

EYFS

Diamond

Nursery have been singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and exploring stars in the different areas around the classroom. The children loved making twinkly play-dough stars!



Amber

We have been talking lots about homes and families this week. We decided to create our own homes with line drawings of who we live with. It's been so much fun!



Ruby

Ruby class have been talking all about their families. We have enjoyed singing a song about family and learning to use some sign language too!



KS1

Opal

In art this term we have been learning about collage and layers. This week we explored water colours and started the first layer of our farm inspired art, ahead of our trip to the farm next week.



Jade

This week we have been learning new skills in football with the MCFC coach. We practiced stopping, starting and moving quickly in different directions between the cones.



Pearl

Pearl class have been exploring lots of drama in English. They particularly enjoyed creating a 'conscience alley' about Peter Rabbit.



Lower KS 2

Topaz

Topaz have carried out some exciting scientific investigations, including investigated forces acting on different objects. we can show you how water resistance acts if you've got a sponge at home!



Citrine

This week Citrine class have been working together to write about the Romulus and Remus story. We have focused on using commas in a list and commas for clauses.



Emerald

This week we have completed our first big writing project, based on the legend of Romulus and Remus and the origins of the Roman Empire.

I am so proud of the class for giving 100% and developing their writing skills. In the coming weeks, we will be looking more closely at the impact of Roman rule in Britain and the children look forward to writing about the gruesome details.



Upper KS 2

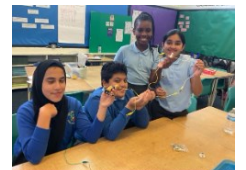
Amethyst

This week, Amethyst class revised the key events of WW2 and ordered them in chronological order. They applied their learning by creating some outstanding historical timelines. They worked extremely hard!



Tanzanite

Tanzanite have been revising their knowledge of circuits. We used electrical components to light up bulbs and make buzzers work. We can't wait to learn more about electricity this term.



Sapphire

Sapphire class have visited the Imperial War Museum as part of our World War Two topic. We had a fantastic time and developed our understanding of the events of WW1 and WW2. The children were proud to demonstrate standing to attention like a soldier!





Star of the Week

Well done to this weeks stars of the week.



Diamond AM	Rebecca	Always doing the right thing and helping her friends.
Diamond PM	Savannah	Being more independent with routines.
Amber	Adam	Always making the right choices and trying his best.
Ruby	Poppy	Fantastic phonics and listening carefully to the sounds in words.
Opal	Arham	Being an expert learner and completing many provision challenges this week.
Jade	Romaisa	Being a superstar in Jade class and always helping her teachers.
Pearl	Ajay	For fantastic reading.
Topaz	Deivid	Amazing effort with his writing.
Citrine	Ruby	Great collaboration and team work during the shared write.
Emerald	Patrick	Giving maximum effort in his writing this week. Patrick helped us to produce a dramatic ending to a story. I am so proud to see him stretching his vocabulary.
Amethyst	Rayyan	Always putting a 110% effort into everything he does, and for consistently showing a super level of respect.
Tanzanite	Suban	For being a superstar all week! Suban has worked great in a team and has been showing his beautiful manners.
Sapphire	Hajrah	For giving 100% effort in all lessons across the curriculum.

Principal Award: Kiara—for an amazing attitude towards her learning and always being ready to help out with big tasks.

Forest School

This week in Forest School, we have been working together in our allotment. We have tidied up the planters and established an area for a compost heap; recycling food



waste from our school kitchens. UKS2 have been experimenting with different types of tents and making mallets and tent pegs.



Foundation Stage and KS1 have been assisting Sneezy the Dragon and the Ecky Thumps in saving mini-beasts from the very naughty Sid The Dragon.



PE

Starting next week, children are invited to come to school in their PE kits each Tuesday and Thursday. This will reduce lost learning time and help us to maximise learning. PE kit consists of black shorts, a white t-shirt and dark trainers. In colder weather, children can wear a black tracksuit / black leggings and a black tracksuit top. Children who go to swimming lessons on a Thursday (currently Y5) will wear their uniform as usual on Thursday.



The last swimming session for Year 5 will be on Thursday 20th October. After the October half-term holiday, Year 3&4 Citrine class will begin swimming lessons each Thursday. Children will need a swimming costume or trunks, a swimming cap and a towel. Swimming lessons are an essential part of the PE curriculum and all children take part in learning this crucial life skill.



Academy Visit

Last week we hosted Mr Hughes, CEO of The Harmony Trust and Mrs Hainsworth, Director of Education, for an academy visit. It was lovely to show off our amazing school to Mr Hughes and Mrs Hainsworth and they were blown away by the fantastic learning taking place. Mr Hughes 'officially opened' our new reading shed. The reading shed was funded through the CEO Challenge, which saw our young leaders plan and pitch a proposal to secure the funding. The children researched the design and resources and set the shed up ready for the Year 1&2 children and families to access. There has been some super reading taking place in the shed this week! Our Young Interpreters have especially enjoyed working in the reading shed to support children in their home languages.



Family Support

Join us every Tuesday morning in the Key-stage 2 hall for Coffee Morning. This is a relaxed, friendly session, which is open to all families. Young children are welcome to come along too.



Family Support are currently working with Lifelong Learning to arrange workshops and short courses for parents. If you would like to be involved in this or have a suggestion for a particular course or workshop, please speak to Ms Jordon, Miss Wood or Miss Smedley at the gate. We would love to hear your suggestions and will try our best to arrange this.

Tea-time Club

Each Thursday, teatime club operates for families in the KS2 hall. The club is free and open to all families. If you would like to come along, please collect an invitation from the office (this helps us to plan numbers and reduce food waste).



Reception Diversity Party

Reception are learning all about themselves, their families and what makes them special! We invite parents to join us on Wednesday 5th October at 2.30pm for our Diversity Party. We will be doing lots of exciting activities celebrating the different cultures in our classes – we hope you can join us! The children are welcome to bring traditional dress into school to change into in the afternoon for the party.



Trips

A reminder that our 2nd trip to the Imperial War Museum takes place on Monday for those children in Year 5+6 that have not yet attended.



All of KS1 will be visiting Smithills Farm on Tuesday.

REMINDER—Please pay for these trips via ParentPay, if you need any support with this, please come to the office.

Thank you to those that have already paid.



Parent Forum

We had a super Parent Forum last Friday. Thank you to the parents that attended and those that sent apologies. We had some incredibly supportive and encouraging feedback, which was lovely to hear. Minutes from the forum are on display in the KS2 hall, please come on in and have a read!

PARENT
FORUM

NRTPF—Are you Eligible

If you are new to the country and have 'No recourse to public funds', please ask to speak to our Family Support Team who can advise and support you further.

We may be able to help you access free school meals and vouchers in the holidays.

Your **immigration status** may prevent you from accessing help because of the no recourse to public funds condition.

NRPF

Reception and Secondary Applications

A reminder to apply for your child's **primary school place by the 15 January 2023** and **secondary school place by the 31st October 2022**

If you need any help with this, please speak to our Family Support Team.

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200327/apply_for_a_school_place



This Weeks Attendance



Overall attendance - 94.4%

Class Weekly winners – Well done to:-

EYFS & KS1 – Amber 97.5%

KS2 – Amethyst 94.2%

Our target is 96%



Diary Dates

5th October – Diversity Party Reception class
17th – 20th October – Parent's Evening sessions
20th October – Last day of half term for children
31st October – First day of half term

