

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	89.3%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	92.4%
Year 6	96.3%

**Whole
School:
95.4%**

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	Theo D
Reception	Hunter E
Year 1	Vienna McR-R
Year 2	Millie H
Year 3	Florence H
Year 4	Reece M
Year 5	Amelia B-Mc
Year 6	Ryan E



Nursery

This week, we have continued our learning on colour. So far, we have focused on the colours red, blue, yellow and green. We have looked at mixing to create new colours, and how red and blue make purple! We will continue this next week to deepen our understanding and have a go at making the colour purple. Our focus book this week has been 'The Colour Monster' and we have used this to talk about our emotions and how we feel. Nursery are getting used to using 'The Zones of Regulation' in our classroom to show me how they feel. In R.E. we are learning about how God created the world and everything in it. We linked this back to our school rules, talking about being kind and respectful to all of God's creations by looking after our planet.

Reception

What another busy week Reception have had! In maths we have been helping Coco, the counting puppet, to count objects and sounds. The children used their amazing listening skills to count chimes, claps and marbles being dropped into a tin. They have also been sorting, matching and comparing sizes. I am so impressed with how well the children are working in their phonics lessons. This week our focus sounds were i, n, p, g and o. Keep practising with the speed sound cards at home, it's really making a difference for those children who are completing their homework. On Thursday, we had a fantastic water safety assembly led by Olympian Rebecca Adlington. We also got to see her four Olympic medals!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October: Other Faiths Week - ISLAM

Tuesday 3rd October: Cross Country Race - Newsham Park

Friday 6th October: Maths Party Day (2pm-3pm)

Friday 6th October: Spare uniform sale (3pm-3:30pm)

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October: Parents' Evening

Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been working really well in all of their lessons. I am amazed at how mature they are and how well they settle down to their work - it's as though they have been in my class for months already! In phonics, they have continued to blend words confidently and recognise the 'special friends' - keep up the great reading at home as it is really impacting positively on their work in school! In maths, we have learned about addition strategies such as counting on and in R.E. we finished our work on families by thinking about how we show love in our own family. We looked at the different types of jobs people do in our local area in geography and continued to investigate the properties of materials in science.

Year 2

Year 2 have worked very hard this week! I have enjoyed reading children's character descriptions of Ravi in our English lessons. In maths, we have been counting in sequence of 3s and revisited our number bonds to 10 and addition facts within 20. Our scientists explored objects to investigate if they changed shape by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We then sorted objects into 'flexible' and 'rigid'. We finished our R.E. topic by making prayer cards and writing a morning prayer to start each new day. In history, we listed some of the reasons that caused the Great Fire of London to spread. A reminder that children should only complete one page per week in their maths homework book which we will mark on Mondays.

Year 3

We have had another wonderful week in Year 3. In maths, we have continued to explore different calculation strategies and have used these to solve 2-step word problems. In English, we are using different writing techniques such as 'show not tell' to describe a character inspired by our class book 'The BFG'. In history this week, we analysed different historical artefacts and discussed the main differences between the Stone Age and Bronze Age. On Thursday, we were so lucky to have a visit from Olympic medalist Rebecca Adlington, who gave a wonderful assembly on water safety. Finally, we finished our R.E. topic on 'Homes' by creating cards to thank others for the lovely homes they have created for us.

Year 4

The children have enjoyed a fantastic week of learning. In English, we utilised our understanding of persuasive writing to create a persuasive letter addressed to a character in our class text. In our new maths topic 'Addition and Subtraction', the children developed some useful mathematical strategies such as partitioning and using a number line to calculate answers. During P.E. the children built their basketball skills and enjoyed learning how to dribble and defend across the court. In music, the children enjoyed their weekly singing lesson and Mr Watson is extremely impressed with their progress so far. Finally, we celebrated the end of our first R.E. topic 'Family' by bringing in some images of our own families to share during a class Collective Worship.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

In P.E. this week, EYFS focused on Body Management and how to move carefully through and over equipment. Key Stage 1 continued with their games topic, learning about rules and the importance of following them as we play. Key Stage 2 have all been working on indoor athletics skills. Our stars this week were: N - Molly, Reception - Gabriella, Y1 - Vienna, Y2 - Harry, Y3 - Deacon, Y4 - Frankie, Y5 - Millie, Y6 - Emmie.

Year 5

We have had another fantastic week in Year 5! In our English lessons, we have started to plan the build-up and problem to our narrative based on 'Beowulf'. We have looked at key events and writers' techniques that allow us to build suspense and tension. In maths, we have been exploring different addition and subtraction strategies. We used our already known facts, number lines and column method to solve multi-step problems. In R.E. this week, we discussed our unique positive qualities and how we use these qualities to show we are a child of God. On Thursday, we had the inspirational Olympic gold medalist Rebecca Adlington visit our school. We learnt all about how we can stay safe in open water. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 6

Yet another jammed-packed week in Year 6! In English, we wrote journal entries based on our class novel: Wonder. We edited our writing and created our own books that we will use to display our writing to the school. In maths, we have been identifying factors and multiples. We used a 100 square to identify factors and multiples in sequences. In R.E. we completed our topic of 'Loving' by creating heart-shaped lockets for the people in our lives who show us unconditional love; we hope you enjoyed receiving them! In science, we learnt about how light is reflected. We made periscopes to investigate how this occurs.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

At present, there are over £7000 worth of missing payments for trips, lunches, Breakfast Club and residential. If you owe any money to school, no matter how small the amount is, please make an arrangement to pay with Mrs O'Grady. We cannot write off this debt. It would be such a loss to our children if we could no longer provide Breakfast Club, trips or residential.

MATHS PARTY DAY

As you know, 'Maths Party Day' has been rearranged for Friday 6th October. We would like children to come to school wearing a number inspired outfit. Whether it's dressing up as a favourite mathematician, a famous equation, or simply incorporating numbers and math symbols into their clothing, we encourage them to have fun with their attire!

We are asking for £1 (or loose change donation) and all donations collected during the event will go directly to the MacMillan Cancer Trust, supporting their vital work in providing care and assistance to those affected by cancer.

We would love it if family members could join us between 2.00pm-3.00pm. There will be an opportunity for you to visit your children's classrooms and share a story or play a maths inspired game.

EARRINGS

Earrings must not be worn in school. Any child wearing earrings, will not be able to take part fully in P.E. and during lunchtime they will not be able to take part in physical activity (OPAL) to prevent an injury to their ears. They will be allowed to read or colour-in.

PARISH OFFICE

Fr. Ed is receiving lots of calls intended for school. Please save our number into your phone: 0151 4252306 to prevent this from happening.

SPARE UNIFORM SALE

On Friday 6th October, there will be a spare uniform sale. This will take place after the Maths Party from 3pm. All monies raised will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Trust.

SAFEGUARDING

As you are aware we have recently requested updates for any medical conditions in order to keep your child safe in school. If your child has an inhaler at home you MUST make sure they have one in school at all times. If your child no longer needs an inhaler please make sure you have updated this information so we can remove them from our register of children who require inhalers.