



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

We hope that those of you that celebrated Eid had a lovely time. It has been great talking to the children about how they celebrated. Year 1 had a fantastic trip this week and were very excited. For some children, this was their first experience of a school trip. Look at the photos below. We have 3 more millionaire readers – well done to you, we now have 28 in school. I wonder who will be next...?

We hope that you have a lovely long weekend and enjoy the Bank holiday. Hopefully there might even be some sunshine.

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been telling the story of the Enormous Turnip. We have been learning different words for big and little and watching as the first shoots appear on our radishes, sunflowers cress and beans. It's very exciting. Quinn's Mummy and Mama came in to tell the children all about growing fruits and vegetables on their allotment. The children got to smell herbs, feel tomato plants and rhubarb stalks as well as tasting honey from the hives on the allotment. We all learned a lot.

Reception

This week in maths we learnt all about the number 10 and the children all enjoyed finding representations of the number 10 from around our learning environment. In theme this week the children have helped to get our allotment beds ready for planting. We also looked at the artist Vincent Van Gough's paintings of Sunflowers and created our own using different painting techniques. Children have also shared how they celebrated Eid with the rest of their classes talking in full sentences sharing their experiences and answering questions. Please remember to help your child complete their homework and post their work onto Seesaw. Please also continue to read daily with them to help your child get 'year 1 ready'.



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Year 1

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic day on our trip to St John's Museum. The children got to experience life in a Victorian classroom. They dressed up in costume to help them get into role (including the teachers), practised writing on slates and played Victorian playground games. This will really help us with our learning for our 'School Day's topic. Here are some photos from our day:



Year 2

Year 2 have loved started our new reading spine text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. The character Plop makes us laugh and we have practised reading the first chapter fluently. In Science, we learnt about the different things that animals eat and whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We used our knowledge to create food chains and explained it using the words 'predator' and 'prey'.

Year 3

We are having so much fun in our Maths lessons. We are learning about angles using an angle maker, a right-angle finder, geo boards and lots of different 2d shapes. In our Theme lesson we learnt about what life was like



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in Ancient Roman time. We found lots of information researching about Romans using books and internet and created a poster. We looked at different types of soils in our science lessons. A busy week in year 3!

Year 4

The children have been enjoying using manipulatives in our Maths lessons to explore relationship between fractions and decimals. They can now confidently read and explain the values of the decimal numbers. In English, we were exploring the intellectual, imaginative and emotional effect of the author's choice of words. In Science, we continued exploring the Sumer civilisation and learnt about some of their inventions. This week, the children took the mock MTC test, and it was lovely to see the improvement in their score. Thank you for encouraging your children to practise times tables daily! Another exciting news: Sofia and Madalina have both received letters from J.K. Rowling, the famous author, and kindly shared them with their class. It appears, we also have a famous angler amongst us – just look what Charlie caught over the weekend!



Year 5

This week, the children have been continuing their work on converting units of measure and are becoming more confident with this. In English, we have been writing our own newspaper report based on our class book *The Promise*. Everyone has worked hard to think carefully about the features of this genre to produce a detailed news report. In Science, the children used a range of resources to explore the properties of materials as part of our new unit of work.

Year 6

We finished 'A Monster Calls' this week and the year group thoroughly enjoyed the book, and we are looking forward to reading our next book 'Pig Heart Boy'. In maths, we have revisited long division and long multiplication and problems around those methods. The children have displayed an excellent understanding and have enjoyed proving what they know. In English, we have written a narrative about wolves and included some excellent description and speech. We have also been really enjoying our swimming lessons.

Reading at Aldermoor

Accelerated Reader:



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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: 104,283,899.

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

Word Millionaires

We are very proud to announce that we have three new Word Millionaires! Many congratulations to **Henry (5KF), Millie (6JC) and Ryan (6RH)**. This means that we now have 28 Word Millionaires in our school!

