



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 30th November 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

It has been an exciting week at Alder Moor Farm with our Early Years children visiting Warwick Arts Centre to watch 'The Gruffalo'. The children modelled our school rules of *Ready, Respectful and Safe*. We were very proud of them! Next week, Year 1 and Year 2 will be going to watch the production and we cannot wait to hear all about it. It was lovely to see so many families at the Year 5 and Year 6 writing workshop this week. We are looking forward to inviting you all to the maths workshops next term. As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child brings a coat to school and that it has their name clearly written in it. We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Don't forget school closed tomorrow for Inset day.

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	Y1 and Y2 trip to The Gruffalo – Warwick Arts Centre
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Year 5 – Dodgeball Country Final
Thursday	
Friday	

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

On Monday, the children in Nursery were surprised to find some giant footprints on the floor of the classroom. The children had lots of ideas about what creature could have made them.

" An ugly troll" " The colour monster" "A dinosaur" " A polar bear"

" A Gruffalo"



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This week we have been listening to and acting out the story of The Gruffalo in preparation for our trip to the theatre on Thursday. The children have really enjoyed playing with the characters from the story and repeating words from the story.



Reception

In Reception, we have had great fun reading the story of The Gruffalo in preparation for our visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch the production. During our lessons, we have been learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been retelling the story and have created story maps. In maths, we have been deepening our knowledge of 'measures' by investigating weight, length and capacity. In PE, the children are showing how responsible they are by using the climbing apparatus in the hall.

Year 1

We have had an exciting week in English as we have been writing our very own stories. We have used fantastic descriptive language to describe the characters within the story. All the teachers have been very impressed with how hard the children have been trying with their handwriting. Their books look very neat! In maths, we have been learning to double and halve. We are looking forward to continuing this next week. On Monday, we have our trip to see The Gruffalo. We are very excited for this! We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Year 2

Year 2 have written setting narratives this week. They described each part of the setting, from the background to the main object, using amazing descriptive vocabulary! The children have continued to take pride in their work, presenting it neatly and taking a lot of care. In maths, we continued with multiplication and division. The children can now link array facts with multiplication and division facts. They even completed a code-breaking activity with missing number calculations. This was very challenging! We have learnt about a range of different significant people in our history lessons this term. The children have remembered lots of facts about these people and can explain clearly why they think they are significant. In PE, the children have shown courage when trying out new gymnastics equipment and have





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loved their lessons! On Monday, we are going on a trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see The Gruffalo and we are all very excited!

Year 3

In Year 3, we finished writing a fable narrative. Children were taught how to edit and improve their writing. In science, we learnt how fossils are formed. Children enjoyed watching the video explaining the whole process of how fossils are formed. In maths, we looked at addition and subtraction word problems. Children had to find out what is known and unknown in a problem. Using that knowledge, they had to decide whether it is an addition or subtraction problem. We are going on a trip to Albany theatre soon. Could you please fill the online form as soon as possible? Have a lovely weekend and keep reading.

Year 4

What fun we have had this week! In Maths, we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring mental and written methods for division. In English, we have commenced a new unit of non-fiction writing. We followed a 'how to' guide to carefully sketch an Arctic fox and carried out research about an Arctic animal of our choice. In Whole Class Reading, we continued reading about the adventures of our favourite rabbits (Podkin, Paz and Pook) as they ventured further into the woods. In Science, we learnt about taxonomy, which is the science of classifying and naming living things. We practised our classifying skills by sorting a set of cards into animal and plant kingdoms. It has been a wonderful week and we hope you all have an excellent extended weekend.



Year 5

It has been a short but busy week. In English, we began writing our exploration narrative based on Lunar landing. The children used their writer's knowledge to create some amazing sentences. In maths, we were learning long multiplication. Despite finding the method tricky, everyone persevered and is now more confident with long multiplication. Remember, that you can review this method on our homework app, Century learning. In Science, we had great fun exploring solubility of everyday materials. Surprisingly, the soda bicarbonate did not dissolve whilst the baking powder did. In History, the children have really impressed their class teachers with their research skills on everyday life of the Shang Dynasty. During our reading lessons, we



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discovered that Skellig has wings and therefore might be an angel! The children have been working exceptionally hard and we hope they will have a lovely extended weekend!



Year 6

It has been another excellent week in Year 6. In maths, we have continued with fractions. In particular, we have been exploring fractions of amounts and how we solve a problem where we must find a fraction of a number. The children have really shone in maths this week and it has been lovely to see them completing fraction work with a smile.

In English, we are continuing with 'A Story like the Wind' but have begun our new genre of writing. We have looked at newspaper articles and their features and will spend the next week preparing to write our own newspaper article.

Our history lesson was centered on local history, and how the city of Coventry was before WWII, specifically the manufacturing element.

Enjoy the three-day weekend, and we will see you on Monday!

