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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

We were so proud this week of some of our children that performed on stage at Young Voices. They represented the school amazingly and were even seen reading their reading books during their break time! Well done and thank you to those staff that gave up their time to attend also. Thank you also to nursery this week for my delicious gingerbread man that the baked and well done to the ERP children for sharing their knowledge and clothing from the Tudors.

As you know, we are trying to improve our attendance to ensure that all of our children have the best education possible. Each day across the school, the children begin with reading. If any child is late, then they miss this vital part of the day. If this happens frequently, then the lost learning time really mounts up. Please try to ensure that your child in on time every day.

There are an increasing number of parents/carers collecting late also, please ensure that you are here between 15:10 and 15:25 to collect your child from the playground.

We have again contacted the council about trying to assist with our parking/road outside of school. Please could you help support this and perhaps think about walking to collect/drop off your children to limit the number of vehicles that are outside. Thank you for your support with this.

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

In Nursery this week we are continuing our work on the story of the Gingerbread Man. The children will be telling the story, creating a class story map and thinking of other animals the Gingerbread Man could meet as he runs away. We have also been learning to recognise numbers on a dice or dominoes so any games with dice or dominoes you can share at home could really support this.

At the Forest School we will be acting out the Gingerbread man story. We will also be helping to put up our class tent and having fun finding out what it's like to be inside it. Please try to read a story with your child every day and bring books back for changing every Tuesday. Can we also ask to help develop your child's independence that you now say goodbye to them at the door and allow them to come into their classroom independently.

Reception

In Reception this week we have continued with Whole Class Read 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' you could ask your child to recite the poem to you and tell you about the new vocabulary they have learnt. In maths we have



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been learning number to quantity and putting numbers 1-5 in order. We have also become avid bird watchers, learning about the different species of birds in our country and making bird feeders to ensure the birds in our local area do not go hungry during winter, as part of the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



Year 1



We had a party this week! To launch our new topic, that is all about the monarchy, we held a royal garden party. We wore our fancy party clothes, made and ate cucumber sandwiches and learnt to sing the national anthem. Look on seesaw to see some more photos from our party and you can even watch a video of when we met the King! We had a great time and can't wait to learn more about our monarchy.

Year 2

Year 2 are very excited about their forest school sessions this term! Mrs Williams' class had their first session this week and enjoyed exploring and making giants using natural resources. In our English lessons this week, the children have written setting descriptions based on our book 'Journey'. They worked hard to include adjectives and check their own sentences.



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Year 3

In Year 3 we continued learning about instructions in English and multiplication and division in Maths. This week we finished our science topic about pushes and pulls by investigating what things are magnetic and what things are not. Children are enjoying reading 'The Witches' book and exploring new vocabulary. In PSHE we discussed about online bullying and how important it is to talk to a trusted adult if you are bullied by someone. I must say that the children were already very knowledgeable about it.

Year 4

This week in maths we have been learning to multiply and divide by powers of ten. The children have work very hard to master their new learning and we are very proud of them. In Theme, we have explored how mountains are formed and learned about 5 different types of mountains. On Friday, we took part in the Astro Pi Mission Zero project run by the European Space Foundation. The children designed the codes which will run in space on ISS on a Raspberry Pi Computer. It was a challenging task, but the children displayed incredible teamwork and support for each other. Well done!

Next Wednesday, Isla Fowler from year 4 is going to have a charity hair cut to support the Little Princess Trust which provides free wigs to children and young people with cancer. She is raising funds for the trust through the Just Giving platform. Isla is planning to cut off 30cm of her lovely hair for a truly amazing cause. If you would like to support Isla's fundraiser and donate to her Just Giving fundraising page, please, use this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/toni-fowler?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=toni-fowler&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=b578fabaf91e4239b6fd497cf2e146bd

We are also very excited to let you know that last week Miss Pereira gave birth to beautiful baby girl called Lara. Both Miss Pereira and the baby are doing really well and we can't wait to see them!



Year 5

This week, we have begun reading our new Whole Class Reading text: The Fastest Boy in The World. We have learnt about the main character's family and home and read about the start of his journey to Addis Ababa. In



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maths we are tackling long multiplication. It is not always easy, but the children are showing our school value of resilience as they keep trying and learning new methods to find the answers.