This week's Accelerated Reader stars are –

Year 2 - Saffy (Ready Reader)

Year 3 - Renwa (Ready Reader), Alex (Rising Reader)

Year 4 - Raevyn-Leigh (Ready Reader), Lyla-Mae (Independent Reader)

Year 5 - Richman (Ready Reader)

Year 6 - Mikaela (Ready Reader), Jenson (Independent Reader) Harley, Antony, Sammoya, Tyler, Sofia, Shayla (Rising Readers), Jana, Mohammed (Super Readers), Hawa (Advanced Reader)

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Kanivily	6RH	332,939
Arushan	6KJ	246,801
Samir	6KJ	238,765
Hibba	5TF	230,705
Maksims	6JC	203,400

*These figures are for 21/04/23 - 27/04/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	7,159,664
Fatmah	6JC	4,401,307
Kanivily	6RH	4,157,605
Maksims	6JC	3,484,811
Frances	6JC	3,059,859

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	11,899



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2HW	32,272
2EG	21,831
3TG	122,300
3RC	85,323
3SB	25,304
4NLJN	21,047
4YS	33,870
4OI	108,469
5TF	446,668
5KF	138,973
5SCNS	191,386
6KJ	1,761,997
6JC	1,986,812
6RH	1,496,226

*These figures are for 21/04/23 - 27/04/23

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.

Online safety

Please continue to talk to your children about keeping safe online and engaging positively with social media. Children and young people should be encouraged to speak up, and let a trusted adult know if they encounter content online or social media that they feel is inappropriate, or just doesn't feel right. If you have any worries or concerns around online safety for your family, then please contact the Pastoral team.

Coventry Energy Fund

Thanks to support from Coventry Building Society, local energy experts Act on Energy has got a **new funding pot to help people across Coventry** who may be struggling with their energy bills or perhaps need help towards repair, servicing or replacement boilers and heating systems.

The new scheme called Coventry Energy Fund is designed to help those who

- Live in Coventry
- Have a combined gross household income of less than £30,000 a year
- Have no household savings
- Have someone living with a vulnerability (such as a long-term health condition like COPD; pregnancy; disabled and in receipt of DLA or PIP or in receipt of free school meals). **There is some discretion to this part of the scheme so it's well worth checking to see if you qualify.**

Applicants will be required to provide evidence of their customer account with their energy or water provider



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Local energy advice charity, Act on Energy, is administering the scheme and you can [apply online](#).
You can also call our freephone advice line for more info on 0800 988 2881.

Mrs Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

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: 87%

Our Attendance to date: 92.5%

This week we have 1 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target:
Riley Class – 100%

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: Yafa and Evangeline

Year 1: Habiba, Khalid and Rayyan

Year 2: Larisa, Lakkith and Dola

Year 3: Nadrah, Maisie and Lulua

Year 4: Livia and Safaa

Year 5: Olivia, Karina and Henry

Year 6: Angeza, Alfie and Emma- Caylin

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



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Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Ella-Mae, Ella- Rae and Michaela

Year 2: Aisyah, Richard and Sofia

Year 3: Omar, Mikel and James

Year 4: Victoria, Kelsie-Leigh and Ariela

Year 5: Favour, Samir and John

Year 6: Jenson, Shamoya and Herbie

Events

May

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – School closed to all children

Tuesday 2nd May - National Strike Day – School closed to all except Year 2, Year 6 and ERP

Thursday 4th May – 9:00am Year 2 parent/carer workshop

Friday 5th May – Coronation celebrations in school

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday – School closed to all children

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May Year 6 SATS

King's Coronation

On Friday 5th May, Alder Moor Farm will be celebrating the historic day of King Charles III's Coronation. To celebrate this in school, we would like to invite all children to come dressed for a celebration on this day. We would love to see children, where possible, in cultural dress from their family's country of origin. This will reflect the many countries which are represented in today's UK.

There will be a short procession and ceremony on the playground for the children to celebrate within school, the children will be enjoying cakes supplied by or catering company AIP.





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Diary Dates

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

Children return Monday 4th September 2023