanists live their lives compared to those who have religious beliefs.

Attendance this week

This week, the best attendance in KS1 and Early Years was in Sapphire who have had almost full attendance. In KS2, Amber have had the best attendance. Congratulations to both year groups. This week the average attendance has been 95.71% which is a little higher than last week. There have not been as many unauthorised holidays this week which has helped the overall attendance but we are still just short of our target of 96% or above.

Mr Jones' Flower Sale - Honesty Box taken

I was very disappointed to learn this week that the honesty box padlocked to the front gate has been stolen. This has been used by parents, friends and village members to pay for bedding plants, hanging baskets and flower arrangements to the delight of us all. The money Mr Jones, our site manager, collects is used to purchase more seeds, compost etc for the schools' kitchen garden and to fill the pots and beds around school. We all benefit hugely from this and it is sad to think that someone decided to forcibly remove the box.

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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