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Our School

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. I would firstly like to say a huge thankyou to Miss Morris and Emerald class for their fantastic Class Assembly which was sent out to parents earlier this week. It shows how much they are enjoying learning as the Assembly was about 'a day in Year 4'. I would also like to thank KS1 for their work on the harvest festival with some beautiful singing and work around the importance of looking after our environment.

This week we have been asking children to think about the word 'Kindness' and what it means to them. I have asked them to think about how they can show kindness in our community at school as well as home. As always, the children have shown me how easy a random act of kindness can change someone's day. This could be by just smiling at them or asking how they are to helping them with some work. In these unprecedented times I am asking the Audlem community to do the same and carry on the random acts of KINDNESS as we need to ensure that we help everyone in our local community keep on SMILING.



Thought of the Week

You should ALWAYS believe in yourself and remember the words below as this will ensure you can do anything you set your heart on.





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Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we keep our faith and stay happy.



Praise Book Children this week

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class:** Arabella Goodwin for being a superstar in phonics.

**Mrs Hayward's class:** Ashden Malkin for a fantastic effort during forest schools and dough disco.

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** William Rowe - for quick recall of number facts in Maths and for carefully explaining his reasoning using key mathematical vocabulary.

**Mr Davies' class:** Barney Stockton for excellent concentration and accuracy during Lego programming.

**Miss Morris' class:** Imogen Elliot for outstanding work in English in every lesson.

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Rory Brampton for working hard to produce an emotive charity appeal to help rescue cruelly-treated rabbits.

**Mrs Bird's class:** Harry Stockton for enthusiastic writing!

Gift for School

This week we have received a donation from Chloe Hallatt in Y4. She raised the money by selling vegetables, apples and jars of home-made jam from the front of her home and collected £28. Well done, Chloe, and thank you for giving your collection to school.

In the classes this week:

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

**Amethyst class:** This week in Amethyst Class, we have read "Rosie's walk" and "Going on a Bear Hunt." We have sequenced the stories and practised verbally retelling them to our "talking partners." In maths, we have looked at repeated patterns, made potato print patterns and our own fruit kebabs. We also enjoyed the first PE lesson with North West Coaching. The children warmed up played relay games and then took part in a dance session, learning to travel in lots of different ways.

**Sapphire class:** This week, Sapphire class have enjoyed a Forest Schools session with Mr Hadfield. They learnt new skills and even toasted marshmallows! The children thoroughly enjoyed the session. In maths this week, the children have been learning about fact families and learning to write addition number sentences. In art the children have been creating Great Fire of London pictures, using chalk pastels.

**Pearl class:** In Pearl Class, the children used their detailed pencil drawings of Tudor Houses to create monoprints using printing inks and Pressprint. They created statements about what they can see when they 'Look up.' These statements were changed into questions which formed the basis of a collaborative poem. In Maths, the children compared numbers and objects to show the greater and smaller numbers, they ordered numbers and placed them onto a number line. The children have been challenged to count on and back in twos, fives and tens.



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**Amber class:** In Maths, Amber class have been working on addition and subtraction. The children have also been learning more about Katherine Johnson and re-creating earthquakes by building Lego WeDo models and programming them with iPads.

**Emerald class:** This week in Emerald class we have worked on adding speech marks to conversations and have remembered to use a reporting clause to tell the reader who said something. We have written conversations between Katherine and her co-workers on her first day at NASA. In Maths we began our new topic of addition and we worked with four-digit numbers. We also completed some mindfulness art and started our new Science topic on sound.

**Ruby class:** This week in Ruby Class, the children have expanded their mathematical fluency by moving on from column addition to column subtraction; learning how to calculate using place value charts and using the formal method involving multiple exchanges. They also used this knowledge to identify the flaws in other children's calculations and reasoning.

In English, they have read about engineer and computer programmer, Margaret Hamilton, whose calculations and coding skills helped the astronauts of the Apollo 11 mission land on the moon. They have also been looking at emotive language; identifying the language used in a charity appeal to persuade the reader to feel a certain way. They then drafted their own charity appeals for causes that mean something to them.

We have drafted a first response to our friends in a French Montessori school and will hopefully be sending this to them by the end of the week.

In PE, we have developed our hockey skills by utilising the 'Indian dribble' as well as passing and shooting. We then applied these skills into game scenarios.

The children also did a great job speaking to one another about their book recommendations based on how far along they have managed to travel on their 'Reading Adventures'.

Later this week, we hope to look into the breadth of Christianity to see what prominent figures in the faith teach about how we ought to care for the environment.

**Diamond class:** This week in Year 6, we have been investigating how transparent materials can cause refraction of light. We have also been reading some World War Two poetry and writing some of our own, as well as revising some French greetings. We made a Mexican wave using Bonjour! In Maths, we have been tackling some very tricky problems.

Everyone!  
You are all amazing  
shining stars.



**Attendance** This week in EYFS/KS1 Amethyst and Sapphire classes have had equally good attendance and in KS2, Ruby class are the best attenders.

**ABC** We would like to thank everyone who has booked in for holiday club. We are going to have a very busy half term and are looking forward to all the Halloween fun to come. We only have a few spaces left so please ring in if you need childcare to avoid disappointment.

**Friends of Audlem School** The second edition of their newsletter is included with this week's school newsletter. It includes details of the AGM on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and advertises the Spooky Dress-Up Day next Friday 23 October. **Don't forget to wear your spookiest costumes and bring in a gold coin.**

#### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Our first Parent evenings took place this week with all parents from each class having time with their class teacher to discuss their child's progress and attainment. This was obviously very different to the normal parents' evening that we would be having at this time of year. It was a huge success with some lovely feedback from parents.

#### **Face Masks at drop off and pick up**

Over the past 5 weeks Cheshire East has been reviewing how schools have ensured the safety of children and staff in schools on COVID 19. One of the ways to try and ensure that we can keep schools open is for parent/carers to wear



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face coverings when dropping off or collecting their child from school. This is a key area that Cheshire East are now asking parents to do. I know the majority of you have been doing this and it's much appreciated as always but can I ask everyone to now be wearing a face mask when dropping or picking up their child.

**Latest Update on the Harvest Collection**



The photograph shows the amazing response we have had to our request for donations to the Nantwich Food Bank. We feel that we have collected more this year than in any other year. The Food Bank staff are due to collect today as the food can now be safely taken from quarantine. They have asked us to thank everyone who has contributed.

The "Send a Cow" organisation has now received our donation. This is equivalent to two goats, one donkey, two chickens and a cockerel! Well done everyone.

**Finally**

It is important that our newsletter and all other forms of communication we send out to parents and carers, give you a clear and detailed picture of our work in school, so that you are kept up to date with events in school and our community. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about the content of newsletters please get in touch with me.

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