



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 06th October 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

Another great week at Alder Moor Farm! Today we talked to the children about our new House System and named our House and Vice Captains. See below for the list of who they are.

We have many more parents/carers workshops over the next few weeks, it would be great to see you at some of them.



A big thank you to Miss Joshi and the student leaders who did a great job in organising and selling the cakes. Also, a big thank you to you all of you for your contributions; **we raised £302!**

Events next week:

Day	Events
	EARLY BIRD WEEK – all years
Monday	15:00 Toy Library – Studio all years
Tuesday	14:30 Year 6 SATS workshop
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	



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This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been having fun retelling last week's story Brown Bear Brown Bear in our puppet theatre. It has been great to watch. We have been sharing a new story, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt.' The children have been joining in the actions and sound effects.

In rhyme time we have been continuing to use our fingers to represent the numbers 1-5. We also introduced the numerals 1-5 and are starting to recognise some of these.

This week we have given out the QR codes for Seesaw. Seesaw is an app on where we can share pictures of your child's learning. We will also share the stories and rhymes we have been learning so that you can support your child at home with these.

Reception

This week in maths we have been learning all about comparing objects and amounts through the story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'. In Theme we have been learning all about people who help us, from the emergency services to people in our families and at school. We have also celebrated a special adults birthday! Please remember that **Reception's PE day is Thursday** and children need to come into school in their PE kit: red t-shirt, black joggers and trainers. Other days children need to be in their school uniforms including black shoes.



Year 1

The children have been using their story plans from last week to have a go at writing their own Old Bear story. Several children were able to have a go at writing independently; please encourage this skill at home by writing shopping lists or notes and letters to friends and family. In Maths we have explored addition by counting on along a number line and how to be efficient by starting at the greatest number. Thanks so much to those families that shared photos of the children as babies, toddlers and children. We had great fun sorting them into timelines! In Science, we have been thinking about our senses and drew different things we can see, touch hear etc. If you are out at the weekend enjoying the sunshine, perhaps you can turn it into senses walk?

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In maths this week, Year 2 were introduced to bar models. They made these using cubes and used the language of 'part' and 'whole' to describe them. The children have listened carefully and applied their new learning. In PE, we focused on throwing for accuracy. The children had to think carefully about the type of throw they needed to do and how they could make it more accurate. With our book, 'The Colour Monster', the children are now only a few pages from the end and can't wait to find out what happens! Remember that weekly homework is posted on Seesaw on Thursdays. If you are having issues accessing your Seesaw account, please speak to your child's class teacher. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 3

In English, Children are enjoying reading a story Iron Man and doing lots of writing using it. This week they wrote a Kenning. Children came up with lots of interesting ideas. They also made an effort to include similes in their writing. In Maths, we are learning about rounding three-digit numbers. Initially children found it a bit challenging but with their sheer hard work and want to learn attitude they are quite secure with it. In Art, we began to do the backdrop for our Stone Age caves. They particularly enjoyed scrunching the paper and then using charcoal and oil pastels on it. It is nice to see that more and more children are using TTRockstars to practise times tables. You can also use Century and Spelling Shed to do some learning at home.

Year 4

It has been a wonderful week in Year 4, especially as we went on our first school trip! Equipped with our clipboards, we walked to the local river (River Sowe) to carry out some fieldwork. First, like true geographers, we examined our surroundings to see if we could spot some physical and human features - we did a great job of sketching these. Next, with the help of Mr Seale, we measured the depth and the width of the river. We even managed to squeeze in a few rounds of Poohsticks. We had a blast!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 were practising column subtraction with regrouping (including regrouping over 0). We have been using manipulatives to understand this concept and the children can now subtract increasingly large



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numbers. In English, all classes published their setting descriptions and impressed us both with the quality of the texts and the improvement in handwriting. In Theme, we have researched the Oracle Bones whilst in science the children explored water resistance, conducting exciting investigations. This week, we have finished our class story, The Firework-Maker's Daughter and everyone was delighted that Lyla had finally achieved her dream. The preparation for Young Voices is now in full swing - you may have heard some of the songs and tunes at home!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 looked at clips from The Pride of Britain Awards, and what makes those people so selfless and brave. We then read about the life of Irena Sendler and the courage she displayed during World War II. This is preparing us for writing a bravery speech next week. For history, we created a timeline of the key events during WWII and worked on our notetaking

Riley Class

Riley class have had a good week learning about finding the difference in amounts using bar models. Lots of children have been going to their mainstream classrooms and some even learning Spanish!

In Phonics we have been reading about Hot Air Balloons – Did you know that Hot Air Balloons have a flap, basket and jets? During outdoor learning we have been role playing the Sad Monster and Mrs Kelly used the hose to create rain. This was great fun. The children said they have also been holding a sentence in their heads for our writing.

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: 11,425,928.

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

EXCITING LIBRARY NEWS

We have another child joining our wonderful team of Junior Librarians – Boubacar from 6JC. We know that he will help to ensure that our school library continues to run smoothly and share his love of reading with all of our children.