Riley Class

Riley class have had an exciting week preparing for our performance. Their singing and actions to our songs look and sound fabulous. In maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division and prepositions of 'in' and 'under'. In English, we have been writing a diary entry to reflect our day. PSHE has been informative as we have identified what bullying looks like and how we can prevent this.

Reading at Alder Moor

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: 43,103,557.

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

Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We have our **7th** Word Millionaire – **Wisam** from **6JC**. Well done!

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Olly	2HW	40,511
Ekvir	2ES	21,361
Khalid	2ES	13,073
YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	20,028
Sanabel	3TG	18,410
Nahreen	3ZS	17,777
YEAR 4		
Leah	4EG	69,451
Zoe	4EG	63,874
Eknoor	4ZE	60,527
YEAR 5		
Kavisha	5OI	106,821
Fredrica	5OI	99,326
Safiatou	5OI	98,524
YEAR 6		
Boubacar	6JC	340,980
James	6JC	253,825
Olivia	6RH	245,904

*These figures are for 23/11/23 - 29/11/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	2,871,743



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Henry	6JC	1,971,468
James	6JC	1,813,291
Olivia	6RH	1,691,238
Nina	6JC	1,333,329

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	49,022
2HW	61,098
2LC	14,496
3MR	45,484
3TG	56,888
3ZS	40,706
4EG	179,558
4YS	63,091
4ZE	135,404
5HH	248,238
5OI	536,606
5NS	50,634
6KJ	480,494
6JC	1,372,095
6RH	588,806

*These figures are for 23/11/23 - 29/11/23

Times Tables and Number Facts

Each week, we 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: Yafa, Ouais, Hanvika

Year 2: Obay, Shreya, Chiemerie

Year 3: Ilie, Hyab, Krish



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Year 4: Abdul, Aleksandr, Nabil

Year 5: Sofian, Alisa, Artur

Year 6: John, Divine, Soham

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

Year 1: Yafa, Ouais, Hanvika

Year 2: Chiemerie, Rayyan, Obay

Year 3: Ilie, Krish, Hyab

Year 4: Abdul, Aleksandr, Nabil

Year 5: Sofian, Zainab, Kendrick

Year 6: Divine, John, Tanya

Coventry Foodbank Harvest



We received the above message from Coventry Foodbank, following our Harvest donations.

They have also advised that from 1st December you can follow them on Facebook and Instagram to see their Foodbank Fairies and see what has been going on this year.



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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.

Uniform

We offer at our school a preloved uniform service. If any families would like to donate good quality items that are no longer being used, we would welcome them. Towards the end of each half term, the uniform will be placed on the school playground for parents/carers to take home. No payment is necessary just help us recycle the clothing. For further information please speak to the family support team.

Boot Fund -School shoes

Parents/carers of children attending Alder Moor Farm who find themselves in financial difficulty and in need of help maybe eligible to apply to the Children's Boot Fund charity for help towards shoes. For further information please speak to the family support team.

Pantomime

Cinderballer - family pantomime 4 - 9 December. Please contact 07976 750936

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: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 93.6 %
Our Attendance to date: 93.8 %

Our Year-to-Date figure is the one to really keep an eye on. It's getting higher, towards 95%. **It would be incredible if we could get over 94% by Christmas!** We're a little lower compared to last week.

As we are approaching the later autumn and winter season, it might be tricky to know if you should bring your child to school if they're feeling a little under the weather. If you're in doubt, please contact the school office.

Celebrations



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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: Faryal, Aoife, Ekman

Year 2: Dia, Rahmat, Vedansh

Year 3: Nivin, Kartel, Arav

Year 4: Abdul, Yana, Nadrah

Year 5: Harrison, Nafisa, Ria

Year 6: Milana, Akeelah, Benjamin

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: Zayne, David-Andrei, Hanvika

Year 2: Tanya, Rayyan, Safiya

Year 3: Willow, Yuvaan, Hanna

Year 4: Abdurzk, Maisie, Sameer

Year 5: Nusaybah, Nevaeh, Meccia-Tia

Year 6: Samia, Alisia, Paris

Riley Class: Diya

Events

On **Wednesday 20th December**, we have a Winter Themed day which will include a special lunch at school and children are invited to wear winter-themed jumpers. On this day, if you wear a winter jumper, please donate 50p that will go toward the children at Alder Moor Farm.



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Diary Dates

- 1st December – Inset day (Children not at school)
- 4th December, PM – Year 1 and 2 Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo)
- 14th December, Year 3, 4,5 and 6 - Albany Theatre (Oliver Twist)
- 13th December, 9:15am - Reception Christmas Performance
- 13th December, 2:15pm – 3:00pm – Winter Crafts Parent Workshop
- 15th December, 11am - Nursery Christmas Performance
- 15th December, 2:40pm – Nursery Christmas Performance
- 19th December, 9:15am - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
- 19th December, 2:15pm - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
- 20th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st December, 9:15am – End-of-term badge assembly
- 21st December – Final day of term for the winter holidays
- 22nd December – Inset day (Children not at school)
- 8th January 2024 – Children return to school