

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	77.8%
Nursery 2	90.8%
Reception	94%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.3%

Whole School: 97%

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	Scarlett B
Nursery PM	Bobby M
Reception	Lennon W
Year 1	Gabriel M
Year 2	Mason B
Year 3	Frankie K
Year 4	Amelia B-McC
Year 5	Dominic K
Year 6	Poppy L



Nursery

What a wonderfully busy week we have had in Nursery. We noticed lots of acorns and leaves on the floor in the woodland area so decided to investigate autumn. We decorated leaf shapes in autumn colours, made faces using autumn treasures and used 2paint on Purple Mash to create pictures of squirrels, hedgehogs and leaves. We are really enjoying spending time outside but, as you will be very aware, the weather has started to turn this week so it is especially important that all children bring a coat to school with them. It was lovely to have parents and families with us in class today after the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you for your generous donations. Don't forget to fill up your bags with autumn treasures over the weekend.

Reception

It has been another action packed week in Reception. We have noticed that the seasons are changing as we enter autumn, and the children have loved exploring our outdoor woodlands, hunting for acorns and colourful leaves. Please remember that the children love exploring the outdoor areas in all weathers so will need a warm, waterproof coat with them each and every day. I wanted to say a great big thank you to everyone for their kind donations as part of our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was fantastic to welcome you all in to our classroom after such a long time away. We hope you had a wonderful time exploring the resources that are used to support your child's learning in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th October -Cross Country Reace Newsham Park 3:30pm
Wednesday 5th October - Journey in Love Meeting for Parents 3:15pm
Thursday 6th October -Maths Reasoning Club Y6
Friday 7th October -Y6 Catholic Schools' Football
Tuesday 11th October - Reception Welcome Service 10.30am

Year 1

The children have done themselves proud this week in every single lesson, I am a very lucky teacher! They are making fantastic progress in their different phonics groups and I can see them beginning to apply their phonic knowledge in their written work back in class. In English, we wrote a set of instructions for Jack to look after the beanstalk and then followed these instructions to try and grow our own! In maths, we've begun to investigate addition sentences by counting on. We completed our RE topic on Families and the children loved making necklaces which they will bring home next week. Finally, in geography, we walked around our local area and looked at the different landmarks such as the church and shops. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

Year 2

We have had another busy but exciting week in year 2. I am so proud of how hard all the children have worked in their lessons. We started the week by planning our alternative endings to our traditional tale before writing our stories. I am so impressed to see the children applying their phonic knowledge in their written work. In science, we carried out our first investigation looking at the effect that exercise has on our body. We were fascinated to find our pulse and we definitely worked to get our heart rate up. In maths, we have moved onto addition and subtraction using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to find number bonds to 20. Finally, we had a lovely Collective Worship, where we gave thanks to our family.

Year 3

What a busy and exciting week! It was wonderful to see our parents and families join us for a hot drink and cake in support of Macmillan Coffee Morning and then into our classrooms to join in our maths lesson. Thank you for your kind donations. In maths this week, we have partitioned 3-digit numbers and practised reading and writing them in words too. I was delighted to read the diary entries we wrote in our English lesson. In science we learned about different muscles and their functions in our body. We had great fun learning about rivers in the UK in our geography lessons and finding features of the River Mersey. Children enjoyed using Google Earth to study the rivers. In R.E, it was wonderful to read Y3's 'Recipe for a Happy Family'. A reminder that all children must bring in a waterproof coat daily.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a very productive week. We have revisited addition and subtraction in maths, and considered how to use derived facts to answer calculations. In English, we have written in the past tense and third person, both features in a newspaper report. During our science lesson, we investigated the impact of food and drink on our teeth. We experimented using eggshells and different liquids. We have continued to develop our class vocals on Thursday during our music lesson with Mr Watson. The children's confidence is growing each week. Our Collective Worship this week has continued to reflect our RE topic of 'people'. We have considered how the people in our own families and our school families guide us with wisdom. It was lovely to hear some real-life examples given. Year 4 have produced some brilliant work this week. Have a great weekend!

PE AT ST AMBROSE

Our Year 6 children participated in a Dodgeball tournament this week and all gave it their very best. A big well done to those children! Our Stars of PE for this week are: Nursery AM - Sadie, Nursery PM - Corey, Reception - Rocco, Year 1 - Mylie, Year 2 - Salvador, Year 3 - Madison M, Year 4 - Kevin, Year 5 - Leighton, Year 6 - Zack B-W.

Year 5

We have had a great week in Year 5. In science, we have been learning about the different phases of the moon. All children will be bringing home a 'Moon Journal' to record the lunar activity each night. We continued to study the Anglo-Saxons. We learnt the importance of a Monk called Augustine who was sent by Pope Gregory to convince the Anglo-Saxons to become Christians. He even baptised 10,000 people on Christmas Day! We wrote newspaper reports linked to our book 'Beetle Boy'. We tweeted pictures of our work, which the author herself said were amazing! Thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to attend our Macmillan Cake Morning today and we hope that you enjoyed taking part in our maths lesson.

