



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

It may have been cold and frosty outside but it hasn't stopped the children and staff enjoying a great week at school. On Monday, key stage 1 and Riley class had a fabulous time watching 'The Gruffalo' at Warwick Arts Centre. They enjoyed the songs, dances and the colourful and creative costumes. The children were very well behaved and were a credit to the school. One of the bus drivers commented on how lovely it was to hear every child saying 'thank you' as they got on and off the bus!

Next week, KS2 are looking forward to going to watch 'Oliver'. They have been talking about the story in class and have learnt about some of the main characters. We look forward to seeing this fantastic production! Happy Hannukah to our families that are celebrating this week. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	Toy Library after school
Tuesday	Football match v Christ the King
Wednesday	9:15am – Reception Christmas performance 2:15pm – Year 2 Winter Craft Workshop
Thursday	KS2 to Albany Theatre to see Oliver Twist
Friday	11am – Nursery Christmas performance 2:40pm – Nursery Christmas performance

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been continuing our work about The Gruffalo after our trip to the theatre last week. The children have been dressing up as the characters from the story, taking turns and using repeated phrases from the story. They have also really enjoyed learning The Gruffalo song. Children then used their pouring, mixing and scissor skills to make Scrambled Snake. It tasted like strawberries!!



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Reception

In Reception this week the children have been working extremely hard to learn their parts for our Christmas Nativity, which they will perform next week. In our Theme lessons we have been learning about different celebrations and the importance of saying `thank you` and in maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties, why not encourage your children to look around them at home or when they are out to identify and name 3D shapes in their environment. Please can you continue to support your children with homework on Seesaw and if you are having trouble signing into your child's account, please see your class teacher. Also, a gentle reminder to read with your child every night and to record this in their reading journal. It is an expectation that children bring their books to school every day. If you have more than 2 schoolbooks at home, can you please return them. Thank you.

Year 1

What a fabulous start to our week in Year 1! The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to see The Gruffalo – it was the perfect mix of storytelling, songs and a bit of dancing that we joined in with enthusiastically. We were so impressed with the behaviour of all of the children and look forward to our next trip in the spring. Following this, they have been writing a recount of the trip using time words e.g. first, next, then, finally. In Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of halving, doubling and number bonds to 10. This helps us be speedy mathematicians and is preparation for our new unit on addition and subtraction within 20 that we start next week. In Theme we travelled back in time to the 1950s to explore what life was like for children. Surprising discoveries included finding out that families only had one TV (if they had one at all) and that there was only one channel to watch! Practices for our Nativity are well underway – Year 1 are singing in the choir rather than acting on stage, so do not need any special costumes.



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Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Warwick Arts Centre on Monday afternoon. We went to see a performance of The Gruffalo and all the children had an amazing time! They joined in with some lines, clapped along with the songs and represented our school wonderfully. This week, we have completed our Autumn term assessments. The children have showed determination and have showed us how much they have learned so far this year. We are continuing with our Nativity rehearsals. The children are becoming more confident with the songs and actions, and some children are now learning their lines. In English, the children have learned some skills to prepare for writing a diary entry next week. We can't wait to see their final pieces of writing!

Year 3

This week children in Year 3 have worked incredibly hard. They have shown how resilient they are. We completed assessments this week. In English we began to look at 'Information Texts'. In Maths we started a new topic 'Length and Perimeter'. Children enjoyed using metre sticks to measure different lengths. In Science we learnt about a famous palaeontologist Mary Anning. They were amazed to learn about her life and what discoveries she made.

Year 4

We are so impressed with Year 4 this week. They have shown tremendous resilience whilst taking assessments and have demonstrated well everything they have learnt so far this year. In Maths, we have continued to look at division and using the 'Bus Stop Method' to help us solve tricky divisions. In English, we have been looking at formal and informal language. We are preparing ourselves to write information texts next week about Artic animals we have been investigating. Geography was a very fun lesson, researching earthquakes and building earthquake proof homes. Finally, in science, we have been deepening our understanding of classification and organised our group of vertebrate animals into more refined groups.

Year 5

The children have truly impressed us with their perseverance and determination during the assessments this week. We could not be more proud of them! In Maths, we have completed our multiplication unit and are moving onto the formal methods of division. Knowing times tables and derived facts is crucial for successful mastering of these so please, encourage children to practise on TTRS. In English, we have finished our explorative narrative, where children practised applying



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parenthesis, subordinate clauses, direct speech and other writer's knowledge. In History, we were looking at the weapons from Shang Dynasty, analysing what made them successful warriors. And in Science, we enjoyed separating liquids, using hand-made sieves. The children are looking forward to the theatre trip next Wednesday; please make sure that you have completed a permission form for your child.



Year 6

For maths this week, Year 6 have learnt how to find percentages. We have looked at different methods, including dividing by 100 and multiplying by the required percentage. Once again, the children have worked hard in this challenging area of maths.

In English, we have looked at an example of a newspaper report and analysed it in detail, looking at the features and language used.

We studied the Blitz and watched some poignant videos based with people speaking of their memories and retelling what they witnessed. The children then wrote an informative piece about the night. For science, we looked at inherited and non-inherited characteristics and then created a bar chart based on the children's eye colour.

Riley Class

What a fantastic week we have had. We started the week having the fantastic opportunity to travel by Minibus to the Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of The Gruffalo! The children thoroughly enjoyed it and joined in with the character actions and noises. I have never seen eight Gruffalos before!

We then had our own performance telling The Christmas story. It was so lovely to have our families join us. This was a huge achievement for our children to be able to learn songs, a script and perform in



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front of an audience. Thank you for coming. As well as this the children have worked extremely hard on showing off their skills in curriculum subjects during our showoff week.

