



# Aldwyn Primary School

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## Diary Dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – School opens for Summer 2 half term

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Enrichment visit to Monkey Forest

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Victorious Voices at Stockport Plaza

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 PGL

**This week we have 'Dared to be Different' through our Victorious Voyage Week.**

Victorious Voyage is a Trust-wide values inspired challenge week designed to get children active, creative, and engaged both in school and during the Whitsun break.

During this week all classes have taken part in an enhancement week focusing on a different Victorious Value each day.

**Monday – Inspiring**

**Tuesday – Discovering**

**Wednesday – Caring**

**Thursday – Improving**

**Friday - Achieving**

During the week, your child should have come home with a Victorious Voyage Passport which contains a range of different experiences and challenges for your children to try based on the National Trusts 'Things to do before you are 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ ', plus some challenges which have been added in class. There is also space to add some of your own experiences and challenges that you do.

## **What children need to do**

- Take part in as many recommended activities as they can during the holidays
  - For each activity completed, tick it off the list and take a photograph
  - At the end, send all photos together to your class teacher

Then return your completed passports to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

We hope you have lots of enjoyment completing the challenges.

**Take a look at some of the many things that we have completed in school during this week!**



In Year 1 enjoyed a wild and wonderful start on Monday with an exciting Zoolab Workshop! The children became real mini zoologists as they bravely held and met some amazing creatures, including Dave the hissing cockroach, a wriggly millipede, a corn snake, and Gary the Giant Snail! The children loved learning how to care for these fascinating animals and discovered all about the important job of a zoologist inspiring the children to be curious, courageous learners and to discover more about animals, nature, and the world around them. was a fun-filled day full of adventure, curiosity, and animal magic!



Year 2 looked at the Guinness World Records and did our best to beat them. The records to beat were 212 keepy uppies in 60 seconds, 119 star jumps in 60 seconds and 100 alternate side hits with a tennis racket and ball in 30 seconds.



# inspire



As part of our Inspire Victorious value, Year 2 were very excited to welcome a special visitor to our classroom. Imogen's dad, P.C. Peel, who is a police officer and currently training to fly helicopters, came in to talk to the children about his job.



On Monday in Year 6, we got together to share all our ideas from our trip to Mockridges Garden Centre on Friday. The children had a great time designing their own "perfect gardens" and put together some lovely entries for this year's Southport Flower Show competition.





The Reception children were inspired by the artist Jackson Pollock. The children learnt all about his special style of painting and together each class created their own masterpiece. They looked wonderful.



Year 3 were also inspired by the art work of Vincent Van Gogh, in particular his painting 'Sunflowers'. Using paint and different techniques of dots and brush strokes, they created their own unique versions of a sunflower head.



Year 5 were inspired by the art of Vincent van Gogh and recreated two of his most famous masterpieces using oil pastels - The Starry Night and Sunflowers. The children explored colour, texture and creativity while learning about Van Gogh's unique artistic style.

# inspire



Nursery had an inspiring visit from Sarah from Bookstart. She read a story and showed us what was in our pack to take home. We were then inspired to become little illustrators and authors and we wrote our very own books!



Year 4 certainly embraced the Inspire value during our pizza-making activity! They loved every part of the process, from preparing the ingredients to creating their own delicious pizzas. Many children said they felt inspired to do more cooking at home. Most importantly, everyone had a wonderful time learning new skills and enjoying a memorable enrichment activity.





Lyla led a fantastic German lesson for her class after recently returning to Aldwyn Primary School following her time living in Germany. She worked extremely hard to prepare her own PowerPoint presentation and lesson plan, carefully organising fun and engaging German activities for her classmates to enjoy. The children loved learning new words and phrases, and she confidently answered lots of thoughtful questions from the class about life in Germany.

After a trip to the forest school the Reception children enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic.

They talked about their special Teddy and why they were special to them. We have a lovely time singing and sharing stories together.



# discover

The Year 6 children enjoyed an exciting day of discovery through all things science, with a special focus on light and shadows. Working collaboratively in groups, they planned, created, and performed their own shadow puppet shows, exploring how shadows are formed and changed by different light sources. The children showed fantastic teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout the day, and their final performances were enjoyed by all of their classmates.



