



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



10th May 2024

After a long week I can say how proud I am of all the children in school. The year 4 have had a wonderful time at the Delamere residential where they have been able to enjoy the outdoors. All the year 6 children have been working really hard over the whole of this year and I know they will be amazing next week in their SAT's. I am always delighted by how they shine through everything, and they have all **'Let their Light Shine'** this week.

Thought of the Week

Let the sun in!



When you open the windows, do you have to beg the fresh air to come in? Or when you open the curtains in the morning, do you have to argue with the sun to make it shine into your room? How silly! You just open the windows and the air flows in. You open the curtains and the sun shines in.

The Bible says it's like that with God's peace. It will flow into our hearts, if we let it.

Are you worried? Are you anxious? Is anything troubling you today?

Don't try to work it all out by yourself.

Let God.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Dougie Simmons

Mrs Proctor's class: George Grieves

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Erin Wynne

Mrs Bird's class: George Winter

Mr Trude's class: Lucy Brennan

Mr Blenkiron's class: George Aspinwall

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.**

Resilience: Fletcher Cronshey and Freddy Perry

Responsibility: Charlie Dobson, Esmae Leslie and Lily Rose Satchithananda

Readiness to Learn: Annabel Smith and Anna Ammundsen

School

Amethyst Class In Amethyst Class, we read 'Lets all Creep Through the Crocodile Creek' by Jonny Lambert. We drew a journey we had been on and described our favourite animals from the story. In maths, we compared groups of the same object with a big difference in number, and then a small difference. We looked at groups of objects that had an equal amount and continued to develop a sense of magnitude. We used balance scales and rekenreks to help us. We also played hopscotch, skittles and a bean bag game.

Sapphire Class This week in Sapphire class we have been continuing to read our new book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. The children have been focusing on writing sentences using 'and', as well as using past tense words with an 'ed' at the end and present tense words with 'ing' at the end. In maths we have been looking at the number line to 50 and working on one more and one less. We have also enjoyed our d&t where we have been looking at different fruits and vegetables. The children have also started their new Science topic on materials- we went on a materials hunt and found lots of different items which were made of lots of different materials. We also enjoyed doing some more athletics in PE outside in the beautiful weather!

Pearl Class This week we have been learning how to use apostrophes in writing. We have used contractions such as don't, shouldn't and mustn't to write rules for going into the woods. We have also used can't, there's, I'm and it's to describe a journey through the woods. In Maths we have continued our work on fractions. We have looked at equal and unequal parts and recognising and finding a half and a quarter.

Amber Class This week, Amber class have continued to work with identifying pounds and pence and the addition and subtraction of money. The class have begun looking at their new book 'Big Blue Whale' in English and have collected whale facts and practiced direct speech. The children have dissected flowers and learnt about pollination in Science. They have looked at The River Nile in History and learned about all the gifts it gave to The Ancient Egyptians. The children have continued learning about spreadsheets in computing and have practiced agility in PE ready to start work on their technique for the bean bag race.

Emerald Class Year 4 have had a wonderful two days at Delamere. They have been pond-dipping (and found three frogs and three newts!), dipping in the stream, building dams and dens and have been orienteering. We had glorious weather which made for a very idyllic setting. Despite the lack of sleep, the children were full of energy and enjoyed all the activities, especially telling jokes and singing songs around the campfire. Please do view our photos on the school website.

Ruby Class This week in Ruby class, the children have been working hard in Maths. They have been looking at finding a fraction of a whole number and multiplying fractions. Our next topic in Maths is decimals and percentages. In English, the children have started to plan and write a letter to the Council about a poison pond - found in the book 'The Paper Bag Prince' – explaining why it has become so toxic and polluted and how the Council might possibly sort the situation out. In Geography, we are now looking at the geographical features of Brazil, focusing on the Amazon River, rainforest, climate zones, and how these have impacted Brazil's





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development. In Computing, the children continue to explore external devices, you are able to access what the children have done in previous lessons [here](#) however, you will have to download the Purple Chip app.

Diamond Class This week in Diamond Class, the children have begun the final countdown towards SATs and have practised a Maths Reasoning paper in the hall with all possible writings on the walls covered up. The children have continued to work on their Big Ambition speeches and have been practising delivering these to their peers before receiving constructive comments and criticisms. We have been recapping spelling patterns: -tion vs -ssion vs -cian; -ies endings for root words ending in 'y'; and removing the 'e' from root words before adding the -ing suffix. In PE, we have been working hard in cardio fitness sessions with Mr Blenkiron and in athletics events such as javelin, high jump and relay with Mr Bentham.

Art – open afternoon for parents – Thursday 23 May 2024

Can we remind everyone that the Art session for parents to view will be happening the week after next in every classroom. You are all welcome to attend from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Our previous open sessions have been very popular so we are hoping for a good attendance.

Attendance this week

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 94.26% which, after last week's high attendance, is disappointingly below our aim of 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Pearl class has had full attendance. In KS2, Ruby class has the highest attendance. Congratulations to both classes.

Woore Cricket Club

We have attached a flyer concerning Woore Cricket Club, whose summer training began again on Friday 19 April. For more information, contact Trudie Bloor on 07985 731181 or email trudie_bloor@hotmail.com

Sports Coaching Group – May half-term

SCG are offering sessions at half-term in their new venue at Brine Leas School and they have 4 exciting theme days planned, including Glow in the Dark and Dodgeball Day. A flyer is attached and the following link will take you to the booking site.

Brine Leas Multi-Sports Camp: <https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/208>

We also have new tennis-specific and football tournament days running at Brine Leas on Friday 31st May. Please see the links below.

Tennis-Specific - <https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/217>

Football: Road to Euros Tournament - <https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/230>

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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