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: 46,458,613.

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		
Olly	2HW	4,423
Evelina	2LC	4,349
Charlie	2ES	3,753
YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	28,847
Nahreen	3ZS	18,580
Aisyah	3ZS	9,975
YEAR 4		
Fatihah	4YS	50,159
Alex	4YS	45,408
Ellis	4EG	23,577
YEAR 5		
Madalina	5HH	257,154
Milo	5NS	101,447
Safiatou	5OI	77,883
YEAR 6		
Tommy	6RH	207,146
Boubacar	6JC	197,263
Aradhyan	6RH	167,263

*These figures are for 30/11/23 - 06/12/23



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OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	3,069,006
Henry	6JC	2,099,327
James	6JC	1,968,759
Olivia	6RH	1,800,730
Nina	6JC	1,427,855

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	12,360
2HW	14,879
2LC	12,682
3MR	13,854
3TG	44,381
3ZS	40,027
4EG	54,600
4YS	127,408
4ZE	53,624
5HH	395,022
5OI	289,625
5NS	167,112
6KJ	208,037
6JC	1,104,605
6RH	801,008

*These figures are for 30/11/23 - 06/12/23

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, Catalina, Aland



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Year 2: Nimrod, Obay, Thomas

Year 3: Dan, Hyab, Krish

Year 4: Aleksandr, Jason, Abdul

Year 5: Amelia, Artur, Saeed

Year 6: Tanya, Divine, Aymen

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

Year 1: Yafa, Catalina, Aland

Year 2: Nimrod, Hayaat, Thomas

Year 3: Dan, Hyab, Krish

Year 4: Jason, Abdul, Nabil

Year 5: Amelia, Artur, Saeed

Year 6: Fatima, Divine, Aymen

Spanish Christmas Card Winners

Last week, we launched a Christmas card competition, but the cards had to be written in Spanish. We received so many amazing entries that it was really hard to choose a winner. We took into consideration the Christmas card design and the Spanish written inside and outside of the card. Here are the winners of the competition:

Year 3: Phoebe

Year 4: Leah

Year 5: Amelia

Year 6: Nida



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Sports News

Athletics Competition



On Wednesday, our Athletics Team competed against five other schools in a competition at the AT7. They showed an enormous amount of resilience, winning second place and receiving a silver medal and certificate.

Five members of the team (Olivia, Tawseef, Mayo, Wisam and Anilyah) said that they were quickly able to overcome their nerves, finding the grit and determination to try their best to beat the other teams.

We are all incredibly proud of all our athletes, who showed wonderful commitment and teamwork

throughout their practise sessions and the competition itself. Well done!

Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday, eight Year 5 children represented our school at the Dodgeball County Final, held in North Solihull. They all performed brilliantly and were role models for resilience and teamwork. Although they did not take home a medal, we are proud of how they performed on the day.

Three members of the Dodgeball Team said,

“I was very proud to be representing my school in this competition.”

(Alisa Y5)

“During each match, I had a lot of confidence in myself and my team. We all showed great honesty and respect for the other teams.” (Sofia Y5)

“Although we didn’t win the final, we were happy to know that we tried our best.” (Kendrick :Y5)



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Mr Bowes and Mr Ashmore want to thank the whole team for their hard work and determination at all times. Well done to all of you!!!

Parking

If you drive to school and park up on Pinley Fields outside the school gates, please be vigilant when parking and moving off. We have hundreds of children and their families moving around in the area and parking on the pavement makes it difficult for pedestrians to move safely. Always be additionally cautious when moving off to drive home as small children may be walking in your blind spots.

We are receiving increased numbers of incidents of drivers parking on the pavements and we ask all drivers to be aware and patient at the start and end of the school day.

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.



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Please can you make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office.

After-school Clubs

With immediate effect and until further notice, all children attending after-school clubs MUST be picked up by an adult. As the evenings are so dark, we need children to be accompanied home by an adult.

Thank you for your understanding.

Compass Shine: [Launch event on 6 December](#). Compass Shine supports 5–18-year-olds (25 for SEND/care leavers) who struggle with emotions and feelings.

Pets at Christmas

Join Blue Cross for a fun 'Pets at Christmas' special on 12 & 14th December. A free live online event for, families.

Enjoy our festive-themed journey to find out how to keep pets safe and happy, to make sure they enjoy Christmas time as much as we do! A choice of dates and times for an interactive session with top tips, and a very special visitor! Suitable for children aged 4-11.

Register free at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pets-at-christmas-registration-504448628427>

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: 92.2%
Our Attendance to date: 93.7%

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: Scott, Omar, Hannah

Year 2: Kashika, Isla, Darien

Year 3: Isla, Lakkith, Mohsini

Year 4: Stephanie, Fatihah, Eknoor

Year 5: Aj, Lyla-Mae, Zara

Year 6: Lukasz, Mark, Hibba

Riley Class: Whole Class

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: Ethan, Bethany, Olivia

Year 2: Hayaat, Calley, Rishitha

Year 3: Dan, Sanabel, Dari

Year 4: Eva, Lillymae, Lucy

Year 5: Coral, Riches, Raevyn-Leigh

Year 6: Tyler, Yasar, Miya

Riley Class: Whole Class

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 towards books for the library.



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Diary Dates

- 14th December, Year 3, 4,5 and 6 - Albany Theatre (Oliver)
- 13th December, 9:15am - Reception Christmas Performance
- 13th December, 2:15pm – 3:00pm – Year 2 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 – invitation only
- 21st December – Final day of term for the winter holidays
- 22nd December – Inset day (Children not at school)
- Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return to school