



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Wright

What beautiful weather the week has ended with. The children really have been shining at Alder Moor Farm too this week; they have really shown how resilient, aspirational and courageous they are!

Thank you to those families that attend our internet safety workshop this week. I know from the feedback you found the information useful and wanted more sessions. So, we shall make this a regular workshop and add it to our calendar for next year. We also have planned a healthy eating workshop for later this term. If there are other parent/carer workshops that you would like to see, then please let one of us know. It is great to see 3 more millionaire readers this week!

As the weather warms up, please ensure that you are sending your child to school 'sun safe'. Please apply sunscreen at home before they attend and send them to school with plenty of water and a hot. Have a lovely weekend.

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have continued to work with the story of The Tortoise and the Hare. We have been making maps of the race route that the Hare and the Tortoise ran using building blocks, fabric and toys. We have been using the vocabulary under, over, through, around and behind to describe different parts of the route. For example - The hare runs over the bridge and then behind the rocks.

In Maths we have been recognising how many objects are in a group without counting 1-5 and then matching the correct numeral to that group.

Reception

Wow, what a week in Reception. This week in our Theme lessons we have been looking at journeys, the children have planned, built and evaluated their own modes of transport, there has been some great ideas and creative work from all children. A big thank you to the children for being safe while out on their bikes and scooters they had spent some time designing maps of where they would travel on the playground and were able to follow these directions safely. In Maths this week we have been looking and doubling and halving and in Whole Class Reading we have been reading a Non Fiction book called 'Nigeria' and have been learning all about this wonderful country, listening to music, watching Dunbar races and even trying plantain. We also let our butterflies go!



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Year 1

It's been a really busy first week back! The children have been very excited by our new English unit of work. On Monday, we had a visit from the caretaker to tell us about a wolf he'd seen in the school grounds over the holiday. There were also some 'wanted' posters around our classrooms asking us to tell Little Red Riding Hood if we saw the wolf. We then made some plans to show a way to trap the wolf if we did see him! Our new text is called 'The Last Wolf' and we're very excited to start reading the story and gather some ideas to write our own hunting story over the next few weeks.

Year 2

Year 2 have started their new book in English this week called 'Rosie Revere, Engineer'. The children wrote excellent letters to Rosie, persuading her not to give up on her dreams and to believe in herself. We thought about how we could use the message ourselves, and always try our best. In maths, the children have impressed their adults with their understanding of different graphs, both when creating them and interpreting a range of graphs.

Year 3

This week we found our Maths lessons a bit more challenging. Children learned to solve multiplication and division word problems and they kept persevering during the lessons. In Science we did experiments to find out about the size of the ivy leaves growing in the shade and then compared them with the leaves growing in sunlight. In Art we have begun to learn about mosaic art.

Year 4

What an exciting and busy week we have had in Year 4! In Maths, the children learned about the systematic approach to solving word problems involving units of measure. They thoroughly enjoyed using manipulatives



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to explore possible options. In English, we had a great first lesson looking at the inhabitants of seas and oceans and represented our learning through art. In whole class reading, we began reading our new text, Varjak Paw by SF Said, which tells an extraordinary story of one Mesopotamian Blue kitten. In Art the children used geometrical figures to create their own designs of Islamic art. The national Multiplication Table Check is now under way and the whole cohort has impressed us with their determination and resilience. Some children will be doing their check next week so please encourage them to practise daily.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we have started our new Maths topic of 2-D and 3-D shapes. The children have used geoboards to create a wide range of regular and irregular polygons and used rulers and protractors to measure their sides and angles, as well as describing their properties. In English, we have been busy writing our guides on how to survive in the Amazon Rainforest. The children have worked extremely hard to challenge themselves with a wide range of interesting vocabulary and writing techniques, such as factual expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. We are now very excited to move on to our next English text 'King Kong'.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have begun reading Neil Gaiman's version of Hansel and Gretel. The children have planned, drafted, written, edited and published a persuasive letter as the woodcutter to his friend. It has been a real chance for the children to demonstrate what they have learnt and their understanding of vocabulary, punctuation and grammar. There were some excellent pieces.

