

Alderman Payne Primary School Newsletter

17th January 2025



Dear Families,

What a busy week, starting with Daffodil Class' trip to The Polar Museum in Cambridge as part of their themed learning 'Frozen Kingdom.' and their focus book Shackleton's Journey. The children were able to learn about expeditions to the Polar regions and handle a range of historical artefacts.. Following the trip, we received a complimentary email commenting on the excellent behaviour and conduct of our pupils during their visit. Well done Daffodil class.

Also this week, Shamrock Class practised and developed their cycling and safe riding skills through the Bikeability programme. Again, the children were fantastic representatives for our school.



On Friday, we welcomed author Steve Clifford to school. Steve worked with all classes sharing stories and leading workshops and it was a great opportunity for your pupils to be inspired. More information about Steve can be found on his website www.csclifford.co.uk



Attendance has been a bit low this week, I hope you are all able to rest up over the weekend and look forward to seeing you all back in school next week.



**Exploring artefacts at the
Polar Museum**

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 88.9%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 94.9%**

Staff Information

Mr Dawid has now settled into school and will be teaching each class to cover planning and preparation time and support if there is staff absence.

With the start of the new year, we have been joined by Miss Ewing this week. Miss Ewing is working as a teaching assistant across Thistle, Rose and Shamrock class.

Miss Doyle also visited us this week. Miss Doyle will be working as a trainee Teacher in Daffodil Class this half term.

Celebration Assembly

Year 6 Weekly Roundup

Thistle Class

In phonics the children have been reading nonsense words they have been going over their sounds and have been blending words. They have been counting backwards and forwards practising there 1-1 counting. Their story this week is You cant let an elephant drive a digger! They have made repeated patterns with poppies. Mrs Harrison brought in her grandads medals THEY ARE FROM WORLD WAR TWO!!

Rose Class

In maths year 2 have been doing flexible partitioning and number lines. In Literacy, they have been writing describing the night sky. In theme they are learning about Greta Thunberg. On Tuesday, they were doing foot ball skills in PE.
21 out of 28 people have read this week!!!

Shamrock Class

In Shamrock class, they have been doing fact families in maths and writing their times tables in their books. In project, They have been focusing on Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. In literacy, they have been learning about Leon and the Place Between which is a magical story. In PSHE, they have been doing posters for anti-bullying week/respect. In PE, they have been doing fun games linked to fitness. 29 children read this week.

Daffodil Class

We went to the polar museum on Monday and learned about explorers in the Antarctica and the Antarctic. On Tuesday we did soap sculpting – using our frozen planets theme. In maths we have been calculating to volume and capacity.

Special Mention

In Family Assembly, children are nominated for a Golden Award which is linked to our 5 Fabulous Foundations. Special mentions relate to any other aspect of school and learning



Golden Award

Lily: Good progress in segmenting and blending words with Fred fingers

Emie: Great attitude to learning and working especially hard in literacy

Lottie: Super writing about 'Escape to Pompeii'

Aiden: For always showing respect, kindness and for always being ready to learn

Special Mentions

Maddison: Standing up in front of the class and retelling a story with small world characters

Arella: For 'shining brightly' and always setting a great example to the other children

Madelyn: Excellent focus and effort in all areas

Isabelle: Excellent focus and effort in all lessons