

St Ambrose Newsletter

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21st October 2022



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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	80%
Nursery 2	84%
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	87.9%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	98.5%

**Whole
School:
93.7%**

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	Alicja S
Nursery PM	Myla C
Reception	AJ H
Year 1	Whole Class
Year 2	Jaxson S
Year 3	Scarlett B
Year 4	Adam P
Year 5	Emmie E
Year 6	Poppy-Rae M



Nursery

A big thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. Your support and interest in your child's learning is really valued. This week has been Art Week in school. The children completed symmetry drawings, looking very closely to make the picture the same on both sides. We also used felt-tipped pens to draw self-portraits, focusing on drawing different types of lines to create our pictures. Whilst spending time looking in the mirror, we recognised that we are all different but we are all perfect. Our pictures now take pride of place in the corridor for everybody to see. In maths, we have been recognising, matching and sorting colours. Have a lovely half term with family and friends.

Reception

We have been artists this week as we celebrated **Art Week**. The children spent time looking in the mirror to create self-portraits using simple line drawings with a black felt-tipped pen. They look incredible on our new corridor display. In maths, we have explored composition of numbers 2 and 3. I know lots of you have commented on the how well your child has been using our stem sentence; "I and another 1 is 2". I would like to say a great big THANK YOU to all those families who joined me for our virtual Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to spend time celebrating all that your children have achieved during their short time in Reception. Have a wonderful half-term break and I look forward to seeing you all on 31st October!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st October - School closes for half-term

Monday 31st October - School reopens after half-term

Monday 31st October - School Nurse Flu Nasal Spray

Thursday 3rd November - Swimming continues for Y4 and Y5

Thursday 3rd November - Maths Reasoning Club Y6

Year 1

What a memorable week to end our first half-term together! It was lovely to see so many of you during our Parents' Evenings this week and to tell you all about how well the children have settled into life in Year 1. In geography, we drew aerial maps of our local area and thought about what we like and what we would change about the area in which we live. In maths, we sorted 2d shapes according to their properties and impressed Mrs Moorcroft with our repeating patterns using colour and shape. The highlight of our week was our wonderful trip to the Catalyst Science Museum on Tuesday. I hope that you all enjoyed using the soaps that we made. The children loved the trip and were a real credit to the school and to you all. Thank you for a fantastic first half-term and I hope you enjoy a restful week!

Year 2

Another wonderful week in Year 2, I can hardly believe that we have come to the end of the half-term already. I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly to St Ambrose. I feel as though I have always been here. In maths, this week we applied our knowledge of addition and subtraction to word problems. The children started to explore how a bar model can help us to solve mathematical problems. In science, we talked about our favourite meal, we then had to consider if it was actually a balanced meal and we made resolutions of how we could lead a more balanced life-style. We enjoyed exploring our school grounds looking for signs and symbols that we see in everyday life. I was very impressed with how observant some of us were. Have a lovely break!

Year 3

A really busy week and half-term it has been. Thank you to all the parents and families for attending the Parents' Evening, your support is much appreciated, as always. I have been very impressed with the newspaper reports children wrote in English and it was wonderful to see them enjoy being newspaper reporters. In maths, we read and interpreted pictograms and bar charts. We were artists this week and practised the skill of adding value when sketching still-life. In R.E, we have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and understanding the meaning of what a sacrament is. Thank you for your continued support this half-term and we hope you have a restful break. We look forward to seeing you for another exciting half-term.

Year 4

A wonderful end to a jam-packed first half-term in Year 4. Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is amazing to see the support shown to the children at home. In maths, we have began our new topic of 'Multiplication and Division'; we have used our previous knowledge to find common calculations. We have continued to explore persuasive language in English; the children produced excellent persuasive letters this week to save the life of an innocent pig! It was wonderful to see the creative part of Year 4 shine as we developed our drawing techniques. The children created some remarkable owl pictures following line patterns and shading techniques. Thank you for the support you have shown this half-term, please enjoy a well-earned rest during the break!