In history, we have learnt about the triangular slave trade and have written a newspaper article that explores the history and impact of it.

Riley class

Riley class have been very busy this week hunting a Wolf who had been in the school grounds during the holidays. Unfortunately, we did not find him, but we did see claw marks and evidence of digging. We think the Wolf belongs in our new class story 'The Last Wolf' in which the character Little Red is also searching for a Wolf. In Maths we have been learning about repeated addition and used our skills to make a superhero card.





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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: 131,098,902.

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 **Boubacar (5SCNS), Princewill (6KJ) and Karina (6JC)**.

This week's Accelerated Reader stars are –

Year 3 - Stanley (Independent Reader), Aleksandr and Abdulmateen (Super Readers)

Year 4 - Bethel (Ready Reader), Zainab (Independent Reader), Alex (Independent Reader)

Year 5 – Milosz, Aniyah and Jonnie (Ready Readers), Milana, Ekjot and Kais (Independent Readers), Nida (Star Reader)

Year 6 - Corey-Joseph, Jeanne and Matea (Rising Readers), Karina (Super Reader), Barakat (Advanced Reader), Princewill (Star Reader), Fatmah, Alfie and Muammar (Classic Readers)

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Maksims	6JC	401,921
Desmond	6KJ	328,000
Samir	6KJ	323,576
Tiana	6JC	307,918
Alfie	6JC	288,556

*These figures are for 26/05/23-08/06/23



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OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	8,491,368
Fatmah	6JC	5,041,729
Kanivily	6RH	5,031,788
Maksims	6JC	4,735,148
Mohammed	6KJ	3,338,191

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	7,264
2HW	44,494
2EG	17,681
3TG	206,546
3RC	82,756
3SB	88,972
4NLJN	108,810
4YS	42,277
4OI	1,041,198
5TF	358,203
5RH	1,056,525
5SCNS	1,259,553
6KJ	2,202,321
6JC	2,500,158
6SH	641,440

*These figures are for 26/05/23-08/06/23

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.

Child safety week- Child Safety Week is an annual campaign dedicated to raising awareness about child safety and promoting measures to protect children from harm. It provides an opportunity for individuals, families, communities, and organizations to come together and prioritize the well-being of



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children. For more information see the Child Accident and Prevention Trust website.

Public Health: Free stop smoking support is provided by Healthy Lifestyles Coventry. Call 0800 122 3780 or further information is available online.



INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [visit our website](#) or scan the QR code above



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: 92.99%

Our Attendance to date: 94.03%

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

Mrs Williams: 97.2%

Miss Lapworth and Mrs Nagra: 97.24%

Early bird week is next week: Please ensure you are an early bird!



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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: Adam, Keelan and Christie

Year 1: Emilee, Zhasmina and Matei

Year 2: Saffy, Idris and Romeo

Year 3: Marwa and Omar

Year 4: Ria, Marley and Artur

Year 5: Abi, Denniss and Alisa

Year 6: Tiana, Tyler and Kaitlyn

Riley Class: David

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

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Nouman, Ekvir and Ziyen

Year 2: Jessica, Darcie and Michal

Year 3: Abdurzk, Abdulmateen and Lucy

Year 4: Hasan, Isla and Mia

Year 5: Artjoms, Izabela and Olivia

Year 6: Fahim, Hawa and Kai-Alan

Events

June

Tuesday 20th June – Class photographs

Thursday 22nd June – Year 6 trip to Big Bang at NEC



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Monday 26th – 30th June – Year 6 Residential

July

Wednesday 5th July – Transition Morning – children to new classes

Monday 10th July – Aspirations Day

Tuesday 11th July – Year 2 trip to Weston Super Mare

Friday 14th July – Year 6 trip to GoApe

Monday 17th – Early Years Sports Day

Tuesday 18th – Year 5 and 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 19th – Year 3 and 4 Sports Day

Thursday 20th – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2

Monday 5th June – Tuesday 25th July 2023

Summer holidays start Wednesday 26th July 2023

Children return Monday 4th September 2023