



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



26th May 2023

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What a half term with lots going on over the past 6 weeks for the whole school. The Year 6 showed great resilience, resourcefulness and a readiness to learn throughout SAT's week and just shone brightly. The Year 2 children have been working hard over the past few weeks on assessments and showed their reflectiveness in their learning to the teachers.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and the weather is good for us all. Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 5th June and school will re-open on Tuesday 6th June.

Thought of the Week



Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Burgess' Class – George Grieves

Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class – Parker Bennett

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class – Molly Parris & Howie Goldrick

Mr Davies' Class – Sebastian McComb

Miss Morris's Class – Lewis Rogers

Mr Blenkiron's Class – Maxwell Bunseedhun

Mrs Bird's Class – Billy Fellows

You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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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: Heidi Boyle, Ellie Grieves, James Tipper, Lucy Brennan and Lottie Le Grice

Resourcefulness: Erin Wynne

Readiness to Learn: Olivia Smith, Eve Ahmad and Frankie Sherwin

On-line Safety Presentation for KS2 Parents/Carers

We have placed the Powerpoint presentation from this after-school event on Wednesday 24 May on the school website. You can find it by using this link: <https://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/parents/safeguarding-and-e-safety/online-safety-at-home.html>

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst Class, we read the story 'What the Ladybird Heard.' We drew a map of the farm and added labels to show the different characters / locations. We used the pictures to talk about who we drew next. In maths, we consolidated our knowledge of numbers to ten and beyond by playing hopscotch, matching numerals and objects in a snap game and rolling dice and filling tens frames with a partner. We also had a great Forest school session with Mr Hadfield on Monday.

Sapphire Class This week we have finished reading our class book 'Toys in Space.' We wrote invitations to a special party and then we wrote diary entries about the party. We used the imagery within the book to support this. We have been learning direction in maths using language such as, forwards, backwards, left and right. We made mazes on the playground and guided our partner around them. In art, we created our own pieces inspired by Jackson Pollock using paint and string.

Pearl Class The children have interpreted data presented as block graphs, tally charts and pictograms. They have answered questions about the data and presented their answers. In Art, the children enjoyed exploring Monet's garden in Giverny and they have experimented with techniques used by impressionist artists to create garden images. They enjoyed mixing media including paint and pastels. We are so pleased with the children's focus and attention during our assessment weeks. The children have shown that they are ready to apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems. The children have been enjoying growing their sunflowers. They have observed the germination stage and are excited to see how tall they will be after half term. We have ordered pictures to show the lifecycle of a flowering plant.

Amber Class Children in Amber Class have been racing this week! We have used cars made from the Lego We.Do.2 kits to race from one side of the netball court to the other. We also coded them to stop at a particular point. In addition to this, we have completed our reading of Journey and are now writing our own narrative to match the book. We have started a new unit in maths looking at addition and subtraction of fractions after completing our studies of capacity. We have been finalising our recorder performances ready for the musical showcase and in PE have been developing our athletics skills ahead of Town Sports and our sports day.

Emerald Class This week, the children finished their fractions topic by learning how to subtract from mixed numbers and then started working on decimals. In English, the class found synonyms, punctuated interrupted speech and used a variety of nouns and pronouns to aid cohesion. In Geography, they investigated how





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Carding Mill Valley was formed, in music they composed and performed some 3 beat tunes and in art the class looked at two artists - Peter Lanyon and Mizuki Goto. We did a French lesson about fruits and vegetables and learned how Sparta and Athens were quite different from one another in History.

Ruby Class This week in Ruby Class, the children have been focusing on reading and analysing data on graphs and in tables. In English we have been working on creating cohesion within and across paragraphs, and have up-levelled our responses to the council, using a mixture of formal tone and appropriate levels of sarcasm to get the writer's feelings across. In Geography, the children have been learning about the countries of South America. Using one of Mr B's songs, the children were able to match flags and facts together. They then researched a South American country of their choosing, and had the chance to visit various Brazilian landmarks using the VR headsets. In music, we have begun to learn songs for our part in Year 6's production of Shakespeare Rocks. The children have also each been given an ocarina, and within one lesson, have managed to play the D major scale and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

Diamond Class Year 6 have had an exciting week preparing for their year-end leavers' show: Shakespeare Rocks! They have been auditioning for parts and learning songs, and are really excited about being involved. All of the children who have auditioned have been fantastic; It will be a very difficult choice! The class have also been writing some brilliant stories about the Amazon rainforest, and have been learning about where the Ancient Maya came from and when they were alive.

Attendance this week

In KS1 and Early Years, Sapphire has the best attendance and in KS2 the best attendance has been in Amber class. Congratulations to both year groups. This week the average attendance has been 93.92% which is lower than recent weeks. There is illness in several classes and some families have taken unauthorised holidays this week which is a concern.

Dynamos Club at Woore Cricket Club

Starting Tuesday 6th June, school years 3-6. Just £15 for 7 sessions including personalised t-shirt. All welcome from beginners to children looking to learn more. Please follow the link for more information <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/8d044560-48cf-43d9-8424-415a1603fc9c>

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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