



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

30th September 2022

Message from Mrs Wright

The children have been busy this week and there has been a real buzz of excitement of reading around school. We talked in assembly about 'millionaire readers' ask your KS2 children about this! Thank you to those parent/carers that have attend our workshops already. It has been great to welcome so many of you.

Thank you also for the feedback:

'It was very informative'

'It was nice to come and see how the school is helping my child and how I can help them with phonics'

'I liked learning what to do with my child at home.'

We have some more workshops planned and will share the dates with you shortly.

Find Your Balance competition. We are very excited to let you know that the Find Your Balance competition by Google and ParentZone is back! Last year, Alder Moor Farm had 3 winners who were invited to the Houses of Parliament to see their work on display. We hope that this year even more children from every year group will take part. The competition is open to young people 5-15.

Each entry must answer this question: **What would you like the internet to be like in the future?** It could be a story, poem, letter, lyrics, word cloud or something else. However, they should use words to answer the question. It is important to include pictures and colours to reflect the writing. The entries should be submitted by the parents or guardians at: <https://parentzone.org.uk/findyourbalance>

The deadline for entries is Wednesday 19th October 2022. Good luck Alder Moor Farm!

Flu Immunisations

Letters have been sent out this week with information regarding flu immunisations taking place on Wednesday 19th October, for further information and to complete the consent form please use the QR code below:



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Scan Me for consent for your child's Flu vaccination



This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery – Children are really settling into the nursery routines; they are continuing to explore the environment and develop friendships with other children. Our book this week has been 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Can You See?' and we have been singing lots of counting rhymes at rhyme time. You will have been given your Seesaw codes this week, this is where photos and your child's learning are shared with you. Please check it out and feel free to share home news.

Reception – This week we have been learning all about the number 3 during our maths lesson, including all the different ways 3 can be made. We have continued learning phonics sounds and are now beginning to segment. Thank you to all those that attended the phonics workshop. We hope it gave you an insight into the way reading is taught. Please share the phonics books with your children. You will have been given your Seesaw codes this week, this is where photos and your child's learning are shared with you. Please check it out and feel free to share home news.

Year 1- This week the children have been doing some fantastic writing. We have been telling the story of Beegu using a story map. We are all so proud of the work the children have produced. In maths we have been using the language 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. It would be great if parents/carers could continue to use this language to compare numbers at home. It has been lovely to see so many children have been reading at home each night, please do not forget to sign your child's planner every time you read with them.

Year 2 – This week, we have been practising our balancing skills in PE. The children worked hard to keep their beanbags on their heads when walking along lines, stepping over objects and going through hoops. We also really enjoyed our science lesson where we looked at a human life cycle and thought about how we change from a baby into an adult.



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Year 3 - In Year 3 we have had a productive week. Lots of children did their first Accelerated Test and got their new book. In Science we spoke about how to keep yourself safe in the Sun. In Maths adding and subtracting using place value counters was fun.

Year 4 - This week we have started our Forest School sessions. Despite the weather getting colder, children enjoyed spending the afternoon outdoors. We were learning about Anglo-Saxon runes and by the end of the lesson everyone could spell their names, using twigs to form runes. It was so much fun we ended writing sentences in Anglo-Saxon and testing whether our teacher could read them. Thank you for such an exciting lesson, Mr Seal! In addition, the children had great time learning about Roman numerals and have shown formidable analytical skills.

Year 5 – This week Year 5 started their Violin lessons for the first time. All the children really enjoyed being able to explore the instruments for the first time and start making some sounds. We are looking forward to working with our new Violin teacher, Ella, to begin learning how to play some tunes.

Year 6 - We have studied life in the trenches during WWI, and produced work around the purpose of them, what the conditions were like for the soldiers, and what the men ate whilst living and fighting from the trenches. In Maths, we have been looking at the rules of divisibility, prime numbers, factors and multiples.

Reading at Alder Moor

Accelerated Reader:

Well done to our Key Stage 2 Readers, who have been working hard on their reading at home and passing tests using Accelerated Reader.

This week's Accelerated Reader stars are -

Ready Readers: Dainton-Jay, Yahya, Hibbatullah, Yasar, Fahim, Tegan, Kaitlyn, Kourtney

Independent Reader: Desmond

Rising Reader: Sejal

Advanced Reader: Eoin

Super Reader: Emma-Caylin

Each week, we are celebrating our top 5 readers in Key Stage 2. Well done to these children.

