

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Reception	88.7%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	96.3%

**Whole  
School:  
95.5%**

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.



## Maths Party Day

Thank you to all our parents and families who were able to join us today for a wonderful hour of maths games and maths stories. It was great to see so many of you here.

As with all occasions, our priority is to keep ALL the children safe. The end of our school day is 3:15 and it was very disappointing to see that some parents decided to take their children before the day had finished. Thank you to those parents who kept our

school rules:

- Be Safe
- Be Kind
- Be Respectful

and waited for the bell to go so that we could dismiss the children safely.

## Nursery

What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery. We have learnt about Islam and explored lots of Islamic artefacts such as Prayer Beads and Prayer Mats. We had a go at decorating our own Prayer Mats. In maths, we have been 'colour detectives'. We are very good at sorting the different colours now. In R.E. we have been learning how God created the world and everything in it, and that we need to be kind and look after all of God's creations. We went outside in to our woodland area on a hunt to look for mini-beasts, plants and any other things we could find that God has created. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for our 'Maths Party Day'. We loved having you in our class room.

## Reception

I am so proud of how well the children are beginning to apply their phonic knowledge in their writing this week. We started reading our new class book - The Squirrels Who Squabbled - and explored hibernation. We thought about which food we would take to hibernate and wrote lists. In maths, we have been copying, extending and making patterns. We have made colour and size patterns and even printed patterns with paint to make wrapping paper. Wednesday was a very exciting day as we welcomed Luna, our new school dog. We have loved listening to Mrs Butterworth's stories about her at home. We'd like to say a big thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us this afternoon for our Maths Party.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October: World Mental Health Day (wear something yellow with our uniform)

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October: Y3/ Y4 Girls' Football

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October: Cross Country Race - Stanley Park

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' Evening

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: HALF TERM

## Year 1

Another amazing week in Year 1. The children are really enjoying their learning and I am already seeing lots of progress and smiles each and every day. It was National Poetry Day on Thursday with the theme being refuge. We watched a short video about the plight of refugees and then performed Michael Rosen's 'On the Move' with some fantastic actions. We loved 'Maths Party Day' on Friday and played number bingo in our number crowns which we made on Thursday. We also worked on subtraction this week, and practised counting back. In R.E. we have studied Islam as part of our other faiths week. We listened to some stories about the prophet Muhammed and then thought about how we can be kind like him.

## Year 2

I am so proud of all the children's hard work this week. We are enjoying our new class text 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival, and used 'conscience alley' to explore the character's feelings and choices. We have also revisited using past tense with the suffix 'ed'. In maths, we have used known facts in addition and subtraction to derive other facts relating to our prior knowledge. It is Islam week and in R.E. we learnt about how Muslims pray and the importance of prayer to them. In science, we have started learning about pollution and recycling. We sorted objects into different recycling containers based on the material they are made of. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us today for the 'Maths Party Day'.

### Year 3

We have had another fantastic week in Year 3. This week I have felt very proud when other staff members have told me of the kindness that they have seen from children in Year 3. In English, we have finished creating our own suspense character and have begun to look at the features of a setting description. In maths, we have looked at 3-digit numbers and explored how we can partition them in different ways. On Monday, Mrs Sadiq held a wonderful assembly on Islam. This inspired us in our R.E. lessons to research more about this world religion. We focused on the important role the mosque has in the life of Muslims. On Friday, it was wonderful to see everyone celebrate 'Maths Party Day'. Thank you to all who joined us in class!

### Year 4

Year 4 have continued to impress me this week with their determination and hard work. In English, they developed their knowledge of persuasive writing and wrote a letter to Mrs Moorcroft in a persuasive style.

In maths, children used column addition and subtraction to solve calculations. The children were engrossed in science this week as we conducted an experiment using eggs and various liquids. The children observed the eggs to identify which liquid damages teeth the most. In R.E. we have enjoyed learning about the Qu'ran as part of 'Islam Week'. We discussed its similarities to the Bible and the rules involved before reading the holy book. Thank you to all parents who joined us on Friday for 'Maths Party Day'. Keep practising those times tables!

