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End of Year at Audlem St James CE Primary School

My first year as a headteacher has certainly been challenging and quite unlike anything I could ever have imagined. There have been lots of highs and lows but throughout the dark days I have always known that there would be a light shining over me. This light comes from the amazing staff, children, governors and parents of Audlem St James that have come together to support me and the school during this difficult period. I would like to thank everyone personally, as I normally would at the end of the year, however due to Covid-19 I will have to make do with a few words here. Thank you to everyone associated with the school. Without you all, Audlem St James would not be the amazing place it is. The work and effort that has gone into ensuring all children realise their dreams is astounding and you have all helped to make my job much easier.



This will be my last newsletter of the year. It has been an emotional rollercoaster for us all however we have stood together for the last two terms and this has made the school community stronger. It has been lovely to see lots of parents and children at the socially distanced picnics as well as welcoming Reception, Y1 and Y6 children back to school. I am a strong believer in the quote below:



This is why I became a teacher over twenty years ago and I am extremely proud to be the headteacher of this fantastic school. I hope you all have a relaxing summer break with your families and friends. Take care, stay safe and look after each other. I am really looking forward to September when we can be a whole school again.



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Year 6 Leavers

The Year 6 leavers' photo was taken this week and next Wednesday we will be having a socially distanced leavers' day. Unfortunately we will be unable to celebrate with the Y6's in the normal way but we will endeavour to make this day special. I taught the Y6 children for two years when they were in Y3 and Y4 and I have watched them grow into mature and caring citizens of the Audlem community. I am extremely proud of everything they have achieved during their time here and I hope the memories they have made along the way will stay with them forever.

Our door will always be open and you will always be welcomed back with open arms. I hope when you are older you will look back on your time at Audlem St James with fondness and your memories will make you smile. Enjoy the next part of your educational journey and remember to use the toolkit we have given you throughout your time at high school. Let your lights shine!

From Mr Perry

My final thought for you all is:

The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

Year 6 Barbecue

In September we will endeavour to have a socially distanced barbecue for all Year 6 Leavers and their parents to enable all staff to say goodbye. This will hopefully take place on a Friday after school with the date to be confirmed.

Thought of the Week



We must remember that someone is always with us even if we can't see them. If we reach out they will come to you.

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class

All of Amethyst Class for working hard all year.

Mrs Read's Class

Lewis Rogers - for working exceptionally hard in English, especially on his conversation between two mice using question marks

Jessica Martin - for challenging herself to write an amazing piece of descriptive writing including adjectives and a simile.

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class

Anna Ammundsen - for excellent research about food miles and the distance our food travels to reach the table.

Barney Stockton - for a very thoughtful response to the Banana Split challenge and for a good understanding of 'fairness.'

Evie McColley Hayward - for presenting her ideas for the Moving On Art Project carefully and creatively.





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Mr Davies' Class

Riley Morris - for trying his best during all sessions in Rainbow bubble

Charlie Furber - for showing resilience throughout the week

Milo Hetherington-Doyle - for excellent anatomy work

Miss Morris's Class

Ava Bowen-Jones - for an exceptional volcano

Esme Hetherington-Doyle - for superb baking and anatomy work

Violet Springett - for superb science work

Mr Blenkiron's Class

Olivia Entwisle - for producing superb culinary delights!

Heidi Woods - for an excellent aspirational magazine

Niamh Roberts - for consistent effort during CW1 Zoom sessions

Mrs Bird's Class

Griff Hembry for a very thoughtful poem.

Lillyrose Shaw-Adams for perseverance in art.

Harry Meadows for a great one-point perspective city-scape.

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

Prayer to Share this week - We pray for all the Families in our local community.

School - Stay at Home Heroes

Amethyst Class

This week in Amethyst class we listened to the story 'Kippers Birthday.' We set the task of learning how to read O'clock, reciting the days of the week and months of the year, making a birthday card, writing a party invitation and designing a cake. We enjoyed seeing what you have been up to including decorating party hats, making a tally of birthday months, practising how to wrap a present and playing party games like musical statues.

