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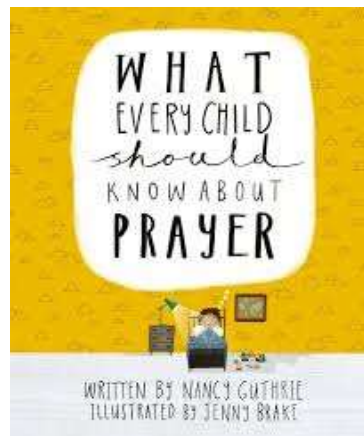
Stay Connected at Audlem St James CE Primary School

This week was the first time I felt like a Headteacher again as I saw beaming smiles and joyful children walking back through the doors of Audlem Primary School. You could hear laughter and children enjoying being back at school as they just took everything in their stride. All I can say is that I was the proudest Headteacher in the country seeing the children wearing their school uniform. The week has gone very smoothly and there have been many exciting activities going on in both reception classes as well as the key workers group. We now can't wait for Year 1 children next week and the Year 6 children the following week. As the week has progressed the children have got into the different routines in school and I know that they will help the other children as they arrive over the next few weeks.



Thought of the Week

This week's thought of the week has come from the book 'What every child should know about prayer' by Nancy Guthrie and was shared with me by Jen McIlveen. Whilst the book is written for children, the sentiment around uncertainty and worry is just as relevant to us as adults, particularly during this period. Sometimes the worry that we have can be so big it can become all-consuming and feel overwhelming. By offering it to God through prayer, it can feel like a huge weight or burden has been lifted from our shoulders. And though the problem may still exist, through prayer, we can gain peace in knowing that God is listening and watching over us, helping us to find a way through. **The Bible verse comes from 1 Peter 5:7, 'Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.'**



Parent Communication - It's Good To Talk

There will be a pop up shop coming to school over the next few weeks so that Reception and Year 6 children can purchase their school uniform from **Schools In**. If there is a good uptake then we will open this up to other parents from the rest of the school. There will be more information coming out so watch this space.



This week's Praise Book children are:

**Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class**

**Ashden Malkin** - for listening carefully to the pirate stories we have read

**Emily Bourne-Withey** - for her pirate postcard writing

**Hugo Hughes** - for the split pin pirate he made

**Madison Fell** - for learning halves of numbers



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Archie Hill - for being brilliant in forest school

**Mrs Read's Class**

Lily Satchithananda - for her clear and accurate retelling of The Enormous Turnip.

Austin Wright - for his amazing 'cooking show' video on how to make The Enormous Turnip vegetable soup.

Tommy Roberts - for using his fantastic adding skills to create a colourful picture.



**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class**

Poppy Rudd Farnell - for effort in story writing.

Bella Roberts - for practising key spelling and maths skills at home.

Evie McColley Hayward - for writing at length and for a creative response to all her home learning tasks.



**Mr Davies' Class**

Chloe Hallatt - superb extra-curricular learning

Ed Whittaker - impressing Miss Morris with his strong work ethic

Freddie Latham - excellent effort to his studies at home

**Miss Morris' Class**

Elizabeth Ellis - for working super hard on her reading at home.

Mia Taylor - for an extremely sensible and mature attitude to her Maths work at home.

Max Winter - for catching an enormous fish and consistently working hard at home.

**Mr Blenkiron's Class**

Harry Stockton - for an amazing representation and explanation of how Hong Kong might look if it were relocated to the skies of Venus.

Seren Morgan - for an excellent, and admittedly gruesome, alternative version of Little Red Riding Hood.


Eva & Jack Tilley - for having the courage to speak in front of the camera and record themselves talking about their objects of sentimental value.

**Mrs Bird's Class**

Oliver Quigley, Isabella Woods, Harry Meadows, Chloe Sherwin and Ben Gregory - for great effort in the Zoom fitness session.

You are all amazing and Shining Stars to everyone at school!

**Prayer to Share this week - We pray for the summer.**



**A Summer Prayer**

Father, Creator of all,  
thank you for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.  
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside  
and enjoy your creation.  
Thank you for the increased time I have  
to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace  
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am  
or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul  
with the awareness of your presence  
and light my path  
with your Word and Counsel.  
As I enjoy your creation,  
create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

*Author Unknown*

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### School

#### Stay at Home Heroes

##### **Amethyst Class**

This week in Amethyst class we listened to the story 'Ten Little Pirates.' We set the task of writing a message in a bottle, designing our own pirate ship flags, making a comic strip and learning words linked to subtraction.

