



AJA News – 24.11.23

A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you have had a fantastic week!

There seem to be lots of colds and coughs going around at the moment, thank you for persevering and it is lovely to see so many children in school working hard in their lessons. To continue the thread of keeping safe, we have been reminding the children how important it is to keep safe on the roads now, especially when the days are shorter and the dark evenings make it harder to be seen. Please help us by reinforcing that message with the boys and girls.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone - see you bright and early Monday morning!

Mr Dunn

A message from Mrs Bower

We raised a fantastic £393.92 for the Poppy Appeal. See our certificate on the last page of this newsletter. Well done everyone!

This week's Times Tables Rock Stars are: Oliver Rodger-Boam, Ellie-Ray Price and Jenson Lunt. A huge congratulations to 4CB, who were the most active class on Times Tables Rockstars! Our Sumdog champions this week are Mr Smith's class in Year 3 with an average time per pupil of 39 minutes! That's amazing 3CS!

I have received a lovely email about our participation in a fencing competition yesterday. *"I just wanted to email you to let you know that the children were absolutely fantastic at the fencing competition. They performed brilliantly and out of the 5 schools managed to finish 4th. They represented Alvaston Juniors so well. You should be very proud."* What a lovely email to receive! Well done to the children who represented the school. I felt very proud reading those lovely comments.

We also had more excellent feedback this week on Thursday when the Year 4 children went swimming. A member of the public came over to Mrs Metcalfe to say how well the children behaved in the swimming pool and how impressed they were with the politeness and positive attitude of the children. We were quick to say we are from Alvaston Junior Academy!! Well done Year 4 swimmers!

As always, if you have any issues regarding school and your child's education, then please make an appointment to share your concerns. You can contact class teachers and senior leaders on Class Dojo, or you can make an appointment via the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend! See you on Monday!

Important Dates

Tuesday 5th December

Rock Steady concert to parents
2.45pm

Wednesday 6th December

Parent workshop on homework
Creating a new homework policy
together ready for Spring term
2.30pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas dinner

Friday 15th December

Gymnastics club performance to
their parents 4.15pm

Monday 18th December

Year 3 Christmas Carols
After school performance to Year
3 parents
6.30pm – 7.15pm

Thursday 21st December

Whole school visit to local
church for carols

Friday 26th January

Y5 visit to the Space Centre

Attendance

This week's attendance

94.56%

Highest class attendance

Perfect Pandas 98.3%

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



Another super week of learning by our year 3 superstars! This week we have finished writing our setting descriptions and we are planning our retell of the Stone Age Boy. In maths, we have been doing division work, using our times table knowledge. We even looked at division with remainders! Our science lesson this week was excellent - we looked at properties of rocks by testing their durability, permeability, and density. It was a great investigation and the children really enjoyed it! Next week, we have our trip to the museum, please ensure you have filled in the slip and paid on parent pay. Have a super weekend! Thank you. Year 3 Team.

Year 4



Year 4 have been busy writing their Beauty and the Beast setting descriptions this week, with lots of great quality sentences and vocabulary included. Maths has focused on methods of division including halving, partitioning and mental skills. Science has continued with investigating electrical circuits, identifying whether a circuit will work. Geography took us on a tour of the landmarks of London, discussing why they are so popular and important to the city. Thank you to year 4 for their hard work this week. The Year 4 Team.

Year 5



In the third week of this half term, Year 5 have continued to maintain their excellent high standards in work and behaviour. In English, we have been using some fantastic high-level language in our setting description of Verona. The children have described the city of Romeo and Juliet beautifully! In maths, we have continued working with fractions, learning about improper fractions, and how to convert them to mixed numbers and back again. It's been very hard, and the children have shown real resilience with this. For our Marvellous Maps topic, we have been learning about the symbols on the Ordnance Survey maps. The children enjoyed finding these, and thinking of their own. We also used the Ordnance Survey website for children - Mapzone. It has lots of great information and games about maps. The link is on the blog. Ask your child to show you this weekend!

Year 6



Another productive week in Year 6. We continue our FDP journey moving on from fractions into decimals; we have ended the week confidently converting from fractions to decimals. In English, we have completed our letter to the British people asking them to Dig for Victory. As we have been writing as Neville Chamberlain, we have used formal language and subjunctive form as well as conjunctions and modal verbs. In history, we have had an excellent week combining our artistic skills with our writing, as we created portraits of Churchill and Hitler to accompany what we have learned about them as people. In preparation for next week's history lesson about life as a Jew in Germany, we have used extracts from Anne Frank's diary during our reading lessons. It gave us a lot to think about. We have been particularly impressed by the maturity and reflection shown during our PSHE where we are thinking about how we deal with death and loss. Thank you to all the children who brought in special items or photos and spoke tenderly and emotionally about them. Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.



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Together we raised £393.92

