



AJA News – 20.10.23

A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you have all had a super week!

A big thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to see so many parents take time to come into school and see how well their child is doing at school. I hope that you were impressed by what your child has been learning and how much they have progressed already this academic year.

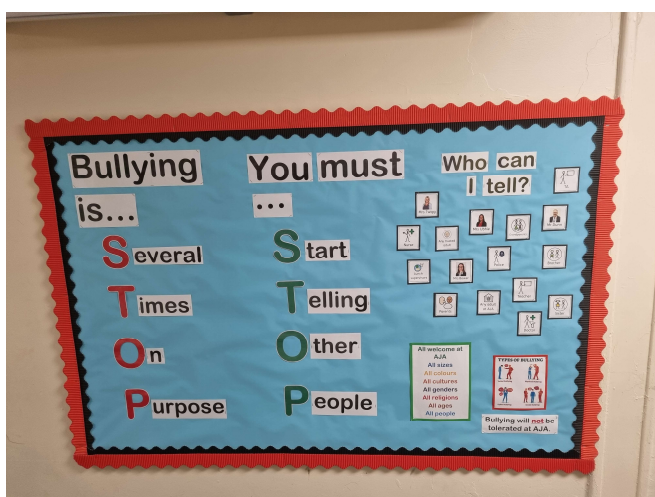
If you couldn't attend last week, have a chat with your child's teacher and I am sure that we can fit you in specially next week.

Have a great weekend and keep safe in this awful weather.

Mr Dunn

A message from Mrs Bower

We have a new anti-bullying display in school. This week, all children were taught our new slogan in assembly. We have been talking about the definition of bullying and what to do if you think you are being bullied. Children know who they can tell, and how important it is that everyone feels happy and safe at AJA. Everyone is welcome here!



Families are invited to donate to our Harvest collection. Long-life foods we are collecting include sugar, UHT milk, jam, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, chocolate bars/biscuits, crisps, coffee, tea, rice, pasta and jars of sauce. These will be donated to Alvaston food bank at St Mary's this Thursday to distribute to those in need. Please do not bring in fresh items. Thank you.

Important Dates

Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th

Collecting for Harvest

Items going to the local food bank

Friday 27th October

Last day of term

HALF TERM

Monday 6th November

First day of term

Wednesday 8th November

Parent workshop

Zones of Regulation

Friday 17th November

INSET Day

School closed for children

Tuesday 21st November

Flu vaccinations

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Attendance

This week's attendance

95.42%

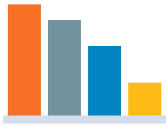
Highest class attendance

98.3%

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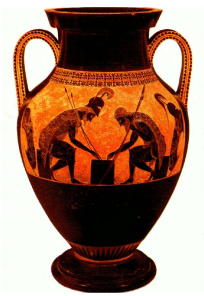
What's been happening this week?

Year 3



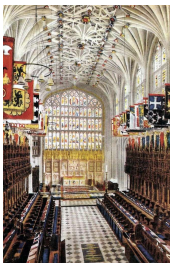
Week 7 completed! It was lovely to meet so many of you at our parent consultations this week and it was great to share the work children have produced so far. It has been another super week of learning by your fabulous year 3 children. This week, we have written our reports about the UK, created tally charts, bar charts and pictograms in maths and investigated magnets with different surfaces between the magnets and paperclips! My favourite lesson this week was our geography lesson where we researched local landmarks and decided whether they were human or physical features! A great lesson that sparked lots of great discussions! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4



Year 4 have had a busy time this week. They have enjoyed creating their own gorgon descriptions; next week we will create instructions for how to defeat them! Maths this week has focused on identifying angles and parallel lines in various shapes, delving into problem solving and reasoning with geometry next week. We have also started our art unit, where we will be designing and making a working Ancient Greek-style vase. Thank you to all year 4 for persevering through our longest term.

Year 5



We can't believe we're almost at the end of the first half term in Y5! We've enjoyed meeting all of the parents and carers at parents' evening this week and sharing all of the great work that the children have done. This week in maths, the children have been learning about factors and multiples. They've had lots of new maths vocabulary to learn, and they've been brilliant! The alternative endings in English are coming along nicely, ready for the final versions next week. We've had double the fun with two history lessons in one week! One was about the reasons Henry VIII set up the Church of England, and one about Tudor crime and punishment. We can't wait to see all of the learning logs on Monday to see what else the children have done. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6



The end of the 1st term of Year 6 is in sight and the children should be so proud of how well they have settled in and adopted the mantle of AJA role models. In maths, we continue to add to the list of reasons we need to learn our times tables through studying factors, multiples, prime, squared and cubed numbers! In English, we are using 'Goodnight Mr Tom' as inspiration for our diary writing. This looks at the life of an evacuee which works well with our history where we are learning about evacuees through our analyses of different sources, looking at bias and the reliability of newspaper reports, historical fiction and personal memoirs. Perhaps the most exciting event this week has been the beginning of our DT topic - creating a model of an Anderson Shelter from mesh and mod roc. We have heard about so many creative ideas for the decorative stage, looking forward to next week and their completion! It was so lovely to meet most of you at the parent consultations. Thank you and have a great weekend.