Tuesday's Victorious Voyage Week adventure was all about our value of Discovering! Year 1 children became wildlife explorers as they learned more about the amazing life and work of David Attenborough and how he has helped protect animals and our planet. We shared the inspiring Little People, Big Dreams book all about David Attenborough, and the children loved talking about his adventures and why he is so important to wildlife conservation.

To continue our discovering journey, the children created their very own Top Trumps cards based on one of the fascinating animals they had met during the Zoolab workshop. From giant snails to slithering snakes, the children used their creativity and knowledge to design brilliant cards packed with fun facts! It was a fantastic day full of curiosity, imagination, and exciting discoveries about the natural world.





Year 4 welcomed one of our parents Mr Haggerty, who shared fascinating insights from his 21 years of service in the military. After spending five years in the Army and the last 16 years serving in the Royal Air Force, he now works in the Tactical Supply Wing, helping to refuel battlefield helicopters. One of the highlights of the visit was getting the chance to look at and try on different pieces of uniform.

# discover

3KO discovered a game that was new to them that many of them hadn't played before - BINGO!

It was eyes down and prizes for a full row and a full house.



On Tuesday, Year 5 embraced our trust value of Discovering as we explored the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya. The children learned about Maya culture and traditions before using their creativity to design and make their own colourful Maya masks.



Nursery loved our 'discovering' day.

We all brought in our teddy bears, we made some binoculars and we went on a bear hunt. When we all found a teddy we had a lovely picnic in the courtyard.



As part of our Trust value of 'Caring', Year 5 pupils designed and created thoughtful cards for hospitalised children and their families at Tameside Hospital. The cards will be distributed through the charity Cards for Bravery, helping to spread kindness, encouragement and smiles to those spending time in hospital.



Children also made "Thank you" cards for members of staff and delivered them around school. The class thought of members of staff that keep us safe and those that help us. They then chose a member of staff to make a thank you card for and delivered the card to them on Wednesday. Children chose - Mrs Burgess, who cleans our classroom, Mrs Hart, who works on reception, Mrs Phillips and her team in the kitchen and Mr Clark the site manager. There were lots of smiles from everyone!



Year 1 made Tree of Life 3D pictures linking to their learning about caring for the planet.



For World Bee Day 2H made posters for how to care for bees and displayed them around school.

They also made bird feeders to help care for birds in the environment. Children hung them in the allotment and some were taken home to hang in their gardens.



In Year 4 the children also learnt about the importance of bees and the vital role they play in helping the environment. We discovered how bees help plants grow through pollination, which is essential for many of the foods we eat and for keeping nature healthy. We also enjoyed tasting honey and bread while learning about how bees produce honey and support our ecosystems.





The children in reception were visited by their pets. This celebrated the 'caring' value. The children shared with their class how they cared for the different animals at home. It was such a treat to have two dogs, a rabbit, a tortoise and a snake visit school.

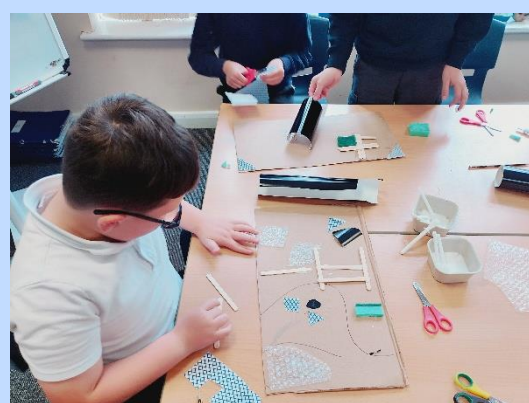


Year 6 focused on the importance of caring for our environment. They carried out a litter sweep of the school grounds and surrounding community, showing great responsibility and pride in helping to keep the environment clean. The children designed their own informative posters about looking after the world and protecting our local environment, which will be displayed around school and within the community.



For 3KO focus on "Caring". they started by thinking about what caring means, and the children shared lots of lovely ideas such as kindness, sharing and being thoughtful. They then linked this to caring for a dog as part of our fundraising theme. In groups, the children created fantastic mind maps showing what dogs need and how to look after them.

In the afternoon, they watched short videos of Kika the guide dog helping her owner, Amit, travel around town. They discussed the challenges they may face, then took part in a blindfold challenge around the playground and allotment. Everyone enjoyed it and said it helped them understand how difficult it can be to be blind. To finish, they explored how we use our other senses and created sensory "touch" boards using a variety of textures.