PE AT ST AMBROSE

Our first PE topics of the year have come to an end this week. Early Years completed their Body Management topic. KS1 completed 'Run, Jump and Throw' and our KS2 classes have finished and performed their gymnastics routines. Our Stars this week are: Nursery AM - Gabriella, Nursery PM - Elias, Reception - Molly, Y1 - Amelia, Y2 - Maja S, Y3 - Shay, Y4 - Joe, Y5 - Dominik, Y6 - Ollie.

Year 5

A great end to an exciting first half-term in Year 5! Thank you so much to all of the parents and families who were able to attend 'Parents' Evening'. Your support is appreciated and is not something that is taken for granted. In maths, we have started to learn about line graphs. We interpreted the information shown on a range of different line graphs and used this to answer questions relating to the 2022 Olympic Games. This week we had a special Collective Worship to discuss the importance of kindness. This was planned and delivered by two of our amazing pupils in Y5, linking into the theme of Black History Month. Have a wonderful half term!

Year 6

We have had a fabulous end to the final week of the first term in Year 6. We loved our visit to the Liverpool World Museum on Wednesday; the 'Meet the Mummy' workshop was great fun! The children were able to showcase their learning in history this half-term. Thank you to those parents who accessed 'Parents' Evening' this week. It was lovely to meet those parents we do not see at home time. In English, we edited and published our newspaper reports based on 'Wonder'. This week, we have also looked at drawing in art; techniques for shading and adding texture. Children have drawn self-portraits, inspired by the illustrations in Wonder. Thank you for your support. Have a lovely half-term with families and friends.

YEAR 6

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2023, please apply online for their place as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions>

The deadline is 31st October. Some faith schools require a supplementary faith form completing as well. Please check their school websites for details.



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CROSS COUNTRY

This week, the cross country team took part in two races. The first on Monday at Clarke's Gardens and the second at Croxteth Park on Thursday. Everyone did themselves and our school proud, showing incredible perseverance and resilience when the going got tough with everyone finishing both races. The level of commitment shown by all of the runners in this hardly glamorous (and very muddy) sport, is fantastic. A special mention to Leighton B for Thursday's success and finishing in 7th place.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP

On Thursday, some boys from our school were selected to take part in a 'World Cup' football tournament with LSSP. The event contained 32 schools across Liverpool, each representing a different country. The boys played all day and gave it their all throughout! All of the children enjoyed the experience today and despite the end result not being the one we wanted, they represented our school fantastically! Well done boys, we are proud of you!

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Please be vigilant with your child's use of social media particularly over half term where screen time is likely to increase. Frequently issues that arise out of school continue in the classroom and this could be avoided by the careful monitoring of devices by parents. To download a free guide of online safety tips for parents of primary school children please visit www.internetmatters.org

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening this week which was a huge success. If you are yet to make an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first week back to arrange an appointment.



Y1 TRIP



Year 1 had a fabulous time on their trip to the Catalyst Science Museum this week. They found out about the properties of different materials by making their own bars of soap and all came into school smelling of oranges the next day! As always, they were a credit to our school and to their families.



Y6 SCHOOL TRIP

Year 6 visited the Liverpool World Museum this week to consolidate learning covered in our 'Ancient Egyptians' topic. It was a wonderful experience, especially the 'Meet the Mummy' workshop; preparing a body for mummification - great fun whilst learning! Children were amazing and created memories together.



APPLY FOR RECEPTION

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2023, you can apply online now for a place in Reception. Closing dates for Reception applications are 15th January 2023. All Reception applications should be completed online at www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions. In addition to the online application, families should also complete the St Ambrose Supplementary Faith Form. This can be accessed via our school website and is available from the school office. We require evidence of baptism in the form of a baptismal certificate handed in to school with our supplementary faith form by the 15th January 2023.

THANK YOU

Today, as you know, we break up for half-term. Thank you for your support and challenge since September. Enjoy half-term with your families and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.