



# October



## A message from Mrs Bower

Parents' evening letters went home this week. Please complete the slip with your chosen day and time and return the slip to the class teacher. We will try our very best to accommodate a time that is suitable for you.

Monday's assembly next week is on Harvest. All next week, we are collecting for Harvest donating food to St Mary's food bank which is located next to the school. We welcome donations of foods with a longer shelf life for example pasta, rice, cereals, tins, biscuits, noodles and beans. Next Friday, we will be taking the food to St Mary's and we appreciate anything that you might be able to donate.

On Tuesday, we have the Year 2 Welcome Evening starting at 3.30pm where we welcome our potential new Year 3 students for the next academic year. We will begin in the assembly hall with a presentation from senior leaders and then in smaller groups there will be tours of the academy and the opportunity to ask any questions.

I was very pleased and proud to hear that Year 6 had a brilliant day last week at Beaumanor Hall learning about World War II. All adults who went on the trip told me that the behaviour and conduct of the children was excellent. I hear that the children were polite, respectful and demonstrated our AJA values. Well done Year 6!

## A message from Mr Bull



On Thursday, we attended a live lesson on poetry that we are hoping has broken a Guinness World record! Over 270,000 children took part in a lesson that was centred around 'What do you count on?' The children have created some amazing poems that show a real talent in poetry! But more importantly, why do we take part in these whole nation events? Well, at AJA we ensure that children have access to a wide range of activities, and we aim to inspire children to try something new. Poetry is a great skill that promotes our values of creativity, communication and confidence! It also gives us an outlet for emotions and feelings, all of which is encompassed in our poems that we wrote. Well done to all of year 3,4 and 5 for taking part!

## Important Dates

### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October

We are collecting for Harvest to donate to St Mary's food bank. Foods with a longer shelf life are most welcome e.g. pasta, rice, tins, cereal, biscuits, noodles.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

3.30pm – 5pm

Current Year 2s Welcome Evening who are looking to join Year 3 next year

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

World Mental Health Day  
Option to wear yellow

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of term

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

INSET day  
Academy closed to pupils

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

First day of term

## Attendance

This week's attendance  
**96.77%**

Highest class attendance  
**100% Extraordinary Eagles**

# What's been happening this week?

## Year 3



I'm sure that the children will agree that this week has all been about the iPads! It's so exciting that we now have them and can begin to use them to enhance our learning. The teachers will be rolling out the various apps that we use, such as TT Rock Stars, Sumdog, Spelling Shed and Accelerated Reader, over the next week or so. The pupils will have their usernames and passwords placed in their Reading Records, so it's essential that these are in school every day and that they have their iPads charged as well. In other news, we are in the process of planning a trip to Derby Museum next half term. This will be in connection with our Stone Age topic. The Museum is free but there will be a small cost involved for the coaches, therefore we'll aim to get the details on Parent Pay as soon as we can to help you with budgeting. Have a lovely weekend. See you all next week.

## Year 4



What an incredible week we've had in Y4! This week, our talented pupils put the finishing touches on their character descriptions for Medusa, honing their descriptive language skills to create stories that captivate and inspire! On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day with creative flair, and we even attempted a Guinness World Record! In maths, our learners worked diligently on consolidating their subtraction skills, using a variety of resources to help them master these essential concepts. Next week, we'll be diving into the properties of shape, and we can't wait to see what our pupils remember from Y3 and the Infants. It's been a week filled with brilliant learning and unforgettable memories. The team is so proud and already looking forward to another fantastic week ahead!

## Year 5



We had great fun with National Poetry Day on Thursday! We took part in the official world record attempt lesson in the morning, then wrote some amazing poems in the afternoon. In maths this week we have been subtracting numbers over 4 digits. We used our skills to answer word problems with subtraction too. We completed our story retell in English this week, showing how well we can use parenthesis. Ask the children to tell you what this is! We had a great time in science, making spinners and adding paperclips to investigate air resistance. We even took our investigation in PE with shuttlecocks and foam javelins!

Just a reminder that the trip to the Space Centre will be coming up after half term, and you can go on ParentPay now. Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 6



What a superb week we've had in Y6! Our visit to Beaumanor Hall was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The trip gave us the chance to experience life in an air raid shelter, try our hand at coding by sending messages to Bletchley Park, explore wartime menus, and even use a rationing book to purchase items from a wartime shop! The staff were incredibly impressed by the behaviour and maturity Y6 demonstrated throughout the trip. This fascinating and immersive experience really brought our history topic to life and will support our English writing and history lessons in the coming weeks. In maths, we've been working hard to consolidate our subtraction skills, using a variety of resources to master these essential concepts. Parents' evening letters have gone out this week—please make sure to reply as soon as possible. Have a lovely weekend.