Our Year 6 pupils have been improving their culinary skills and growing in independence as they prepare for their next chapter. As part of their food technology learning, they designed and made their very own Greek gyros, carefully creating their own wraps, cutting and preparing fresh salad ingredients and assembling everything themselves. The children then tasted and evaluated their finished dishes, reflecting on what went well and how they could improve. The results were delicious, and the pupils were incredibly proud of their creations!

Mx Gambles worked with us in the afternoon to make some wonderful gluten free bakes.



# improve



Nursery are improving all the time writing their names. We practice everyday when we first come into Nursery.

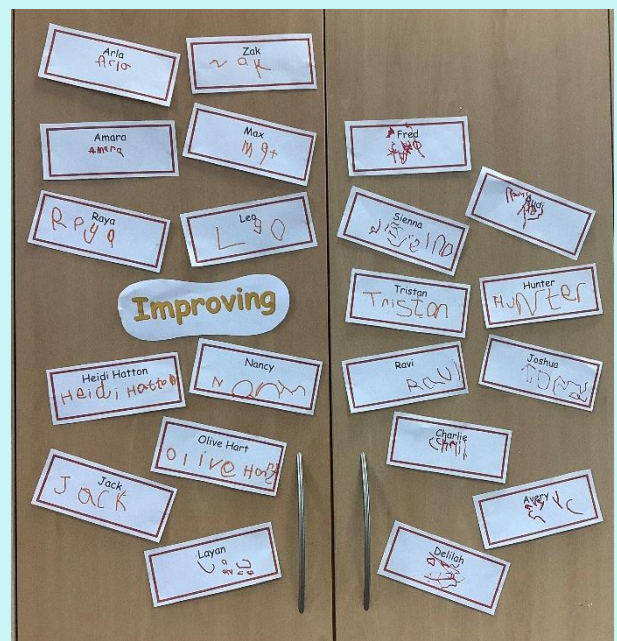
Lots of the children are even writing their names on the creations and pictures they make- amazing!



Year 3 enjoyed reading *Little People, Big Dreams* about Louis Braille and learning how he created a raised-dot system that allows blind people to read and write, now used worldwide.

We then explored plants for our sensory garden, thinking about our Blindfold Challenge from yesterday. The children focused on using touch and smell to support blind visitors, choosing favourites like rosemary, lavender, geraniums and sage.

To finish, they designed their own sensory gardens for blind people and their guide dogs, carefully including all the ideas we've discussed.



Year 5 took part in an exciting bridge-building competition. After testing our bridges, we explored which shapes and structures made bridges stronger so that we could improve our designs. The children showed excellent teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills throughout the challenge.



Year 1 spent time in the ICT suite and worked hard to improve our NumBots levels by practising our maths skills.

We also enjoyed reading our reading books to the other Year 1 class to show how much our confidence and reading skills have improved over the year. We were very proud of all the progress we have made.



Year Four children took part in a litter-picking activity focused on the value of improving our community. Alongside Community Safety Officer Sharron Power, the children explored the local area around our school and learned about the importance of caring for the environment. They were taught how to use litter-picking equipment safely and responsibly, while also discussing the impact litter can have on wildlife and the wider community. The children worked enthusiastically together to help improve the area around them and showed great pride in making a positive difference to their local environment.





We talked about the different things we hope to achieve and what we would like to be when we grow up. We shared our dreams and ambitions with our friends and thought about how we can work hard to achieve them.



We all dressed up as either an explorer, an animal or David Attenborough and enjoyed having a wonderful 100th birthday party for him. We celebrated not only his birthday, but also everything he has achieved throughout his amazing 100 years of inspiring people to care for the natural world.



# achieve

Today with our focus on achieving, we shared the story of Helen Keller, the first deafblind person to earn a university degree. We took our activities outside, and weeded, added compost to and then planted in the small, raised bed near our door. To stop the bed being stood in, we made posters to remind everyone not to stand on the plants! We planted a range of herbs, flowers, grasses and strawberries to create a small sensory garden like those we had designed.





Today, our Year 6 children have been developing their art and textiles skills through a range of creative activities across the classrooms. In Mr Mitchell's classroom, the children have been creating artwork inspired by pop art styles and techniques, showing fantastic creativity and attention to detail. Meanwhile, in Miss Thompson's classroom, pupils have been exploring Miss Thompson's hometown of Stoke-on-Trent and learning about the famous pottery artist Clarice Cliff. Using this inspiration, they designed and created their own clay plates in the distinctive style of Clarice Cliff, producing some wonderfully colourful and imaginative pieces!