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OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Ekvir	2ES	12,948
Daniella	2HW	6,475
Rayyan	2LC	3,352
YEAR 3		
Arav	3ZS	30,644
Adorable	3TG	24,388
Hadassa	3TG	20,160
YEAR 4		
Leah	4EG	74,337
Zoe	4EG	30,820
Fatihah	4YS	25,377
YEAR 5		
Isla	5HH	190,858
Madalina	5HH	81,117
Seren	5OI	68,260
YEAR 6		
Boubacar	6JC	186,712
John	6JC	182,214
Henry	6JC	153,901

*These figures are for 29/09/2023 - 05/10/2023

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Olivia	6RH	743,784
Henry	6JC	702,191
Boubacar	6JC	509,498
Alisia	6KJ	389,174
James	6JC	374,032

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	23,877
2HW	19,492



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2LC	12,881
3MR	38,756
3TG	43,646
3ZS	50,392
4EG	113,201
4YS	49,525
4ZE	50,427
5HH	428,935
5OI	252,236
5NS	51,797
6KJ	428,611
6JC	1,181,477
6RH	380,948

*These figures are for 29/09/2023 - 05/10/2023

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 Lee-Junior, 2nd James, 3rd Sultan

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

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

Year 4: 1st Abdul, 2nd Aleksandr, 3rd Jaweriyah

Year 5: 1st Meccia-Tia, 2nd Fatoumata, 3rd Ariela

Year 6: 1st Soham, 2nd Amelia, 3rd Mirabelle

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

Year 1: 1st Lee-Junior, 2nd Aila, 3rd James



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

Year 3: 1st Mark, 2nd Saatatya, 3rd Zion

Year 4: 1st Abdul 2nd Azeez, 3rd Fatma

Year 5: 1st Meccia-Tia, 2nd Isla, 3rd Diamond

Year 6: 1st Amelia, 2nd Soham, 3rd Mirabelle

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 newsletter

Please check your emails for the October online safety newsletter. If you have not received it, or would like a hard copy, please visit the school office.

Grapes

Several children in across the school are coming in with full grapes, that have not been cut. Please can we ask that grapes are cut in halve lengthways to stop any hazard of choking.



PANTS -NSPCC

Talk PANTS is a programme that helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. We teach the children about PANTS and consent in school, but we encourage all parents to continue these conversations at home. The NSPCC website is full of useful information to support parents in having these conversations. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule>



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What is a sensory meltdown?

A sensory meltdown is when a child reacts to overstimulation through sights, sounds, tastes, textures and sounds. All children react differently, but behaviour you might see during a sensory meltdown includes children covering their eyes or ears or shutting down and refusing to move.

Three top tips for helping children cope with sensory meltdowns

1. Stay calm

- You being calm can help your child calm down.
- Encourage them and show them how to breathe in and out slowly.

2. Move your child to somewhere comfortable

- Can you find somewhere gentler on their ears, eyes and other senses

3. Prepare for difficult situations

- Plan for environments that might be overstimulating, like trips to the shopping centre.
- Tell your child in advance that it might be noisy, ask them to say if it's getting too much and bring along their favourite cuddle toy.

Mrs Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

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

Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 91.42%
Our Attendance to date: 92.26%

This week we have 4 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target:

Miss Wiles: 96.4%
Mrs Harrison: 95.21%
Miss Seakens: 95.49%
Miss Griffiths: 95.74%

It's Early Bird week next week. Please ensure you get your child to school before the gate closes at 8:40am. Each child will receive a bookmark and will get stamps on each day they arrive on time.



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Houses

We are starting a house system at school.

- Everyone in school (adults and children) will be allocated to a house in school. You will spend all of your time at Alder Moor Farm in the same house.
- The house is like a whole school team. Your team will have other children who will not be in the same class or year group to you.
- The names of the houses are well known people, who through their achievements, have demonstrated our school values of being aspirational, courageous and resilient.
- The names of our houses will be Thunberg, Rashford, Attenborough and Malala



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Sports News

This week: Huge congratulations to our school football team who won their second game of the season 12-0 vs Spon Gate on Wednesday.

Well done Shaylan for scoring a Hat-Trick and therefore taking home the match ball. Great work!



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 -

Year 1: Darius, Rida, George

Year 2: Huda, Daniella, Max



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Year 3: Muni, Robert, Nahreen

Year 4: Eva, Gabriela, Omar

Year 5: Wiktor, Amelia, Dainton-Jay

Year 6: Issa, Shaylan, Tommy

Riley Class: Ebenezer

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 -

Year 1: Basil, Aoife, Harry

Year 2: Nimrod, Max, Habiba

Year 3: Ilie, Idris, Hyab

Year 4: Yusuf, Finley, Eknoor

Year 5: Charlie, Artur, Amelia

Year 6: Haneen, Hammam, Elisabeta

Riley Class: Jamie

Parent's Evening

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October

Look out for further information, all appointments will be booked through the school's online app MCAS.

Please make sure you have downloaded the MCAS app.

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>



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Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 24th October – Rock Kidz

Wednesday 25th October – Parents Evening

Thursday 26th October – Parents Evening

Friday 27th October – Inset Day – school closed for all children