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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Message from Mrs Wright

We are so proud of all of our year 6 children this week; they have truly shone! As you know they have had their SATs, national tests this week and have all approached each test with maturity and shown each of our school values of resilience and courage in bucket loads whilst aspiring to be the very best they can be. A huge thank you also to all of the staff involved.

There have been lots of other exciting things happening across the school also, read below to find out more.

### This week at Alder Moor Farm

#### Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been telling the story of Chicken Licken. We have been talking about the different characters in the story and which of them are goodies and which are baddies. We have also been investigating different endings of the story. We have continued to watch our seeds grow and have planted out our radishes into a bigger pot. In Maths we have been spotting missing numbers in our number line to 6.

We had such a great time celebrating the coronation. Thank you to all the parents/carers for the amazing outfits that the children wore.



#### Reception

It's been a very busy week in Reception and the children are all working really hard to become 'Year 1' ready. In maths we have worked together to secure our knowledge of numbers within 10 and in theme we have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and we have created butterfly feeders to hang from trees around our



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school. We also had a special delivery to all 3 classes of caterpillars and we are excited to see the transformation of these tiny insects.

This week we have started a new book for our whole class read called 'My Hair' by Hannah Lee and the children are enjoying talking about and exploring our new hairdressers role play area.



### **Year 1**

We've had another busy week. It's been great to start a new unit of work in maths. We have been learning about the place value of numbers to one hundred. We have enjoyed using lots of practical equipment, such as dienes, to make two-digit numbers. Your child could practise drawing tens and ones to show different numbers at home. In PSHE, we have been learning about road safety. We talked about where it is safe to cross a road including naming the different types of crossings.

### **Year 2**

The children have enjoyed using persuasive language and techniques in English this week. We are writing letters to the King in our story, trying to convince him to bring back darkness. The children have thought of lots of excellent arguments and are working hard on making their writing the best that it can be. In maths, we have used times table facts to solve a range of word problems. The children are using lots of new strategies and applying these to different questions which is great to see!



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### **Year 3**

This week we finished our maths topic 'Angles and Shapes' and started a new topic 'Measures'. In English we have started to look at the new genre 'Travel Report' using a book called 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. In Art we learnt about a London based illustrator 'Katie Scott'. In Science we looked at different types of roots and what they are called. Children were amazed to know that carrots are roots. We explored different types of vegetables like parsnips, carrots, spring onions etc to understand the difference between taproot and fibrous root.

### **Year 4**

This week in Maths we have finished our unit on decimals and began learning about short division. Now the children will be able to divide efficiently and will use their knowledge of times tables to do so quickly. In English, we put a lot of consideration into writing our own narratives and practised our editing skills, focusing on expanded noun phrases, subordinate clauses and fronted adverbials. A very exciting Science lesson had children investigating types of teeth; they also tried different types of food to identify exactly which teeth were used for biting and chewing. We have learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and explored how their teeth reflect their respective diets. The children could try and make the moulds of their teeth by using soft bread at home – we would love to see some pictures on SeeSaw!

### **Year 5**

This week, we have been analysing a survival narrative and identified the different language features used in these. In Maths, we have been looking at a range of strategies to calculate with decimals and trialled new methods to help us find the most efficient method to calculate. In Theme, we have been learning about different types of farming in the UK. We were surprised that floriculture and viticulture is possible in the UK climate. In Science, we enjoyed experimenting with thermal conductivity.

### **Year 6**

Year 6 have taken part in SATs this week. As a team of staff, we want to praise all the children for their effort, resilience and hard work. We are proud of each and every one of them.

### **Riley Class**

Riley class have had a fantastic week adapting to new changes in routines. We have been very busy using addition in Maths. This week we used bossy Maths vocabulary to find the answers to our Number sentences. In Phonics, Fred Frog has helped us to blend words from our ditty books and he cheekily ate some of the sounds,



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which we then replaced using our sound knowledge. Our thematic learning has been through our new class text Rapunzel. Mrs Fields muddled up the story pictures, so we helped her to sequence the story again. In Science we have been exploring Sea Animals

***Did you know that a Jelly Fish does not have a brain, heart or eyes?***

## 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: 109,456,906.**

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

**This week's Accelerated Reader stars are –**

**Year 2** - Muni and Joyce (Ready Readers)

**Year 3** - Tahfeem (Independent Reader)

**Year 4** - Alex (Super Reader)

**Year 5** - Ahmad, Amelia P, Charley (Ready Readers), Aradhyan (Independent Reader)

### OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	198,051
Madalina	4OI	195,011
Maksims	6JC	127,339
Qoyum	6KJ	107,931
Fatmah	6JC	100,825

\*These figures are for 05/05/2023 - 11/05/2023

### OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	7,566,462
Fatmah	6JC	4,590,542
Kanivily	6RH	4,341,139
Maksims	6JC	3,791,129
Frances	6JC	3,059,859



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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	12,443
2HW	33,448
2EG	9,016
3TG	81,314
3RC	106,608
3SB	20,175
4NLJN	61,070
4YS	186,492
4OI	290,387
5TF	121,774
5KF	84,958
5SCNS	158,101
6KJ	267,556
6JC	764,938
6RH	49,600

\*These figures are for 05/05/2023 - 11/05/2023

## 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.

### Walk to school week

Next week from the 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is walk to school week.

Walking to school is a great method of transportation for children whose schools are located within a reasonable distance. It improves children's health and allows them to travel independently.

### Benefits of walking to school

Walking your child to school:

- helps contribute to their daily amount of exercise
- allows you to spend more social time with them
- can help build good walking habits in them from a young age, so they choose to walk more when they can

Mrs Wright (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**.

## Attendance

**Our Attendance Target: 97%**  
**Our Attendance this week: 93.58%**  
**Our Attendance to date: 91.57%**

This week we have 3 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target:

Mrs Williams: 98.71%

Miss Joshi: 97.92%

Mr Chylinski: 98.28%

## 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: Abrar and Stanley**

**Year 1: Rucha, Ella-Mai and Max**

**Year 2: Phoebe, Isla and Adorable**

**Year 3: Eva, Jaweriyah and Jacob**

**Year 4: Hasan, Latoya and Amelia**

**Year 5: Charley, Alicia and Soham**

**Year 6: Fatmah, Tyler H and Ryan**

**Riley Class: Charlee**

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



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**Certificate winners for this week are -**

**Year 1: Anastasia, Hanshu and Ibrahim**

**Year 2: Krish, Hadassa and Idris**

**Year 3: Yusuf, Logan and Zach**

**Year 4: Samuel, Kendrick and Nafisa**

**Year 5: Ekjot, Milana and Mirabelle**

**Year 6: Tyler, Sofia and Angeza**

## Events

### May

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May-Toy library

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Phonic screen for Y1 parent/carer workshop 9am

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Reception vision screening

### June

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Online Safety parent/carer workshop 9am

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Local History Day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Class photographs

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 trip to Big Bang at NEC

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Residential

### July

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Morning – children to new classes

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Aspirations Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 trip to Weston Super Mare



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 trip to GoApe

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Early Years Sports Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 and 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 and 4 Sports Day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day

## **Diary Dates**

### **Summer Term 1**

Ends on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Summer Term 2**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Summer holidays start Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Children return Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**