



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

What an amazing week! Hopefully you have all had an opportunity to listen to our fabulous children and staff that have been on Star School this week on BBC CWR Radio - Alder Moor Farm is famous!

It has been great to see so many of you attend our workshops. It would be great to see you attend if you don't already. I have outlined the events for next week as there are so many things happening in school.

Events coming up next week:

Day	Events
Monday	9am Phonics workshop - Reception 15:00 Toy library – All year groups
Tuesday	9am Behaviour workshop – All year groups
Wednesday	14:30 Phonics workshop – Year 1
Thursday	9am Online safety workshop – All year groups
Friday	15:00 Macmillan Cake sale – All year groups

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

The children have been growing in confidence to explore different areas of the Nursery and we are all settled into a routine together. This week we have been singing the rhyme 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly.' The children have been working on listening skills and enjoying feeding all the animals to the old lady. In Maths we have started to learn the days of the week and the order they come in.

Reception

The children are becoming more confident exploring all areas of our environment and friendships are blossoming between children. This week we have continued to learn to read and write phonics sounds and to orally blend. In maths we have deepened our understanding of matching and in our theme lessons we have been exploring what is the same and different between us and our friends, we have also been talking about our families. Thank you to all those who sent in family photos, if you have not done so please send them in as the children have really enjoyed talking about their families. Please remember all children need to bring their reading books and planners into school everyday and to read every evening at home. If you have not received your child's Seesaw login please see your child's class teacher.



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Year 1

The children are settling into the new routines of Year 1 and working well together in their new classes. In Maths we have been comparing numbers and looking at one more and one less than numbers to ten in preparation for our new unit on addition and subtraction next week. We took our learning out of the classroom both in RE, for a nature walk to discover and describe objects in our world, and to a 'Toy Museum' set up in the studio for us to explore toys that our grandparents and great-grandparents might have played with. We are sending SeeSaw logins home this week and look forward to sharing photos of our activities with you.

Year 2

In our maths lessons this week, the children used known facts to solve addition and subtraction questions. They used resources carefully and explained their answers to their partner. We have loved reading 'The Colour Monster' again this week! The children have discussed the feelings in the book, answered questions and read our weekly pages with expression. In history, we looked at the significant people we had already learnt about and used a diamond nine to rank them in order of their significance. It was great to hear the children explain why they thought one person was more significant than another.

Year 3

In Year 3, we looked at some of the famous artists and how they use different medium to create an amazing artwork. We are learning about gestural drawing with charcoal. Children had great fun exploring charcoal. In English, we finished writing a letter. Children are enjoying reading their whole class reading and accelerated reader books. In Humanities, we looked at the tools and weapons used in the Stone Age. Children designed their own tools thinking about what materials were available at that time.

Year 4

In Year 4, we have really enjoyed writing up our setting descriptions of the storm at sea. We have been fantastic at uplevelling our vocabulary choices (from 'boat' to 'rickety vessel' and 'grey clouds' to 'ominous skies'). In Maths, we have been challenging ourselves to use bar models and number lines to add and subtract large numbers. We discovered during our Geography lesson why rivers are so important and we were very sensible during Science whilst using yummy chocolate buttons to investigate the properties of melting.

Year 5

We had such a busy week in Year 5. In English, we had fantastic time creating personification for our setting descriptions. The children impressed us with their creativity and language skills! In maths, we began our addition and subtraction unit, exploring mental strategies of rounding and adjusting. It was not easy, but the children persevered. We had a great investigation in our Science lesson, using different materials to explore friction. The children discovered that bubble wrap cause the most friction for the vehicle. The year group have started preparing for the Young Voices, looking at the songs that we will need to learn. On Wednesday the 27th of September, we will have STEM charity Tech She Can delivering coding workshop to Year 5. If you have not



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signed a consent letter for your child for this event, could you please do so as soon as possible.



Year 6

In English this week, we have written diary entries as Rose Blanche. The children used emotive language to tell the recount of what Rose witnessed. There has been some excellent language used. In Humanities, we learnt about the warring nations during World War II. We studied the Axis and the Allied Powers and their role in the war. We also worked hard on music and tapped out a pulse and chanted the rhythm.

Riley Class

Riley class have had a fantastic week. Together we have been learning our Number Bonds to 20 and deriving facts. In writing we have been using possessive apostrophes within our writing. In our Early Phonic group, we have been learning the sound t. We spread a little happiness this week by making our own happiness colour monsters and our table of colour monsters is growing each day.

Reading at Aldermoor

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: 5,851,968.

