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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Message from Mrs Wright

It has been a fabulous week at school!

We are all very proud of Year 6, who have been carrying out mock SATs. They have worked so hard and continue to make great progress. Many of the children have been telling their teachers how they have been regularly accessing Century, TT Rock Stars and reading each day. This has really supported the children and we can see the fantastic impact it has had - well done everyone.

Year 5 had a great time at the Space Centre this week. The children came back recalling lots of interesting facts they had learnt! They were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you, Year 5,

Next week, is the last week before Easter and lots of exciting things will be taking place. On Friday, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having an Easter bonnet parade. This parade will take place during a special assembly on Friday 22nd March. We will take lots of photos of all the entries and will post these on X (Twitter), so keep an eye out for them. Easter bonnets will not be made at school so please create these at home if you would like your child to take part.

There is a 'decorate an egg' competition for all Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6). They can decorate an egg at home and then bring it to school on Thursday 21st March for judging. The winners will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday. We can't wait to see their creativity!

Next Friday is also the last day for Mrs Grantham, our school business manager. She has been at Alder Moor Farm for 10 years and will be missed by many.

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	STEM visitor to speak to Year 3
Tuesday	Year 1 trip to St John's Museum
Wednesday	Library Quiz for the team at Central Library
Thursday	Parent/carer workshop – Autism Key Stage 2 'decorate an egg' entries due in
Friday	EYFS and KS1 Easter bonnet parade Last day of term

This week at Alder Moor Farm



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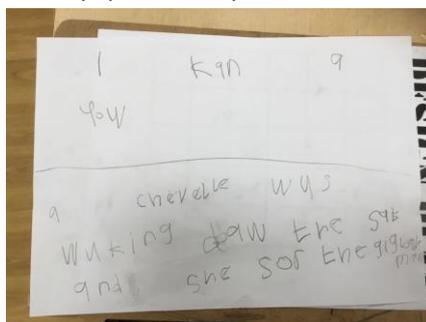
Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning to retell the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. We have been talking about whether the boy made a good choice or a bad choice. The children have enjoyed pretending to be the munching sheep, angry villagers and the fierce wolf.

In maths, we continue to practise recognising numerals 1-10, spotting how many objects (1- 5) without counting and counting up to 10 objects in books and in our play.

Reception

This week in maths, we have been exploring doubling and halving numbers to 10 using a tens frame and a part, part, whole model. In theme, we have continued our topic 'Stories and Nursery Rhymes' exploring the books 'The Smartest Giant in Town', and the 'Gingerbread Man' acting out the stories and answering questions. We have also been singing the rhyme 'I can sing a Rainbow' and have created our own rainbow pictures by exploring mixing primary colours. Thank you to all those parents who attended the writing workshop, we will be placing the presentation on Seesaw so any questions, please ask.



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy measuring this week; we started by comparing the length of objects using the star words longer, longest, shorter and shortest. We then moved on to measuring with cubes, paper clips and finally a metre rule. What can you find around the house that is longer or shorter than a metre? In English, we have been preparing to write an information guide to Wild Things and used fantastic adjectives to describe them. In preparation for our trip to St Johns Museum next week, we discovered some features of a Victorian classroom. None of us were keen to hear about the punishments for not completing work, or the fact that there could be up to 80 children in a classroom! We look forward to sharing pictures from our trip and are sure the children will have a fun and interesting time.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we started a new maths unit learning about shape. We started by investigating 2D shapes, describing them using the vocabulary 'sides' and 'vertices'. The children also used a 'right-angle finder' to find out which shapes have right angles and where we could find right angles in our classroom. In English, we received an exciting letter from the character 'Grandad' in our story. He asked us to help him find out more about some animals in the rainforest. We are going to help him by researching animals and writing information



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texts to send to him over the next few weeks. In PE this week, we have focused on improving our jumping, hopping and skipping skills. We tried to hop and jump in lots of different ways, keeping our knees soft. In history, we learnt about Elizabeth I, thought about why she was a significant monarch and compared her to the monarch we learnt about last week, Henry VIII.

Year 3

This week has been very busy! In Maths, we began learning about fractions. Children have learnt about the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. They calculated fractions of different amounts and compared them to one another. In English, we started writing a return narrative. Children impressed us by showing how good they are at using their plan and their previous knowledge in their writing. This week the Art lesson was challenging for all the children. We were using fine needles for sewing. Children took some time to put a thread through an eye of a needle but the look of achievement on their faces was amazing. They were so proud of themselves and so were all the teachers. In Science, we started a new topic 'Light and Shadow' and we learnt about natural and man-made sources of light. We are looking forward to meeting a STEM visitor on Monday.