Sapphire Class

This week Sapphire has been looking at The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse in English. We have drawn and written setting descriptions using adjectives that we learned about last week. We have also used question marks to write a conversation between the two mice. Finally, we read a different version of the story, wrote character descriptions and sequenced the story. In maths we have been learning about half a shape and half a quantity. For science, we have been learning about habitats, especially minibeasts, and in topic we have been comparing a town and the countryside.

Pearl Class

The children in Pearl Class have learned about the journey of a banana from where it grows to reaching our tables. They have discovered the roles of people involved in the process including banana workers, the plantation owner, the shipper, the importer and the shops and supermarkets. They then decided how much each person should be paid from the sale of a banana and considered Food Miles. How many miles does their food travel to reach their table and how does this influence the cost of the product?

Amber Class

This week, Amber class have continued their topic work by considering the importance of the Egyptian Gods as well as science and transition tasks. English and maths have both continued from last week and we are looking forward to finishing the term by producing the best work of the year so far!

Emerald Class

This week the children have been studying symmetry and position and direction in Maths. For English, they worked with a unit on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and wrote their own newspaper report about Violet Beauregard!



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They completed a scientific investigation about the effects of sugary drinks on teeth and they learned all about the human teeth in Science. They participated in CW1 kids for PE and studied Diwali in RE where they made a Diwali card using the theme of light. They were challenged to make a robotic hand in DT on Friday. The children also listened to the next part of our current class book, 'The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Brocket.'

Ruby Class

In Maths this week, Ruby class have been focusing on converting measurements; whether this be metric, imperial or units of time. In addition, some children have been tasked with trying to beat the computer in a game of time and logic in order to land on midnight. In English, the children have been working their way through a unit on short stories. They have completed reading comprehension tasks on two short stories: 'The Treacherous Temple' and 'The Video Game'; have identified the key features of a short story; have reviewed all the key grammar from the Year 5 curriculum and begun to compose their own swashbuckling adventure stories based on the legends of Roman Hero, Hercules (known as *Herakles* to the Greeks). As part of Well-Being Wednesday, the children have created magazine covers demonstrating their hopes and aspirations for the future. It has been wonderful to see the children's varied ambitions, and the high expectations that the children have set for their future-selves. As I often say: Reach for the stars because even if you miss, you might still land on the moon! Ruby Class have also learned about the different time zones around the world and have calculated what time it was in different countries when they were born (compared to their country of birth). They have also learned how to use one-point perspective to help give their landscape drawings accuracy, dimension and depth. Finally, Year 5 have been challenged to complete a 'The Chase' style quiz set up by Mr Blenkiron covering many different areas from throughout the year in four different rounds (Maths, English, Science and Wildfire Foundation) before a final, and very important, bonus question...!

Diamond Class

This is the last full week for Year 6 and they have been enjoying writing some special letters to our new Reception children who will be joining in September. Year 6 have been reflecting on what makes our school special and have thought of some great advice for children who are also embarking on a big change. They have realised that the advice they are giving to our youngest children also applies to themselves! They have also been learning how to develop 'Bouncebackability' and thinking about 'What is normal anyway?'. We have also enjoyed having our Leavers' photos done and participated in an online Leavers' service run by the diocese at Chester Cathedral. It has been a poignant week, but we are all looking forward to lots of fun activities next week, too.

Mr Perry's Challenge of week

As this is my last newsletter of the year I thought I would set you a challenge for the summer holidays. Last Thursday was Reading Together Day. The aim of Reading Together Day was to bring families, friends, schools and wider communities together - starting conversations, sharing stories, making connections, celebrating reading and having fun. For my challenge I would like you to join the Silly Squad and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. You can sign up online by clicking on this link: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk You can create your own avatar, get rewards, play games, and earn badges for the books you read during the summer. See how many books you can read Good luck!

Finally - take care and look after each other and enjoy the summer holidays. I will keep in touch over the holidays via parentmail or letters to ensure that you are updated with any new guidance before we come back in September.

A.Perry