



A message from Mrs Bower

The Year 6 knife crime display is finished and looks fantastic on the main corridor. The children have done an excellent job with their posters. Jill and Toni from Derbyshire Police returned to choose the winning posters and congratulations to Charvi, Landen, Aizah and Emily who have won a free session at Oxygen in Derby.



Thank you for the generous donations for the Christmas Fair tombola. We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas Fair next Thursday. The fair will open at 3.30pm. We will start a line outside the main doors and the entrance to the fair will be through the assembly hall doors. We are raising money for a sail shade to provide some shade on the field in the summer. Also, part of the Year 6 amount raised from their Christmas games will go towards reducing the residential cost.

It was lovely to hear that Year 5 had a fabulous day at the Space Centre this week. Staff report that the conduct and behaviour of the pupils was excellent, and the bus driver commented that we are one of the better-behaved schools and that it was a pleasure to take us to Leicester. Well done Year 5!

A message from Mr Bull

This week our word of the week has been **communicator**. Being a good communicator is a skill children will need in all aspects of their life. Whether they need to tell someone how they are feeling, welcoming someone new into school, being kind, using communication tools in class or on the playground, children need to be able to communicate effectively and respectfully. This week, children accessed an assembly by NSPCC, where children learnt about ways to communicate if they were struggling or if something was happening to them they did not like. Later in the week, we discussed about the importance of communication in regard to respecting other people and their differences. Children learnt that Alvaston is a diverse school community, and it is important to ensure that everyone feels included and respected. We talked about ways we can do this practically and we came back to our favourite phrase - **We Are All Different but Equal!**

Important Dates

Tuesday 3rd December
Year 3 visit to Derby Museum
Miss Haroon's class only

Wednesday 4th December
Year 3 visit to Derby Museum
3CS and 3BS class

Thursday 5th December
Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5pm
(Joint with Alvaston Infants)

Wednesday 18th December
1430 – 1515
SEND Coffee Afternoon in the
assembly hall

Friday 20th December
Last day of term

Word of the Week

Communicator

Attendance

This week's attendance
95.72%

Highest class attendance
100% Persistent Pythons

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



This week has seen the children doing their autumn term tests. The reason we do these are to find out how much progress the children have made and to let teachers know what we need to teach them next: where the gaps are in their knowledge. As always, the children have risen to the challenge admirably and it has been lovely to see them beavering away and trying their very best. In the afternoons, we have been continuing with our very important topic work, learning about hunter-gatherers and farmers in the Stone and Iron Ages and about transparent, translucent and opaque materials in science for example. A last reminder to please return your permission slips for our trip to Derby Museum next week and to pay via Parent Pay if you haven't already done so. Three weeks until Christmas! We hope the shopping is going OK! See you next week.

Year 4



Year 4 have been fantastic during assessment week, showing resilience and determination. Alongside our assessments, we have been studying and recreating the print art of Robert Rauschenberg and creating our own European collages! We are looking forward to the visit to the Thinktank next week.

Have a lovely weekend. The year 4 team

Year 5



This week, the highlight of our week was obviously the trip to the Space Centre! The behaviour of the children was excellent, and we learnt so much! It was also lovely to see and hear the children using their learning to answer quizzes in the planetarium. The children learnt so much by having access to equipment that we don't have in school, and we are looking forward to seeing how they use this new learning in our science lessons. It was a great ending to a very busy week. Even though we have been doing assessments, we have still managed to write a diary entry by Romeo, about his meeting with Juliet. We have also continued with map work in geography, learning how to use grid references, and some were able to use this in an activity at the Space Centre. I'm sure the children will tell you all about their great day out!

Year 6



This week, Year 6 have shown incredible resilience as they approached assessment week with focus and determination. Alongside their hard work, they participated in a First Aid workshop, learning vital CPR techniques and gained an understanding of how to respond confidently in emergency situations. Adding a festive touch to their week, they also showcased their creativity by starting to craft some fantastic items for next week's Christmas Fair. We are immensely proud of how Year 6 have embodied our STARS values this week, making this a highly positive and productive week—well done, Year 6!