Year 4

Year 4 have been working very hard this week. In Maths, we have been continuing our decimal unit and the children are becoming very comfortable using the four operations with decimals. All the teachers have been very impressed with the effort the children have been putting into their Maths work. In English, we have been learning all about writing persuasive letters. We are now ready to write our letters to the witch next week. We have been learning about Law and Order in History by comparing the Anglo-Saxon punishment system to now. The children really enjoyed debating how a criminal should be punished from the point of view of an Anglo-Saxon and our modern-day punishment system. We have started our new unit in Science this week. We are now learning about Animals including Humans. Finally, don't forget to give the comic strip competition a go for Comic relief!

Year 5

The highlight of this week was, without a doubt, our trip to the National Space Centre. The children discovered many new facts about space and astronaut training; we were also pleased to discover that many facts from our whole class reading book "Cosmic" were true. These children were able to see a real rocket, used gloves designed for scientific experiments in space to manipulate small objects and even launched the water rockets! Both children and adults had great fun and we were proud of how well-behaved the year group were. In English, we had a great time acting out our core text, The Promise. Children discussed emotive vocabulary and reasons for main character's actions. In Maths, we learnt about percentages and how to interpret them. And in History, we discovered many new facts about the famous Athenians.



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Year 6

It has been a busy week for Year 6! With May and SATs week quickly approaching, we took part in our final mock SATs week. The children's week was similar to how it will be in May, with three maths, one reading, a grammar and a spelling paper. As a year group, we wish to commend the effort of the children. They worked hard all week, and it is wonderful to see the progress they have made since the start of the year.

It is important to note that there are only six weeks of school left until the week of SATs. We would like to stress the importance of working at home and remind the children that they have been given SATs books to work on when not at school. These are a valuable resource and will assist in the children's learning, especially on the certain areas they know need a little extra work to help them become more confident.

Riley Class

Riley class have enjoyed learning about 2D shapes this week. We have been identifying shape properties and how many lines of symmetry they have. In English, we have been blending words and writing our own narrative for Grandad's Island. We have used character and setting descriptions this week. In PSHE, we completed our feeling and emotions topic and discussed which feelings make us feel sad and happy. Well done Riley, another great 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: 99,941,477.

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		



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Olly	2HW	47,885
Shreya	2ES	19,654
Jwana	2LC	14,518
YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	65,273
Gerard	3TG	56,462
Arav	3ZE	43,780
YEAR 4		
Aleksandr	4EG	113,334
Zoe	4EG	79,333
Diamond	4ZE	76,995
YEAR 5		
Enoch	5HH	89,031
Safiatou	5OI	52,263
Yusuf	5OI	52,263
YEAR 6		
Wisam	6JC	235,670
Dragos	6KJ	169,441
Henry	6JC	164,283

*These figures are for 07/03/24 – 13/03/24

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	5,740,971
Henry	6JC	5,106,605
James	6JC	3,599,843
Nina	6JC	2,803,246
Olivia	6RH	2,744,066

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	79,071
2HW	102,680
2LC	41,246
3MR	77,831
3TG	292,235
3ZS	76,727



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4EG	276,264
4YS	62,607
4ZE	157,824
5HH	173,139
5OI	249,728
5NS	113,553
6KJ	442,825
6JC	1,193,483
6RH	293,520

*These figures are for 07/03/24 – 13/03/24

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: Hanvika, Yafa, Aland

Year 2: Rayyan, Evelina, Cristian

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Dan

Year 4: Nabil, Abdul, Yusuf

Year 5: Ava, Enoch, Judah

Year 6: Ling, Fatima, Aymen

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

Year 1: Hanvika, Yafa, Aland

Year 2: Rayyan, Evelina, Cristian

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Hadassa

Year 4: Joanna, Zoe, Abdul



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Year 5: Judah, Enoch, Ava

Year 6: Ling, Dhanushaa, Aymen

Oracy Home Challenge

Oracy
Home
Challenge



Oracy is all about being a confident speaker and listener. Here is this week's oracy challenge for you to have a go at. Happy talking!



Discuss: Think of answers to these two questions and discuss them with your family members.

What 3 words do you think best describe you?



If you could be an animal, what would you be?



Maths Home Challenge

[This week's home challenge](#)



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Noah saw 12 legs
walk by into the Ark.



