

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	96%
Nursery 2	67.1%
Reception	89.7%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	90.3%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	97.3%

**Whole
School:
94.9%**

We aim for every child to have at least 97% attendance over the year. Children with this level of attendance will be rewarded each term.



Whole School Pantomime

On Friday, we enjoyed a very special performance of Robin Hood by M&M Productions. The children behaved remarkably throughout and we hope it was a wonderful way to end such a busy week.



Nursery

We have been reading 'You Choose' by Pippa Goodhart. We thought about things that we like and talked about things that we don't like. We listened carefully to instructions to be able to create paper aeroplanes and to successfully play a barrier game, dressing paper dolls. We investigated things that float and things that sink in the water play area. We have spent some time in the block area this week, creating cities with lots of houses, buildings and towers of different sizes. We counted the blocks and compared the tallest and the shortest. We had a wonderful Friday making fruit kebabs and it was lovely to see the children enjoying the pantomime.

Reception

As part of Equality and Diversity Week, we enjoyed reading 'You Choose' by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt. This book allowed us to create our own version of the story based on the different things we would choose on each page. We now recognise that we all have different likes and dislikes and that this is OK! We have been trying very hard in maths this week, understanding 'more than' and 'less than'. We compared the quantities of 2 different groups and represented their values on a 10 frame. It has been fantastic to see so many of you trying hard with the sound cards that were sent home on Monday. Keep it up!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th January: Y5/Y6 Basketball Competition

Thursday 19th January: Swimming continues for Y4 and Y5

Thursday 19th January: POWER with LSSP (KS2- selected children)

Friday 20th January: Y3/Y4 Athletics Competition

Friday 27th January: Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 10th February: INSET. School closed to children for staff training

Year 1

We've had a really busy and enjoyable week in Year 1 this week. The children have been so enthusiastic for the learning opportunities that they have had in all of their lessons! In our maths work this week, we have been focusing on telling the time to o'clock and half-past as well as thinking about those activities we do during the morning and the afternoon. In English, we wrote character descriptions of our own superhero - there were some very imaginative creations! We hope that you enjoyed your Christingles that we brought home on Monday, it was lovely to see some of them being used on Twitter. Then panto time on Friday to end the week. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Year 2

We have had a very busy and productive week in Year 2. In maths, we have continued developing our multiplication skills using concrete resources and arrays. We have been able to solve multiplication problems and recognise the relationship between multiplying $\times 2$ and doubling. In English, we have started our new book 'Orion and the Dark', We have been working hard on grammatical features in writing using conjunctions and commas in a list. In geography, we have continued our topic 'Planet Earth' and the children are now able to identify the continents and oceans. In science, we have continued learning about 'Living things and their Habitats.' We have looked at the key processes to identify a living thing. We ended our lovely week watching a wonderful pantomime about Robin Hood.

Year 3

What a busy week in Year 3! In maths, we have used factors and multiples to divide equally, used doubling to find multiplication facts and explored 'ten times greater' facts for known multiplication tables. In English, we performed following a playscript and wrote stage directions for a scene.

Using the Liturgical Year in RE, we created a collage in remembrance of the journey of Jesus, his life, death and Resurrection and described how Catholics' celebrate one of the Church's special seasons. In history, we learned about what Stonehenge tells us about pre-historic Britain and I really enjoyed reading our young historians' view about why they think Stonehenge was built and used. In science, we explored different types of fossils. We ended our week watching a wonderful pantomime about 'Robin Hood'!

Year 4

Another excellent week of learning in Year 4. In maths, we have started our new topic 'Fractions' and the children have used prior knowledge to identify fractions of given quantities. In English, the children have developed their writing skills and written a narrative relating to our class text.

We had an exciting science lesson as the children investigated the process of evaporation.

We will continue to observe and analyse the results next week. In history, the children have discussed 'Roman Britain' and studied artefacts to explain what information we can gather from historical sources. On Thursday, we started our music lessons for the Spring Term. The children immersed themselves in the story of Joseph as they began to learn songs from the musical.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

In PE this week, Early Years have learnt how to jump and land safely. KSI have focused on sending a ball to a partner accurately. Years 3 and 4 continued their dodgeball while Years 5 and 6 have been practising different tennis shots! Stars of the week for this week are: Nursery AM - Casey, Nursery PM - Bobby, Reception - Daisy, Y1 - Harry, Y2 - Aisling, Y3 - Ollie B, Y4 - Sophia, Y5 - Amber, Y6 - Alexa.

Year 5

This week we started our new RE topic of Local Community. We have been exploring 'our missions'.

We researched different charities and what their missions are. Our maths focus this week has been on perimeter and area. Children were able to make fantastic connections between our learning on the area of a shape and our science, where we have investigated how the surface area of an object impacts the amount of air and water resistance that it comes into contact with. On Thursday, we restarted both our singing and our swimming lessons. It's amazing to see the children thriving in settings outside of the classroom. On Friday, we ended the week with a wonderful pantomime version of Robin Hood!

Year 6

We have had a busy week of learning. We have continued reading 'Journey to Jo'burg', describing a character with references to the text. In maths, we have been extending our understanding of angles and shapes, using concrete apparatus. We have been looking at 'Conflict and Resolution' in history, learning about World War I and II and the impact of conflict on the world today. Looking at maps of past empires has created much discussion about changes around the world. 'What makes a book special' has been the focus of RE this week, talking about books we have and how to treat them. In PE, we have been learning how to correctly use a hockey stick and pass a ball. We have shown great competitiveness in the Times Tables challenge this week.

INSET DAY

On last week's newsletter, there was an incorrect date given for our next INSET day. The date is FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY.

MAKING THE MOST OF SPRING TERM

This is what is expected of our children:

- Follow the example of Jesus
- Be in school on time EVERY day
- Read at home, daily
- Take pride in wearing the correct school uniform
- Try their best in everything that they do
- Complete their homework
- Be a good friend

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

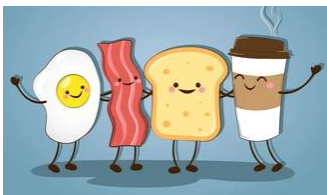
There is a virtual coffee morning that will take place on 6th February 10-12 during Children's Mental Health Week. Grab a drink and join two of Alder Hey's Mental Health Support Teams' Parenting Practitioners for a discussion on children's Mental Health. Parents/carers can book on using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-primary-coffee-event-for-childrens-mental-health-week-lets-connect-tickets-476368700607>

WEDNESDAY WORD

To look at the Gospel readings for this weekend please click on the link below. As well as the readings, there are some activities which you can enjoy together as a family: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=79.2>

BREAKFAST CLUB



Just a reminder that Breakfast Club is open from 8am and costs £1. There is no need to book in advance.

Children from Reception - Year 6 are welcome to attend.

MEDICAL NEEDS AND ALLERGIES

If your child has any medical needs and or allergies please contact the office to share this information. This will help us meet the needs of all our children, should they require it.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Please ensure you have completed and returned your child's 'Supplementary Faith Form' as soon as possible. This is required to support your application regardless of whether or not your child is baptised. We also require their birth certificate and 2 x proof of address.