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

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Reeti	2LC	8,819
Ekvir	2ES	7,317



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Ebun	2LC	3,045
YEAR 3		
Sanabel	3TG	16,476
Munachi	3TG	4,031
Lilian	3TG	3,748
YEAR 4		
Zoe	4EG	41,523
Jaweriyah	4YS	32,787
Freddie	4ZE	15,894
YEAR 5		
Marley	5HH	80,402
Isla	5HH	64,470
Madalina	5HH	60,417
YEAR 6		
Olivia	6RH	329,176
Henry	6JC	192,630
Alisia	6KJ	130,761

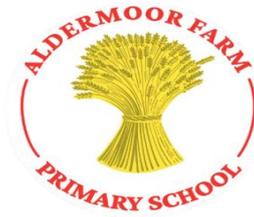
*These figures are for 15/09/2023 - 21/09/2023

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Olivia	6RH	640,695
Henry	6JC	368,366
Alisia	6KJ	304,893
Marley	5HH	291,393
Isla	5HH	178,272

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	15,817
2HW	11,762
2LC	18,965
3MR	3,915
3TG	31,738
3ZS	5,796
4EG	77,194
4YS	67,854



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4ZE	63,693
5HH	266,526
5OI	99,625
5NS	73,295
6KJ	642,230
6JC	751,483
6RH	368,635

*These figures are for 15/09/2023 - 21/09/2023

Times Tables and Number Facts

Each week will shall be celebrating the work that children have done on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' (TTRS) and Numbots.

This week's winners with the **most correct answers**:

Year 1: 1st Fatima, 2nd Emilia, 3rd Yafa

Year 2: 1st Rayyan, 2nd Farrahah, 3rd Shreya

Year 3: 1st Ilie, 2nd Mark, 3rd Idris

Year 4: 1st Zohra, 2nd Joel, 3rd Omar

Year 5: 1st Hasan, 2nd Ariela, 3rd Alex

Year 6: 1st Aymen, 2nd Hibba, 3rd Hajra

This week's winners for the **highest number of minutes played**:

Year 1: 1st Abrar, 2nd Catalina, 3rd Khadijah

Year 2: 1st Chiemerie, 2nd Rayyan, 3rd Matei



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Year 3: 1st Ilie, 2nd Lilian, 3rd Hadassa

Year 4: 1st Zohra, 2nd Joel, 3rd Ava

Year 5: 1st Ariela, 2nd Hasan, 3rd Riches

Year 6: 1st Hajra, 2nd Hibba, 3rd Aymen

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.

Parenting course

From the 27th of September 2023 to the 11 December 2023 school will be running a parenting course. It will cover several topics, and hopefully help with any questions you may have with supporting your child/ren at home. If you want to join this course, please come and see Miss Sutton for more information.

Indoor/outdoor activities for Autumn

The changing colours and textures of autumn give you plenty to talk about with your child and easy opportunities for hands-on learning.

1. Enjoy an autumnal walk around the park

Parks and gardens offer all sorts of sensory fun in autumn.

The weather's changing but it doesn't mean that you have to take your autumn activities inside.

2. Pick some autumnal treasure - perfect for preschoolers

This is the perfect autumn activity to do at home on those rainy, cold days!

3. Try pumpkin carving or decorating

4 Try different seasonal foods

Autumn is also a brilliant time for children to explore the shapes and colours of interesting foods like pumpkin and squash.

For more information around the above please visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

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



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Our Attendance Target: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 93.01%
Our Attendance to date: 92.44%

Sports News

This week: Congratulations to our school football team, who won their first match of the year yesterday. Narrowly beating St John Fisher 2-1.

Well done boys!

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: Rielle-Renee, Noad, Hend

Year 1: Tafida, Sultan, Olivia

Year 2: Ekvir, Noumaan, Ibrahim

Year 3: Hadassa, Idris, Saffy

Year 4: Jason, Gabriela, Azeez

Year 5: Kendrick, Sam, Ekaa

Year 6: Riley, George, Olivia

Riley Class: Charlee

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

Certificate winners for this week are -



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Year 1: Dre, Evangeline, George

Year 2: Huda, Ahmed, Reeti

Year 3: Shanade, Fatima, Hunida

Year 4: Fatma, Jeeya, Sameer

Year 5: Wiktor, Malaz, Ann

Year 6: James, Duncan, Ahmad

Riley Class: Charlee

Events

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On Friday 29th September, we are selling cakes in the Studio at the end of the day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you are able, please donate a cake or cupcakes to this cause. Please provide a list of ingredients if you plan on making your own cake.

We will open the gates at 3:00pm for you to browse and purchase a cake.



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Jeans for Genes day is to raise money to help some of the most vulnerable people in the UK. Today we have raised **£215.91**. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Diary Dates

Monday 25th September, 9am – Reception Phonics Parent/carer Workshop

Tuesday 26th September, 9am – Behaviour Parent/carer Workshop

Wednesday 27th September, 2:30pm – Year 1 Parent/carer Phonics Workshop

Thursday 28th September, 9am – Online Safety Workshop for families

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th October – Early Bird Week

Wednesday 4th October- Year 4 local area visit

Monday 9th October – Black History Day Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day 2:30pm Year 6 parents SATs workshop

Monday 16th – Friday 20th October – Recycle Week

Monday 16th October, 2:30pm – Year 1 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Tuesday 17th October, 2:30pm – Year 2 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Wednesday 18th October, 2:30pm – Year 3 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Thursday 19th October, 2:30pm – Year 4 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Friday 20th October, 2:30pm – Year 5 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Monday 23rd October, 2:30pm – Nursery Parent/carer Reading Workshop