How many creatures
could he have seen?



How many different
answers can you find?



Solution of the last week's challenge

Roly Poly

1. The total number of dots on the dice is 21. Of these dots 17 are showing, so the face with 4 dots is face down.
2. The total number of dots on two dice is 42, so 12 dots are hidden. The two hidden faces must each have 6 dots.



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

Child exploitation week

The week commencing the 18th March 2024 is child exploitation week.

Child exploitation is the exploitation of any child or young person under the age of 18.

Exploitation can happen to any child regardless of their age, gender, background, socio-economic status, religion or culture. It occurs across all communities in the UK and whilst some children have additional vulnerabilities, any child can be targeted.

Perpetrators can be male or female, from any or all backgrounds, communities and religions.

There is no 'typical perpetrator' model and no 'typical victim' model.

Child Exploitation can take many forms, such as sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, radicalisation, modern slavery and child trafficking. Often children are subjected to more than one form of exploitation at a time.

If you would like more information on the above, then please contact the family support team.

How to keep your child safe from choking

Mini eggs (of any brand) are the perfect size and shape to completely block a small child's air way, and choke on them. Please stay safe and choose another treat for your little one this Easter. See the information below for more information.

[Safe from choking | How to prevent choking in children \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

Meadow Park –Afternoon Tea

Please see attached an invitation to an afternoon tea as part of our transition programme for Meadow Park. If you are wanting your child to go with you, then please ensure they are going after school and not during school time.



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Join us for Afternoon Tea



To Parents/Careers of Year 6 students who have secured a place at Meadow Park School.

You are invited to our afternoon tea. This will give us the opportunity to meet our new families and their children.

It's a chance to enjoy a cup of tea (or coffee) and slice of cake, whilst meeting members of our pastoral team.

Choose from the following date and times,

- Thursday 21st March 4pm - 5pm
- Thursday 2nd May 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Limited availability so please email to book your space:

mp-transition@meadowparkschool.com

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: 93.9% (+0.9% compared to last week)

Our Attendance to date: 93.4% (no change from last week)



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The classes that have more than 95% attendance this week are:

5OI (Starley)	97.6%
1EM (Austin)	97.5%
3MR (Alvis)	97.5%
2LC (Cooper)	97.4%
4YS (Morris)	97.2%
4EG (Jaguar)	96.9%
6JC (Viking)	96.1%
RCW (Swallow)	95.7%
6Rh (Zephyr)	95.4%

Excellent work, everyone! Well done for having great attendance!

Well done to everyone who has been here every day this week. Our attendance **target remains at 95%** and we are keen to achieve it by the end of the year. Our attendance is higher than last week and is still higher than last year and we really want to keep it that way. So, let's work together to promote excellent attendance!

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: Mariya, Nieroshan, Somansh

Year 1: Ava, Alisa, Ellie-Louise

Year 2: Archangel, Mase, Esaa

Year 3: Dan, Delia, Hyab

Year 4: Eva, Halfan, Kieran

Year 5: Muna, David, Ava

Year 6: Abi, Ayesha, Ahmad

Riley Class: Ebenezer



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

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Miyah, Martin, Lealan

Year 2: Sofia, Rahmat, Winner

Year 3: Hadassa, Mason-Ross, Arav

Year 4: Yusuf, Mandoor, Eknoor

Year 5: Aj, Safa, Chelsea

Year 6: Jayden, George, Ara

Riley Class: Ebenezer

School Trip

On Wednesday, six children from Year 4 attended the A.I.M High Writing Day where they had an enjoyable and rewarding day spending it with the fantastic [Emilie Luran Jones](#). In 2021, the year Coventry became the UK City of Culture, she became the **city's first Poet Laureate**. At the workshop children had an experience of putting poetic techniques into practice, discovering different poetic forms, working on performance skills and the chance to perform their poems. Children enjoyed their trip and came back with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Events

March

Tuesday 19th March – Year 1 visit to St John's Museum in Warwick

Thursday 21st March – KS2 Decorate an Egg. Entries to be brought into school.

Friday 23rd March – Early Years and KS1 Easter bonnet parade in school



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Diary Dates

Term dates

Spring 2 Term dates

Ends on Friday 22nd March 2024

Easter holiday

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April 2024

Summer 1 Term dates

Monday 8th April – Friday 24th May

Half term holidays

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Summer 2 Term dates

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Children return on Tuesday 3rd September 2024