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	569,671
Fatmah	6JC	358,909
Frances	6JC	350,802
Emma-Caylin	6KJ	185,987
Maksims	6JC	273,948

*These figures are for the beginning of the school year to 29/09/2022



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We are also proud of how many words are being read by each of our Key Stage 2 classes.

CLASS	TOTAL WORD COUNT*
3TG	10,054
3RC	4,720
3PTSH	20,215
4NLJN	100,207
4CP	164,008
4OI	174,459
5TF	203,866
5KF	202,749
5SCNS	164,351
6KJ	878,568
6JC	2,727,426
6RH	743,889

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Safeguarding

As ever, we are here to help and support you and your children. Please contact one of the team if you have a safeguarding concern or query or if we can help you in any other way.

Please can you make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office. Data collection sheets will be sent out next week for parents/carers to complete.

Attendance-

Attending school is **vital** and we have set a school target of 97%. There are various exciting incentives for those who achieve this throughout the school year. When children miss school, this has an impact on their education but also on their friendships and social times. Over the course of a year this is what % attendance could look like.

100-97%	96-95%	94-93%	92-91%	90% and below
Up to 1 week of school missed	Up to 1.5 weeks of school missed	Up to 2.5 weeks of school missed	Up to 3 weeks of school missed	Over 3.5 weeks of school missed

Daily:

- Any class with 100% attendance will receive stickers for all class members and celebrate with their class 'dance/celebration'

Weekly:

- 'Golden' Classes that achieve 97%+ attendance will receive 5 minutes extra playtime and classes that achieve 100% class attendance for that week receive 10 extra minutes playtime.

Half termly:

- All children who achieve 97%+ will be able to take part in the treat for that half term. This could be visiting the attendance shop, a disco, movie experience...

At the end of the school year:



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- All children who achieve 97%+ are placed into a bike draw of 2 bikes to be won!



Cost of living updates

Below is some information for families around the cost of living. The first link will take to all of the others.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/cost-living-wellbeing-support>

Household support fund

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/householdsupportfund>

Discretionary housing payment

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/discretionary-housing-payments>

Community support grant

[https://lwa.financialassessments.co.uk/OnlineApplication/\(S\(31bhwmxzm4pt2a1qcxsbjxh\)\)/Introduction.aspx?form=LWAFULL&time=637983202840567875,1662719884614](https://lwa.financialassessments.co.uk/OnlineApplication/(S(31bhwmxzm4pt2a1qcxsbjxh))/Introduction.aspx?form=LWAFULL&time=637983202840567875,1662719884614)

Council tax support scheme - a means tested discount which helps low income households with the cost of Council Tax payments.

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/housing-benefit-council-tax-support/3>

Don't forget, we are always here to help if we can -

Mrs Rouse (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe



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Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

Celebrations

Hot chocolate Friday winners for this week are -

Reception: Dre, Ethan and Yafa

Year 1: Matei and Emilee

Year 2: Ksenja, Adorable and Dola

Year 3: Eknoor, Mikel and Lulua

Year 4: Marley, Lyla-Mae and Ricardo

Year 5: Wisam, Nida and Alisia

Year 6: Sofia, Fatmah and Amelia

'Ready' role model certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Ezel and Isabella-Rose

Year 2: Ashley, Geri and Kohen

Year 3: Lucy, Reeva and Imadudin

Year 4: Coral, Seren and Fredda

Year 5: Akeelah, Jayden and Cayden

Year 6: Shayla, Karina and Qoyum

Diary Dates

Important Dates

Monday 3rd October – Year 2 Phonics Workshop

Wednesday 19th October – Flu Immunisations: **All Year Groups**

Half Term

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022

Inset day: Monday 31st October – children return to School Tuesday 1st November

Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 1st November – Friday 16th December 2022

Inset day Friday 2nd December – children not in school

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 17th February 2023

Half Term

Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2023

Inset day Monday 27th February – children return to school Tuesday 28th February

Spring Term 2

Tuesday 28th February – Friday 31st March 2023



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Summer Term 1

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023

Summer Term 2

Monday 5th June – Tuesday 25th July 2023

Summer holidays start Wednesday 26th July 2023