



October



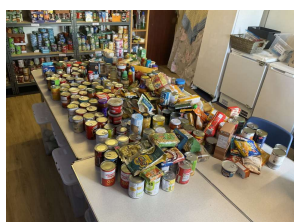
A message from Mrs Bower

This week's Word of the Week is **Cooperative**. We have 10 character competencies at AJA which are attributes to help children tackle problems and challenges that arise in both education and life they are: **aspirational**, **confident**, **resilient**, tolerant, **creative**, **communicator**, **motivational**, **cooperative**, **problem solver** and **honest**.

The Friday Star of the Week certificates now link to the weekly word which is explained to the children at the start of the week in Monday's assembly. The children learn about this word throughout the week and one child is chosen every week to receive a certificate in assembly on Friday.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday is Parents' Evening. We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss the progress your child is making. We also have the Scholastic Book Fair!

A HUGE thank you for the generous Harvest donations which Mr Scott delivered to St Mary's food bank this morning.



A message from Mr Scott

In our recent discussions at school, we have explored the meaning of democracy, a fundamental British Value incorporated into our PSHE curriculum. Last week, all children had the chance to exercise their democratic rights by voting for peers to join our Children's Leadership Team (CLT), culminating in the selection of two Year 6 pupils as Head Pupils. I extend my deepest gratitude to all participants who stepped out of their comfort zones; the standards displayed were truly impressive across the school. We now have our CLT assembled, and we will have our first meeting after half-term.

On Thursday, we wore yellow to celebrate World Mental Health Day. It was heartening to witness a wealth of support from the school for this important cause. Next Monday, I will talk to the children in assembly about mental health, highlighting ways to embody our character competency of effective **communication**.

Should you have any questions regarding the children's leadership team or mental health, please do not hesitate to reach out. Wishing you a fantastic weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone as we embark on Week 7 of term.

Important Dates

Tuesday 15th October

Wednesday 16th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 25th October

Last day of term

Monday 4th November

INSET day

Academy closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th November

First day of term

Thursday 14th November

Diabetes Awareness Day

Harmony Pledge - Be A fundraiser

£1 wear blue

Friday 29th November

Year 5 visit to the Space Centre

Word of the Week

Cooperative

Attendance

This week's attendance

95.84%

Highest class attendance

99.23% Talented Turtles

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



We are so proud of our year 3 children! The transition from key stage 1 to key stage 2 is a more difficult one than you might think, and the pupils have been fantastic in the way they have adapted to new routines and increasingly independent ways of working. In English this week, we have been writing reports on the UK. Making links with our Geography topic and consolidating our knowledge. We have been blown away with the children's ability to work with money in maths and delighted with how their handwriting is coming along. One of the key objectives in year 3 is for the children to be able to write neatly in a joined up cursive script by the end of the summer term. All the staff say how much they are enjoying teaching the children and the way they work co-operatively to extend their learning. Have a great weekend.

Year 4



We have already completed week 6 of our new academic year—where does the time go? This week, we began exploring a play script about Medusa, delving into the world of Greek mythology. In maths, we've consolidated our understanding of 2D shapes and tackled some challenging problems. Our French lesson was a highlight as we designed our own monsters and created fun phrases in French to accompany them. It was fantastic to see everyone's creativity in action. As we near the end of the half term, we'll start our double page spread to showcase our knowledge of Ancient Greece. Let's keep up the great work!

Year 5



The children in Year 5 have continued showing great determination to do well, working hard at all times. Thursday was World Mental Health Day, and the children created some fantastic posters explaining why it is good to talk and share your problems. We are hoping that some of the best can be put up around school. In maths, we have been working on multiplying 4-digit and 5-digit numbers by a single digit. A bit tricky but knowing times tables fluently has certainly helped! For our English work, we have been thinking about alternative endings to the story of Grace O'Malley. The children have come up with some very imaginative ideas, and we can't wait to see them written up! The children have really enjoyed learning about some of the Tudor crimes and punishments in history this week. Ask them to tell you all about it!

Year 6



This week in Year 6 has been full of exciting learning opportunities! In science, we've been exploring how to draw electrical circuits and investigating voltage, sparking great curiosity among the class. We also began our Black History Month celebrations by learning about the inspiring Lilian Bader during our shared reading sessions. In English, the children have been busy writing their evacuee diaries, bringing their history learning to life. In maths, we've been persevering with multiplying by two digits, showing great determination to master this skill. A quick reminder: parents' evening is next week, and we're really looking forward to meeting you all. Thank you as well for your generous Harvest donations—they are greatly appreciated!