If you have been able to access 'The Pirate Song' we hope you have managed to remember the words and copy the dance moves. Maybe you could learn some other Pirate songs or practise the hand-clapping song 'The Sailor went to sea, sea, sea,' with a grown up at home.

We enjoyed seeing what you have been up to including, making a pirate hat, drawing treasure maps, learning your pirates' names and copying pirate language.

Look out on the website on our "Amethyst" class page next week for ideas for "week 11" at home.

##### **Sapphire Class**

This week, Sapphire class have continued to look at The Enormous Turnip. We have been retelling the story and then writing it in our own words. We have also written a book review for the story. In maths, we have been learning about numbers to 50 and thinking about how they are partitioned into tens and ones. Topic this week has been very busy as we have recapped our numbers in French, become birdwatchers in science, looked at Christian weddings in RE and used vegetables and fruits to create print patterns in art.

##### **Pearl Class**

The children in Pearl Class have been comparing different versions of the Jack and the Beanstalk story. This week they have been exploring cocoa beans and discovering where chocolate comes from and where it originated. Some children have designed and made their own chocolate product, designed a new wrapper and then created an advert to promote it.

##### **Amber Class**

Amber class have continued their studies of Ancient Egypt and have been looking at the Great Sphinx at Giza. In English, we have been using the Cinderella story to plan our own poetry which we will be finalising next week.

##### **Emerald Class**

This week in Emerald class the children have worked on writing and ordering decimals in Maths. In English they started the week using The Oak National Academy website for their lessons. They listened to Miss Morris read chapter 6 of The Firework-Maker's Daughter and answered comprehension questions. The children learned about fold mountains in Geography and worked on duration and tempo in Music. They completed the CW1 kids session for PE and revised our topic on food chains in Science. In RE they looked at Hindu Gods and Goddesses and made a powerpoint or leaflet about a Hindu God/Goddess of their choice.

##### **Ruby Class**

This week in maths, the children of Ruby Class have begun working on understanding decimals, and embedding their knowledge of decimal place value and how to add decimal numbers together. They have also had a healthy side-dish of geometry and statistics; looking at categorising different types of angles and how to understand and draw line graphs. In English, they have revised modal verbs; have written persuasive letters encouraging future NHS workers; and have enjoyed listening to Mr Blenkinsop's dulcet tones as he has read extracts of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' to test their comprehension.

As part of Well-being Wednesday, and as an extra spoken English task, some children have completed video presentations on their cuddly toys or an item of similar sentimental value after seeing Mr B talk about his oldest and dearest cuddly toy from childhood. They have also created pieces of "automatic art" in the style of Joan Miró, and representations of what their home-towns might look like if they were situated on a different planet within our solar system. Continuing the space theme, they completed research on Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space, and composed interview questions for her.

Finally, they have looked into how and why canals were built; creating their own narrow-boats and canal routes online.

##### **Diamond Class**

This week, Year 6 have been writing their own letters of complaint and have been learning about problem solving. In PSHE, they have imagined being the Deputy Prime Minister to write speeches encouraging other school children to develop the skills to be the next 'heroes' of the NHS; we have had some wonderful and passionate speeches! They have also been learning about the Spanish artist, Juan Miro, and have created some lovely abstract art. Even the parents have been joining in which has been great to see. Some of Year 6 also took part in this week's CWOne fitness session - it was a hard work out, but again, well done to all those children and parents (and dogs) who took part. It was



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*'Let your light shine'*

*Matthew 5:16*



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nice to come together for some fun. In Science, we have also made leaflets about staying healthy and all have learned about how the digestive system works.

**Mr Perry's Challenge of week**

This Saturday is the summer solstice - the longest day of the year and officially the start of summer. Many people celebrate the summer solstice at Stone Henge in Wiltshire. My challenge this week is to see if you can build your own henge at home. You could use lego, recycled packaging, things you find in the garden or anything else you can think of. I have included a photo below to give you an idea of what Stone Henge looks like but I would really like to see pictures of the henge you create. You can send them to me at school.



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*