# achieve



As part of our Victorious Voyage Week, Year 4 focused on our school value of Caring by creating thoughtful cards for children on the children's ward at Tameside Hospital. The children designed their cards with kind and positive messages to help brighten the day of young patients.

A small group, accompanied by Mrs Charles, visited the ward to deliver the cards along with gifts kindly donated by our generous parents. During the visit, they met the play therapist and welcoming staff, enjoyed a tour of the ward, and experienced what a typical day in hospital might be like.

The children also had the special opportunity to paint a ceiling tile, adding their own colourful artwork to the ward and contributing something meaningful for others to enjoy.

This experience helped the children develop empathy and compassion, and we are incredibly proud of their maturity and thoughtfulness. A huge thank you to the staff at Tameside Hospital for their warm welcome, and to our parents for their generous donations—it was a truly memorable morning for all involved.



To recognise and celebrate the incredible effort that the Year 6 children have made during this year we held a special day on Friday to mark the end of SATS week. The children enjoyed a picnic lunch with a festival feel and had time out with their friends and staff at Lees Park playing games and relaxing with each other.

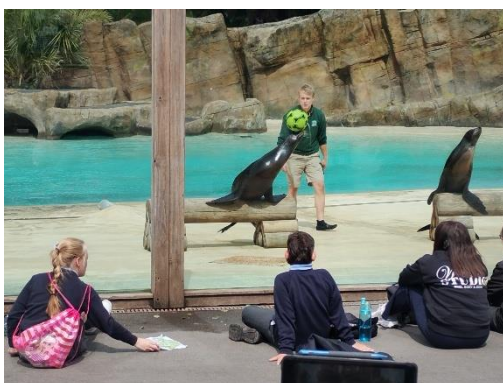


On Thursday, Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Blackpool Zoo as part of their Science topic on Animals and their Habitats. The day was packed with excitement, learning and lots of memorable moments. One of the highlights was the brilliant sea lion show. The children loved watching the clever sea lions perform tricks, balance balls and splash about, whilst also learning about how marine animals are cared for and why it's important to protect our oceans.

During a special habitats workshop, the children explored how animals adapt to different environments such as rainforests, deserts and polar regions. They even had the chance to handle real objects, including an elephant's tooth, a tortoise shell, a reindeer antler—and even dried elephant dung! Some of the children showed great bravery by touching a hissing cockroach. The staff were very impressed with the children's curiosity and thoughtful questions.

As they explored the zoo, the children enjoyed seeing a wide variety of animals, including lions, giraffes, elephants, monkeys, penguins, flamingos, gorillas, orangutans and many more. There was lots of excitement as they spotted animals and shared facts they had learned.

The children were exceptionally well behaved throughout the day and represented the school beautifully. It was a wonderful trip full of learning, laughter and unforgettable experiences.





Attendance for this week = 95%

Congratulations to class RA, RH and 1PE who achieved above the school target of 97% this week.



Well Done!



### The Birthday Message

We wish you many happy returns of the day.  
We hope you will be healthy and strong all the way  
Strong to do right, slow to do wrong,  
And thoughtful of others all day long.



This week and during the holidays we celebrate the birthdays of:

Maddison	Lily	Noel	Kayden	Albie
Chloe	Bella	Heidi	Holly	Jack
Jax	Arthur	Layan	Eleanor	Imogen
Talha	Kyle	Hunter	Adam	Haroon
Adam	Tommy	Kathleen	Daniel	Nancy
Hafsa	Miss Coles	Miss Jepson		

### To be our best at



We will:

- Care for people and property
- Value others at all times
- Listen, think and follow instructions
- Be helpful, kind and polite
- Enjoy and achieve in all our work

Each week, teachers choose a star of the week based on the Aldwyn Values.

The winners of this week's awards are:

Ravi	Joshua	Hayaan	Isla	Ali
William	Edie-May	Hanaa	Isabelle	Elijah
Kian	Ella-Paige	Minnie	Halle	Noura
Maisie	Evie	Mason	Ted	Lily-May
Evelyn	Liam	Aiza	Richie	