



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



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Stay Connected
A New Term at Audlem St James CE Primary School

I hope you have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather last week as the weather has definitely changed with the April Showers! I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the parents as you are doing an amazing job with juggling work and helping teach your children. Please do keep on sending in all the wonderful work and pictures of the things that you are getting up to at home as this really does make all the staff smile. Please remember the quote below as I feel this is true about where we are at the moment in these uncertain times:

“Every day is a new beginning, take a deep breath and start again.”

At the current time, we still don't know when we will return as a school - in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are informed through the website, parent mail and text messages. Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need support, help or advice.



My Final thought for this week is how can we carry on Letting our Light Shine so all can see it throughout the next few weeks. I will leave you with this reflection on how our community always shows others how to shine.

Sometimes the most selfless and generous things and ideas can have a huge impact upon others

Sometimes when we choose to let our lights shine, sharing our gifts and generosity this can be very valuable indeed

Help us this week to think and to act upon how we can let our lights shine – not for selfish means but for the good and the benefit of others

Amen

2.6 Challenge

I am so proud of all the families that took part in the 2.6 Challenge and the pictures and emails were fantastic. I just thought I would let you know how I got on with the 2.6 challenge. I completed 26 laps of London Road in Nantwich on Sunday. When I started it was beautiful sunshine but as the afternoon went on the very heavy rain came which in a way did help me with my running!!





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Communication during the School Day

I know you have had the newsletter and new work from your child's teacher this week and this has explained how work will be sent home each week via parent mail or the website. Please remember, they may be supervising children in school, looking after their own children or completing other aspects of a teacher's duties. They will aim to respond to e-mails within 24 hours.

School opening times

The school office is now open every day from 9.00am -3.15pm Monday to Friday for any enquires. The school is still only open for just Key Workers and Vulnerable children. Please remember if you need anything at all then contact me at head@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk or Mrs Richardson at senco@stjamesaudlem.ceshire.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parent Communication - It's Good To Talk

Please use your Whats App groups to stay in touch with each other and check everyone is alright. If you discover an issue e.g. communication from school not getting through, please choose ONE member of your group to get in touch with school, so that we can help as we want to ensure that everyone in our school community gets our messages.. If everyone tries to call, we become bogged down answering the 'phone and this takes us away from working on solutions.



This week's Praise Book children are:



Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class

Ellie Grieves for completing all the games on 'Phonics Play'
Tiggi Nixon for riding her bike without stabilisers for the first time.



Mrs Read's Class

Jake Quigley for continuing to produce a good level of work every day and completing some English work this week. William Rowe for working hard in all the subjects and for helping out at home making dinner.

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class

Poppy Rudd Farnell - Excellent investigations in Science when creating Perilous Potions.
Anna Ammundsen - For using millilitres accurately in capacity when creating Perilous Potions.
Evie McColley Hayward - For designing and making a fabulous bird feeder as part of our Global Gardens studies.
Alfie Brookes - For excellent research and fact file about Charles Darwin.

Mr Davies' Class

Bess Simon, James Carlin & Emily Bennion - all showing excellent imagination and dedication to their work at home.

Miss Morris's Class

Calum Wilson for an unbelievably amazing river system diagram.
Emma Kay for producing an array of stunning creative pieces over the last few weeks and her ambitious attitude to challenging maths investigations.

Mr Blenkiron's Class

Heidi Woods for her persistent hard-work and engagement with the whole curriculum throughout the lockdown.
Jack and Eva Tilley for using their D&T skills to construct an excellent replica of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Mrs Bird's Class

Isabella Woods for her wonderful art and baking creations, Lexi Peskett for trying her best in all of her learning, and Sophie Ammundsen for some fantastic writing.

You are all amazing and Shining Stars!



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Prayer to Share this week - We pray for all Key Workers and their families, everyone in our local community and the wider world. Love unites us all. Join us in prayer for our neighbours near and far.

Love Never Fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes - around the nation and around the world - we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.

Book Share

The children have come with a marvellous idea to share stories and books with the wider community of Audlem. So this week we have been putting out books that we had from our book sale before Easter so the community can take them to read or if they want to drop any books off as they walk past so that others may read them. The book share is at the main gates of school between the hours of 9.15am -3.15pm. Please use this as your new library. Make sure that we keep our social distancing when taking the books.



School

All I can say that the children and staff this week have changed some of their morning exercise by trying new things!! We have kept up on our morning exercise this week with the Joe Wicks work outs but with a twist with some Oti Mabuse dance workouts which I have to say I am a fan of Strictly but I have realised I can't dance!!!