Year 6

It has been another busy, yet fruitful week. Children have amazed staff with their mature speeches in their bid for Head Girl and Head Boy. I am so proud of them all! We have continued to read 'Wonder' and have started to develop formal letter writing skills. In maths, we have been multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 and securing our understanding of factors, multiples and prime numbers. It was lovely to see parents and family members join our maths lesson this morning, as part of our Macmillan Coffee Morning. In history, we have discussed the reasons why pyramids were built and why they were replaced with tombs. In science, we explored what happens to white light as it passes through a glass prism and 'Gummy Bears'! Have a lovely family weekend.

SAFEGUARDING

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to us achieving our attendance target this week of 97%.

A reminder of our school attendance policy with regards to reporting your child's absence:

- If school have not received a call from parents stating their child's reason for absence they will be contacted by the school office.
- If we are unable to make contact with parents we will attempt to contact the other numbers listed for your child.
- If we still can not make contact a home visit will be carried out to establish your child's reason for absence and as a safeguarding measure (to check all is well at home).

This applies to EVERY child.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION (RSE) PARENTS' MEETING

Next Wednesday after school there will be an information meeting for parents to find out about 'Journey in Love' which is the Archdiocesan recommended resources that we follow when teaching RSE in school. Please try to come along to the meeting so that you can hear about what the children learn in different year groups.

COMMUNICATION FRIENDLY SETTINGS STATUS

We are proud to announce that our Early Years has recently been awarded with Communication Friendly Settings Status. This achievement has been 3 years in the making and has taken a lot of hard work and dedication from the staff who teach your children across Nursery and Reception. As a result of the training that has taken place, all staff are fully equipped to build and support successful communication and language for all children who attend our academy.



DODGEBALL COMPETITION

On Monday, our Year 6 Dodgeball team competed in an LSSP tournament at Academy of St. Nicholas. The team of 8 competed against other schools from around Liverpool and played their part in some very closely fought games. Unfortunately, we were not able to progress to the next round of the competition, however, the team played really well and gained experience for their next competition. Well done to all of those who competed. I am sure next time we will go even further!



VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM

In our efforts to minimise the risks to our pupils, please be reminded that we follow a voluntary one-way traffic system outside of school. The aim of this system is to increase safety and ease congestion whilst also creating a calmer and efficient school drop off and pick up.

The route is as follows:

Approach school via Alder Wood Avenue

Turn right on to Alderfield Drive

Park/ stop car before the start of the school railings and let children out kerb-side.

Continue along Alderfield Drive to exit the one-way system or turn right onto Ringsfield Road.



OPAL: OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

The weather is definitely changing and we are noticing a lot more wet weather. Our aim is to stay outside regardless of the conditions! All children, from Reception to Year 6, will need a pair of wellies to be left in class. These should be sent in immediately. As our weather is so unpredictable, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat each day. We are extremely grateful for your support as we develop our OPAL approach. We ask that you remind your children that behaviour on rainy days should be sensible, for example, hoods up and not sitting in puddles whilst in our full uniform.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 get free school meals regardless of parents' income.

If parents receive certain benefits, school may qualify for extra funding known as Pupil Premium. We need to know that you're entitled to Free School Meals to issue vouchers during school holidays. All parents (NURSERY TO Y6) should complete the online application to apply for free school meals in term-time by following this link:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>



NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

We have spaces available for children aged 3-4 in our Nursery. Children of this age are entitled to 15 hours free provision and we provide this as 3-hour daily sessions (AM 8:45-11:45 or PM 12:30-3:30). you would like to put your child's name down for a space in Nursery, please complete a purple form available from the school office.



PE DAYS

Each classes PE days are as follows: Nursery AM & PM - Wednesday, Reception - Wednesday, Year 1 - Thursday & Friday, Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday, Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday, Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday (swimming), Year 5 - Monday & Thursday (swimming), Year 6 - Monday & Friday. Children must wear full school uniform on non-PE days.

Y6 LEADERSHIP TEAM

This week our Y6 have applied for leadership positions across the school. We were so impressed by all their applications and it was an extremely difficult job to choose the right candidates. Well done to all those who applied and further congratulations to those appointed.

Head Boy Kieran E

Head Girl Heidi-Sophia L

Deputy Head Boys Dylan C and Zack B-W

Deputy Head Girls Ava P and Sydney S

Head Prefect Alexa E

Prefect Team

Reading Lily D and Isabelle B

OPAL Poppy-Rae M

House Captains

Oliver Jeffers Nathan S

Julia Donaldson Filip L

Roald Dahl Poppy L

JK Rowling Naomi C