Year 6

On Monday of this week, some of our children had the fantastic opportunity to join the Young Voices choir at Resorts World in Birmingham. It was a wonderful experience which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children were a credit to themselves and the school, with their behaviour being of a high standard, and their effort and participation being exemplary.

Playground improvements

The playground is finally finished and the children have been able to use this for the first time today. They have all enjoyed playing safely on this today.



NSPCC Number Day

We are very excited to be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on **Friday 3rd February**. On this day, we will be celebrating the maths we do in school with some fun maths activities as well as raising money for the NSPCC.

We will be '**dressing for digits**' so the children can come into school wearing clothes with a maths theme. This could be clothes with numbers, shapes, repeating patterns or anything else you can think of. We will be asking for a **contribution for the NSPCC** as we raise money for this excellent cause.



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Reading at Alder Moor

Accelerated Reader:

Well done to all of our readers, who have been working hard reading at home and passing tests using Accelerated Reader.

Our total word count, up to today: 52,440,707.

This is an amazing figure – well done! Thank you for your support with reading at home.

This week's Accelerated Reader stars are –

Ready Readers: Mlak A, Aradhyan V, Ryan (Junior) R, Akeelah U, Naylah U, Duncan McC

Independent Readers: Jaweriyah K, Ali T J, Yahya A, Bayan A S, Douglas R, Karina P

Rising Readers: Mozeedah A-S, Leo P

Super Readers: Alisia G, Rutvi B, Maksims N, Shahabudin S, Ryan E, Angeza O, Jay P

Star Readers: Sejal G, Maeli S, Desmond S-E, Ruby-Mai H S

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	184,486
Maksims	6JC	156,853
Mohammed	6KJ	137,450
Fatmah	6JC	110,827
Desmond	6KJ	110,637

*These figures are for 06/02/23 - 12/01/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	4,311,875
Fatmah	6JC	2,994,195
Kanivily	6RH	2,364,985



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Frances	6JC	2,292,781
Mohammed	6KJ	1,316,325

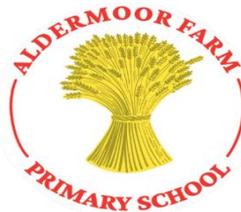
We are also proud of how many words have been read this week by each of our classes.

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	18,249
2HW	17,185
2EG	6,640
3TG	77,205
3RC	61,935
3PTSH	20,297
4NLJN	53,144
4YS	75,549
4OI	200,995
5TF	180,140
5KF	196,554
5SCNS	200,064
6KJ	634,474
6JC	1,282,873
6RH	170,038

Safeguarding and Well Being

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.



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation ... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes – animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite "end" – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "pays" for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

David Coombe is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dextero and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including iStock and Techradar, among others.



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

Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 97%
Our Attendance this week: 94.44%
Our Attendance to date: 91.73%

This week we have 5 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target:

Mrs Dumbleton : 97.7%
Miss Lapworth and Mrs Nagra : 97.3%
Mrs Issom : 97%
Mrs Cooke and Miss Sellers : 98.5%
Riley Class : 98.8%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Attendance event:

**Will you be invited to our attendance Pop Up Shop
at the end of this half term?**

**Every child in our school that has 97%+ attendance
for this half term will be invited!**



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Celebrations

Each week class teachers will choose a child in their class that consistently follows our rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Those chosen will have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Wright on Friday afternoon.

Hot chocolate Friday winners for this week are -

Reception: Hanan and Olivia

Year 1: Ella-Mai and Oscar

Year 2: Dar, Hadassa and Sisi

Year 3: Liam-James, Maisie and Lucy

Year 4: Joseph, Nicolas and Corey

Year 5: Asterix and Amelia

Year 6: Maksims and Desmond

Each week a child will also be chosen to be presented with a certificate. This week our focus was 'Aspirational'

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Khalid and Max

Year 2: Joshua, T'Aire and Paulus

Year 3: Imadudin, Jack and Lasritha

Year 4: Zara, Yahya and Amelia

Year 5: Mozeedah and Keigan

Year 6: Aima and Jana

Events

January

Wednesday 18th January – Year 5/6 Football Team away match



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Thursday 19th January – census day lunch – all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal

Diary Dates

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

Early Bird Week (promote punctuality)- week commencing 6th-10th of March 2023

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