

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	60%
Nursery 2	78.1%
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	95.8%

### 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	Gabriella R
Nursery PM	Myla C
Reception	Thomas J
Year 1	Leyton W
Year 2	Florence H
Year 3	Reece M
Year 4	Joe J
Year 5	Leighton B
Year 6	Dylan C



## Nursery

What a wonderful, autumnal week we have had in Nursery. We used all the fabulous objects the children collected for their homework to describe, sort and make patterns with. We listened to the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and explored the colour, texture and parts of a variety of pumpkins. Outside, we mixed red and yellow powder paint in the rain, to create orange puddles and really enjoyed splashing in them!

On Thursday, for National Poetry Day, we watched Michael Rosen perform his poem 'Chocolate Cake' Mmmm! We have also worked extremely hard to use scissors correctly, to make snips in paper.

## Reception

Autumn leaves are falling down all around us and Nursery are so excited to watch these changes happen. We have been sorting a variety of different autumnal objects such as; leaves, pine cones, conkers and acorns in to different groups. The children are continuing to try so hard with our Read Write Inc. phonics lessons - look out for the 'Fred Talk' video challenge on your class teams assignment page. A HUGE well done to everyone who has been getting changed for PE in school. You have now all earned your PE licence and should come to school wearing PE your kit on a Wednesday.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - World Mental Health Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Girls Football Competition (Y3/Y4)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Welcome Service 10.30am

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Cross Country Competition in Stanley Park (Y4-Y6)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Swimming Y4/Y5

## Year 1

What a fantastic week in Year 1! The children have been amazing this week and have really worked hard. They worked well in PE, practising their throwing skills. In RE, we have been learning about Judaism and listened to stories about Abraham and Moses and how they followed Jesus and trusted in him. Some of the items that they packed for their journey in the desert were astounding! In maths, I've been so impressed with how they have solved addition missing number problems involving three numbers. Their written work in English has been a joy to read. I was also really impressed with the scores in their weekly spelling tests. Keep up the fantastic work Year 1 and I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend.

## Year 2

Another extremely busy week in year 2. I cannot believe how quickly this half-term is going and I am very proud of all the children's hard work. In maths this week, we have started our mastering number programme. This is an exciting learning opportunity provided by the NCETM aimed at developing number fluency in KS1. The children are enjoying our quick sessions and using the Rekenreks. In science, we have been looking at a balanced diet and sorting food into groups. We were very interested to analyse our own school dinner and see if it was a balanced meal. This week in R.E, we are exploring Judaism and the celebration of Shabbat. The children have been fascinated to learn the customs of a different religion. Have a lovely weekend!

### Year 3

In English this week, we have written a character description based on 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams. It is wonderful to see how much the children are enjoying the humour in this novel so far. We have been adding 10 and 100 to 3-digit numbers and have begun rounding 2/3-digit numbers to the nearest 10 in maths. As part of studying other faiths in our Come and See curriculum, we have learnt about synagogues in our Judaism topic. In Science, we investigated how muscles and bones work together to help us move. In geography, we identified the source and mouths of rivers in the UK and drew a field sketch of the River Mersey. A reminder that all children must access TT Rockstars daily for at least 15 minutes to learn their timestables. For our spelling homework, children must write these in sentences.

### Year 4

We have had a great week of learning in Year 4. We have continued to identify the features of a newspaper report in our English lessons. We used this knowledge to create a newspaper article based on Charlotte's Web. In science, the children have been eager to continue our experiment on teeth. We have noticed that vinegar and cordial had the worst effect on the eggshells. In maths, we have developed our understanding of column addition by increasing our skillset up to 4 digit numbers. Swimming was extra exciting for the children, as they were asked to wear pyjamas in the pool to complete a safety course. Finally, we have all enjoyed learning about the Jewish faith this week in RE. It has been so interesting to consider another faith and look at their traditions and beliefs. Have a lovely weekend!

### PE AT ST AMBROSE

This week, our Year 3 boys team competed in a football competition. They should be extremely proud of themselves. Congratulations to all of our football stars! Stars of P.E for this week are: Nursery AM - Jacob, Nursery PM - Bobby, Reception - Scarlett B, Y1 - Anthony, Y2 - Frankie, Y3 - Ezra, Y4 - Remie, Y5 - Sofia, Y6 - Isabelle.

### Year 5

We have had another wonderful week in Year 5! In our maths lessons, we have been learning a range of different addition and subtraction strategies. We used number lines to 'round and adjust' and used 'If I know..., then I also know...' to apply our knowledge of known addition and subtraction facts to multiples of 10.

In English, we wrote instructions about 'How to build a bug hotel'. On Friday, we followed our instructions and created 'bug bottles'. This week we have been learning about Judaism. We read 'The Story of the Exodus' and learnt about how it is celebrated during the Jewish festival of Passover. Have a wonderful weekend Year 5!

### Year 6

We have had a great week in Year 6! Children have been appointed into roles of responsibility and have faced this new challenge with maturity. We have continued our work on formal letter writing in English and have enjoyed discussing the development of characters within the text. Thursday was National Poetry Day; we read a range of poems and watched Michael Rosen perform his 'Chocolate Cake' poem. In maths, we have been developing strategies for solving word problems using multiplication. In RE, we compared beliefs in Judaism to those of our own faith. We loved the apples and honey, learning about Rosh Hashanah! We have continued to look at the Ancient Egyptians in history and took part in a live zoom with Egyptologist, Dr Bob Brier.

## 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). If 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.



## VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a spare couple of hours? We are looking for volunteers who have a love of reading and would like to listen to our children reading. If you are interested, please let Mrs O'Grady (School Office) know and we will be in touch.



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all those who attended our Coffee Morning last week. It was great to see you in school and we hope that you enjoyed joining in with our maths lessons. On the day we raised £215.13! This is a wonderful amount raised for a very worthy cause.



MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

## SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day and this year, the theme is 'making mental health a global priority'.

Children in KS1 & 2 will be invited to take part in a livestream, interactive event via MYA (Merseyside Youth Association) looking at what this means and how to make mental health a priority in Liverpool. We will be looking in to three areas that children and young people have said were their top three issues.....sleep, loneliness and bullying.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to introduce you to our school council team. The children have been chosen by their classmates to be a voice for their class. Mrs Jones will lead our school council team this year. Our chosen area for development is OPAL.



## ZONES OF REGULATION

In school, we are working to support children's emotions through a 'Zones of Regulation' approach. The children are identifying what 'zone' they are in and trying hard to remain in the **GREEN** zone - ready to learn! Ask your child to tell you more about this at home.

## The ZONES of Regulation

<b>Blue Zone</b> Sad Bored Tired Sick	<b>Green Zone</b> Happy Focused Calm Proud	<b>Yellow Zone</b> Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	<b>Red Zone</b> overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

## RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION (RSE) PARENTS' MEETING

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting this week on 'Journey in Love'. It was lovely to have such a good turnout from across the school. Further information will be given out this week explaining what is taught in each year group.