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

This week in P.E. our EYFS children learnt about stretching and reaching with different body parts. Key Stage 1 have carried on with games, learning about changing rules to change how we play. Key Stage 2 have all been working on Indoor Athletics, with their focus moving from running to jumping.

Our stars this week are: N - Omar, Reception - Castin, Y1 - Marnie, Y2 - Karel, Y3 - Leni, Y4 - Mark, Y5 - Jack, Y6 - Amber.

### Year 5

We have had another wonderful week in Year 5. In English, we wrote our build-up and problem paragraphs for our narratives, based on our class novel: Beowulf. We edited our writing, using thesauruses to extend our higher level vocabulary. In maths, we have continued to explore different addition and subtraction strategies. We used our already known facts, 'round and adjust', as well as column method. In R.E. this week, we have enjoyed learning about Ramadan as part of 'Islam Week'. We discussed how Ramadan is celebrated during the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, we made our own Ramadan lanterns, prayer mats and mosque boxes. A reminder that all children must have a swimming cap for their swimming lessons.

### Year 6

Another fantastic week in Year 6! We were so excited to welcome Luna (our new school dog) to the St Ambrose family on Wednesday! In maths, we have been learning about different multiplication strategies that we can use to multiply numbers that include decimals. On Friday, we celebrated 'Maths Party Day'. Thank you to everybody who was able to donate and attend. In science, we investigated refraction and how it can be used to create optical illusions when light travels through water. In R.E. this week, it has been 'other faith week'. We have been learning about the religion of Islam and the five pillars of the faith. We created posters about 'Zakah', explaining the importance of charity and supporting others. Have a wonderful weekend!

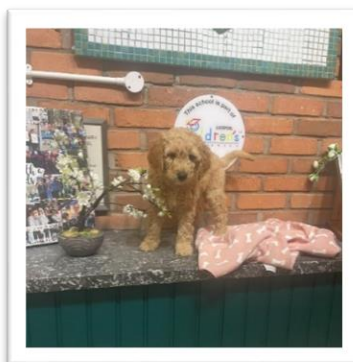
## THANK YOU

Mrs O'Grady has recently completed 25 years of service to our children and school. This is a remarkable achievement and we are extremely grateful for all that she has done, and continues to do, for our St Ambrose family.

## SAFEGUARDING

Please find the latest parenting information, support and contacts in the Autumn Edition Liverpool Parenting Newsletter using the following link: <https://sway.office.com/6NA9wLMtrB2Q6eKu?ref=Link>

## WELCOME TO LUNA



Our children have been extremely sensible this week, as we welcomed our new school dog Luna! We have helped her settle in by keeping her safe, being kind with our gentle hands and respecting that Luna needs time to settle in to this new environment.

We are really looking forward to the adventures that we will have together over the coming years!

**#HelloYellow**

## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow with our school uniform. This could include yellow socks, yellow bobbles/headbands etc.

## SEN SUPPORT

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual group question and answer sessions via zoom. These are for families who may have a question or concern about their child in regards to any social communication difficulties, waiting for an ASD assessment or currently have a diagnosis of autism. It is also an opportunity to speak to an ASD trainer and other parents. Sessions run for 90 minutes (am: 9.30-11.00 or pm: 1.00-2.30) on the following dates - 03/10/23, 05/10/23, 06/10/23, 09/10/23, 10/10/23, 11/10/23, 18/10/23. Please email [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk) if you would like to book a place.

## THANK YOU

A great big thank you for all the efforts made for Maths Party Day. The children looked fantastic in their maths focused costumes. We all had a lovely day, ending it with a very special visit from parents and families. We will let you know how much we raised next week for Macmillan Cancer Support.