

EYFS

Ruby

We have been sorting different types of transport according to whether they travel on land, in the air or in the sea. We have done some fantastic writing linked to this – take a look!



Amber

We have been learning about capacity in maths this week – we have looked at some online games and measuring out sand in the sand area. It's not all about water!



KS1

Opal

We went on a bus journey to the library this week. We found out about the types of books the library has and sang some songs. We also listened to a story about a dragon in a dream.



Jade

We have been learning how to communicate with others and how to express our feelings positively to get the help that we need. We did this through lots of fun drama scenario work.



Pearl

In provision this week, the children in Pearl class have been creating African repeating prints.



Lower KS 2

Topaz

Its been a busy week in Topaz class. As well as learning about measuring length and perimeter and getting ready for our big write retelling the story of beauty and the beast, we also learnt a new song in our ukulele lesson!



Citrine

This week, the children were in fine voice. As I'm sure you are aware, we have some very talented singers in Citrine class!

During music, I managed to catch a video of the class singing "Go Eugenius" from the musical of the same name.

Please check this out, the sound is incredible!

<https://youtu.be/MCaohuh3pCg>

Emerald

In science, we have been exploring electricity and the different ways we can create a circuit. We used wires and batteries to make a light bulb glow, move a motor and make sound using a buzzer.



Upper KS2

Amethyst

This week, the children in Amethyst class have been learning about the properties of different materials. We conducted a scientific investigation to identify which materials were waterproof and which conduct electricity.



Tanzanite

This week, we have been using figurative language in literacy and calculating angles on a straight line and around a point in numeracy. The whole class has worked diligently. Well done, team Tanzanite!



Star of the Week

Well done to this weeks stars of the week.

Amber	Mohammad Hafeez	For a consistent effort towards communicating in your writing this week.
Ruby	Isla	For being a fantastic member of Ruby class, being kind to everyone and always showing a positive attitude to learning.
Opal	Marwa	For trying her best in English this week and learning lots of facts about Africa.
Jade	Rahil	For staying focused in maths and completing challenges independently.
Pearl	Harrison	For trying really hard with his reading.
Topaz	Aayan	For a fantastic, determined performance during ukelele.
Citrine	Vaida	Absolutely fantastic effort in our lessons so far this term. Vaida seeks out positive role models and excels in teamwork. She is becoming a great leader herself and growing in confidence day by day.
Emerald	Kyle	For putting a super effort into planning and writing his Big Write this week.
Amethyst	Emilia	Big improvement with attitude towards learning.
Tanzanite	Daniyaal	Outstanding effort in everything he does. A super role model.
Sapphire	All the children who attended Robinwood	For trying their very best and for representing themselves and Alt Academy too!

Principal's Reading Champions: Eliza, Zaynab, Runo, Ibrahim, Imani, Sofia, Hibba, Hooria, Corey, Rayyan,

Principal's Award: Naila - A huge increase in confidence and being kind to others.

Brodie - For coming into school every morning, with a fantastic attitude to learning!

Nut Free

My we take this opportunity to remind you that we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Please make sure that your child doesn't bring any nut related products into school. This included nut butters, nut cereal bars and nut chocolate bars. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



Word of the Week ...



Learning

Learning is the process of acquiring new understanding, knowledge, behaviors, skills, values, attitudes, and preferences.

Robinwood

This week, our amazing Year 6 children attended Robinwood for a three-day residential. During this time, they have developed a whole host of skills whilst taking part in some adventurous and exciting activities.

Archery: shooting a bow and arrow and playing lots of fun games with this.

Canoeing: on a lake, wearing special, protective equipment.

Caving: in dark and windy tunnels, wearing protective headgear.

Challenge course: going over obstacles and working as a team to solve problems.

Climbing: working through a series of climbing walls wearing special harnesses and helmets.

Crate challenge: Team building skills, wearing helmets and harnesses to build and climb on crates in a protective room.

Dungeon: solving lots of puzzles together using clues as a team – a little bit like the crystal maze!

Giant swing: wearing a helmet and harness to be pulled up and released on a huge swing!

Knight's quest: helping team mates solve puzzles, crack the code and raise the flag.

Night line: wearing goggles and holding a rope with friends to work through a dark maze.

Piranha pool: working together to cross a pool full of piranhas in only 40 minutes!

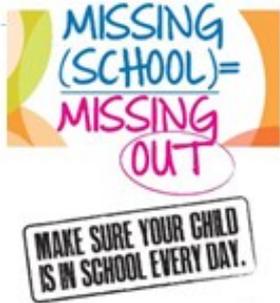
Trapeze: climbing up to the top of a tall tower and jumping off to catch a bar, while attached to a rope and harness.

Zip wire: zooming down a zip line wearing a special harness and helmet.

A super time was had by all, despite the freezing cold temperatures!



Attendance



Overall attendance year to date – 93.26%

Weekly winners – Well done to: -

Amber – 97.06%

Amethyst – 96.89%

Our target is 96%



Programme of Coffee Morning Agenda 2023-24

Coffee mornings will take place every Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the KS2 hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Here is the agenda for this half term..... please come and join us!



23rd Jan – Coffee, chatter & natter

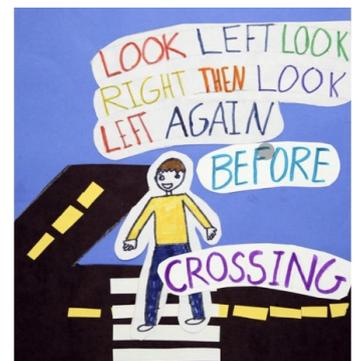
30th Jan – Get Oldham Working

6th Feb – Coffee, chatter & natter

13th Feb – Action Together – voluntary opportunities to promote self esteem, confidence & wellbeing

Crossing Patrol

We are currently experiencing intermittent levels of school crossing patrol outside Alt Academy. This means, that there will be some sessions where there is not a crossing patrol on site. Whilst staff on duty can support a child crossing the road if they appear to be in danger, this support is not consistently available and is not to be relied upon. Please support your children to be safe on the crossing. If your child walks to and from school alone, please discuss road safety with them.



Nursery Waiting List 2024

We have opened the 2024 waiting list for our fabulous nursery provision. If you, or someone that you know may be interested in sending their child to the Alt Academy Nursery in 2024, please share the attached flyer with them.



NURSERY 2024 WAITING LIST OPEN

Contact the school office to join the waiting list for September 2024

OUR FEATURES

- Qualified teachers
- Beautifully equipped classrooms
- Spacious outdoor areas
- Exciting and engaging curriculum
- A wonderful school community

MORE INFORMATION

- 📞 0161 260 0622
- 📍 Alt Academy, Alt Lane, Oldham
- 🌐 www.alt.theharmonytrust.org



Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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A note from Oldham Services for Families....

Dear Parent/Carer,

We're building a better, brighter future for you and your children and we want you to be involved.

We are spending millions on new Family Hubs across Oldham.

These hubs are one-stop shops for families, offering a wide range of support and activities including midwifery and development clinics, Stay and Play sessions and breastfeeding support.

As part of the plans, existing children's centres will be transformed into seven Family Hubs across the borough to support parents-to-be, parents of children aged 0-19 and young people up to the age of 25 with SEND – and there will be no reduction in services.

It's important that you let us know what you think in our survey which runs until January 29.

Visit www.oldham.gov.uk/servicesforfamilies