

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	72%
Nursery 2	71.6%
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	97.6%

**Whole
School:
95.1%**

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.



Golden Book

Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who all received a golden certificate this week

Nursery AM	Castin
Nursery PM	Mason
Reception	Rocco
Year 1	Charlee-Jo
Year 2	Mia M
Year 3	TJ
Year 4	Harvey
Year 5	Shane
Year 6	Zack



Nursery

Our new NELI story 'Pip and Posy The Bedtime Frog' has been a huge hit. The children have played lots of games to help them remember our special words; **pack**, **forget**, **giggle** and **excited**. Neli found it hard to choose our best listener this week because all of the children have used their listening ears and looking eyes every day! In maths, we have been subitising - this means looking at an amount of objects and recognising how many there are without counting. We explored the seasons this week, looking for signs of winter. We had fun in the snow, riding sledges and building snowmen. The weather has turned very cold so please remember that your child will need a hat, gloves and a scarf to stay warm when learning outside.

Reception

I am very proud of the children in Reception this week. In maths, we have been exploring the calendar and time. The children have listened with great attention and tried their best to join in with our new song to help us remember the months of the year. I've put the link on our class Teams page so that they can share this with you at home. We thought about the things that happen throughout the week and used a word bank to help us write a sentence about the different things we do - *On Wednesday we do P.E.* We have enjoyed reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and talked lots about how the different characters feel throughout the story. Please remember; children should only wear their P.E. kit to school on a Wednesday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26th January: Swimming continues for Y4 and Y5

Friday 27th January: Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 1st February: Young Voices Concert

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February: Parents' Evening (face-to-face)

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

Year 1

Another wonderful week in Year 1. The children are showing a fantastic attitude to their learning and this is reflected in the work that they have produced. In R.E, we talked about a special person in our lives and what makes people special to us. We also discussed the job that a greeter does in Church. In maths, we have been using the language of direction, including clockwise and anti-clockwise. We used these words to direct our friends around the classroom. Mr MacKenzie received a text message from Traction Man last weekend asking if we can look after Scrubbing Brush for him, so we've been really busy writing instructions for how we will do this. Remember to return your reading books so that these can be changed on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

Year 2 have had another great week in school. In maths, we have finished our unit on multiplication and division by problem solving. The children really enjoyed problem solving as they completed a code-cracking activity. In English, we are reading our book 'Orion in the Dark' and the children have explored the characters in much greater depth. In science, we went outside to explore our school woodland area and identified plants that grow there. In geography, we used globes to identify oceans and we also discussed the difference between an ocean and sea. Finally, we visited the school library as part of our current R.E topic and discussed why books are special to us.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked extremely hard this week! It was a pleasure reading the playscripts children wrote in our English lessons. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 using dienes and place value counters. In science, we described the colour, appearance, moisture and texture of different types of soils and investigated the permeability of these soils. It was wonderful in history to see children applying their learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age when we explored how prehistoric Britain compared to some of the earliest world civilizations. In R.E, we researched some symbols used during Advent and gave reasons about why and how Catholics celebrate this season of the Church's year. Well done to the children who represented our school in the Y3/Y4 Athletics competition today, we are so proud of you!

Year 4

Another fun-filled week of learning in Year 4! In English, the children identified the features of a diary entry. In maths, the children have learned how to recognise equivalent fractions. We started our new geography topic - The Amazon. The children discussed what human and physical features we might find in the rainforest. In Spanish, we have continued to translate words relating to the weather. The children loved using the word 'nieve' (snow) to explain the weather we have had this week. In R.E, we have continued to discuss the roles within our parish community, reflecting upon our previous visits to Church. Finally, we continued to observe our scientific investigation from last week and concluded that surface area has a large impact on evaporation.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

This week in PE, Early Years worked on their balance. KS1 began learning the rules of tennis. Years 3 and 4 have developed their catching skills in dodgeball. Year 5 learnt to play volley shots in tennis and Year 6 worked on positioning in hockey. Our stars were: Nursery AM - Casey, Nursery PM - Hunter, Reception - Peter, Year 1 - Luca, Year 2 - Harlow, Year 3 - Logan, Year 4 - Ryan, Year 5 - Dominik, Year 6 - Louis.

Year 5

This week, in our English lessons, we were analysing the descriptive language used in 'Varjak Paw'. We created a 'Writing Toolkit' of the different techniques used by SF Said. We then applied these techniques to our own examples of writing in his style. In maths, we started our new topic of 'Fractions'. We sorted different representations of fractions and used cuisenaire rods to prove our understanding of equivalent fractions. In geography, we have started our new topic of Asia. This week we explored the different physical features of the continent, such as: mountains and volcanoes. We are so excited to learn more about the world's largest continent. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 6

We have had another productive week in Year 6, but still had time to enjoy the snow! We have started to write a recount of the journey of the two children in 'Journey to Jo'burg' and are looking forward to reading them aloud to each other. In maths, we have been exploring and calculating angles of shapes and building on our understanding of the properties of shapes. In R.E, we explored the different genres of books within the Bible and have started to find references to scripture in both the Old and New Testaments. In history, we discussed and answered the question, 'Who fought in the First World War?' Finally, we started 'Evolution and Inheritance' as our science topic this term, looking at the importance of Mary Anning's work.

YEAR 5 AND 6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday, some of our Year 5 and 6 athletes competed in a Liverpool School Sports Partnership Basketball tournament. Despite this being the teams first ever tournament, they ran and gave their all from the first seconds to the last. The team grew in confidence as we played and after a superb long range effort from Ryan, we won our first game! We unfortunately didn't progress to the semi-finals but we are so proud of the performance of the whole team. Well done!

YEAR 3 AND 4 INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Friday, 18 children from Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the Liverpool School Sports Partnership 'Sports Hall Athletics' competition. The children involved took part in a variety of track and field events including; relay races, standing triple jump, javelin, chest push and many more. They worked as a fantastic team to support and encourage one another as they took on race after race, challenge after challenge. Well done to all who competed; we are so proud of you all.



SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Don't forget **ADVANCED SOLUTIONS** provide a wealth of information and advice for parents.. They offer face-to-face and online groups, workshops and learning programmes for parents/carers to access, to better understand and support their child. They have a termly newsletter that is available online and paper copies are available in our school reception area. Many parents come to school for support for concerns in their child's behaviour. It is important that parents access support and improve their own knowledge from services like Advanced Solutions before school can take any action to refer, as this may not be the most appropriate course of action. It also helps to be able to speak to other people who have experienced similar challenges.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children should only come to school wearing their P.E kit on their allocated P.E days. We are noticing lots of children coming to school regularly wearing their kit throughout the week. P.E days are as follows;

Nursery and Reception: Wednesday

Year 1: Thursday and Friday

Year 2: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3: Monday and Tuesday

Year 4: Tuesday and Thursday (swimming)

Year 5: Monday and Thursday (swimming)

Year 6: Monday and Wednesday