The children in school have been very active in working on our bunting and posters for the VE Day celebrations. They have also been completing work set by staff on maths and English every morning as well as working on their Topic work from the Mayans to the Ancient Egyptians. We have been checking on our potatoes and we can actually see something growing out of the soil which is really exciting!!!!

On Monday we worked with Mr Hadfield again in Forest Schools which was great fun especially becoming nature explorers and finding out all the different names for the plants and trees within our school grounds. We have carried on tidying up the allotment.

Stay at Home Heroes

Amethyst Class

This week in Amethyst class we listened to the story Stanley's Stick. We set the task of making stick shapes, knowing doubles to ten, thinking of names for your stick and practising writing our full names in cursive script. If you have been able to access the new Ruth Miskin 'Read Write inc' daily phonics 'Spelling' lessons on YouTube we hope you been practising your "Fred Fingers." We enjoyed seeing what you have been up to including, learning doubles using ladybird



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spots, making a boat out of 'stick shapes,' baking cookies, riding your bike without stabilisers and someone even doing 26 laps, running around their garden! Look out on the website on our "Amethyst" class page next week for ideas for "week 5" at home.

Sapphire Class

This week Sapphire have been learning all about the seasons and using descriptive writing to explain the changes. They have also been writing stories set in a season of their choice. In maths, they have been counting in twos, fives and tens. They have also been creative this week, making sun catchers, rain gauges, drawing to music and making cakes using coding.

Pearl Class

The children in Pearl Class are reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. They have been creating their own Perilous Potions in English using alliteration, rhyming words and onomatopoeia. In Maths, they have explored capacity by adding 100ml of Mountain Haze and 700ml of Troll's Bogies to make an 800ml potion. In Science, they have experimented to create their own Perilous Potions.

Amber Class

Amber class have continued learning about the Ancient Egyptians this week, considering what a typical day would have been like and have started to write a story set in the time in their English work. In science, children completed an investigation into friction and they continued work on fractions in Maths.

Emerald Class

This week Emerald class have enjoyed studying money in their Maths work. They have been comparing and rounding money in pounds and pence and have solved real-life problems. In English they have looked at Chapter 2 of *The Firework-maker's daughter* and worked on comprehension, spellings and writing a letter from Lalchland to his daughter Lila. They studied the water cycle in Science and completed an experiment, worked on listening skills themed around folk music in Music and played a throwing game in P.E. to practise their cricket skills. In D.T. they made corrugated cardboard models of the elephant Hamlet and graffitied them with messages of hope for their friends to see! In R.E. they began to learn about Hinduism.

Ruby Class

This week in maths, Ruby Class have continued to extend their knowledge of decimals, have refreshed their memories about statistics, and have started to look at percentages. They have also put up an amazing fight in the TTRockstars battle against Diamond Class!

In English, they have analysed the features of a young children's book by viewing a performance by Michael Rosen and have begun to work towards writing their own about a local legend surrounding the Shropshire Union Canal.

In Geography, many have completed research into the world's rivers and have learned the different parts of a river's journey, as well as using the flags of South America to inspire clothing designs.

The children have also learned about animal reproduction and have used this knowledge to challenge their families to games of Top Trumps.

Diamond Class

This week, Year 6 have begun their new topic: The Maya. They have been doing map work, comparing the Maya period with the Anglo-Saxon period, and some have written tourist information sheets. They have also been writing some exciting setting descriptions and listening to some classic stories such as 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'. In Music, Diamond Class have been listening to some well-known pieces of music to learn about rhythm, melody and dynamics, and in RE, they have begun to find out about the main features of Islam. They have had a very exciting 'Battle of the Bands' on TTRockstars with Year 5, and our highest earners of coins will be receiving their TTRS certificates on Friday.



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VE Day Celebrations in Audlem

We have started to make our bunting and posters for the VE day celebrations next week as we hope to place the bunting along the side of the school on Heathfield Road. I hope that you can join us in this celebration and please do take photos as I would like to make a display in school of VE Day 75th Anniversary at Audlem.

Mr Perry's Challenge of week

Every week I will be putting together a challenge for the family to work together on to solve. The challenge is a science one. For those in Y6 this could be good revision, and for those who haven't reached it yet it will give you a good headstart for when you do. It is a 3 part challenge:

1. Find all the words in the wordsearch (next page)
2. Write all of the planets in order (nearest to the sun first)
3. Choose 10 words (or however many you want to) and write an interesting fact about each.

Planets

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- STARS
- MARS
- JUPITER
- EARTH
- SOLAR SYSTEM
- SUN
- MERCURY
- VENUS
- MOON
- PLUTO
- URANUS
- NEPTUNE
- SATURN

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1341/>

Finally - take care and look after each other and ensure that we keep on talking and communicating to people that might not be able to get out. It's good to talk.

A.Perry