

EYFS



Diamond

Nursery have been learning about animals that live in the ocean. The children used a variety of craft materials to make wibbly wobbly jellyfish.



Amber

As part of our learning about Space, we have been writing lists and talking about what we would take to the moon with us.



Ruby

Ruby class had the most exciting adventure this week. They put their space suits and helmets on, and jumped into their rockets to zoom to the moon. 3..2..1..BLAST OFF! Ask us what we saw on our journey!



KS1

Opal

This week in science we have been thinking about what kind of habitats mini beasts like. We have been designing bug hotels and thinking about what we will need to make them.



Jade

In History, we have been comparing past and present artefacts linked to the Great Fire of London.

Ask us at home what an artefact is.



Pearl

This week we have been retelling the events of the Great Fire of London through drama.



Lower KS 2



Topaz

We were given the task of ordering some instructions to make a jam sandwich. We had to choose an appropriate adverbial of time, imperative verb and then order the tasks in chronological order. We decided at the end of the lesson that our instructions would successfully make a delicious jam sandwich!



Citrine

During PE this week we have been working on our balance skills. Once we were able to balance on different points of our bodies individually, we moved onto partner balances. This has also helped improve our coordination and communication skills.



Emerald

During our forest school session, we talked about fire safety and enjoyed some marshmallows around the fire.



Upper KS2

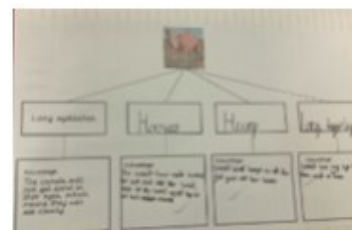
Amethyst

In December, Amethyst will be taking part in the Christmas concert. This week, they have been practising playing their chosen song on a range of brass instruments.



Tanzanite

We have been researching how animals adapt to suit their habitats. We investigated why a camel has a hump and why a polar bear needs such thick fur! Talk to us about these adaptations at home.



Sapphire

Sapphire class have continued their work on WW2. We have analysed sources from the evacuation of Dunkirk and the children participated in some amazing discussions. Ask us our opinion on whether we think the evacuation was an 'act of disgrace' or 'an act of bravery'.



The Interpretation of Dunkirk



"This source makes the evacuation of Dunkirk seem like an 'act of bravery' as civilians are risking their lives to rescue the British troops."

Saad, Sapphire class



Forest School

Continuing with their learning journey around Hansel and Gretel, the Forest School Rangers have been creating potions including things like toxic toads and blood-sucking leeches. They have done some amazing written work about their potions!



Star of the Week

Well done to this weeks stars of the week.

Diamond AM	Maddison	For her confidence to talk to the whole class about her trip to the farm.
Diamond PM	Jesse	For putting 100% effort in to learning the actions for our Nativity songs.
Amber	Haya	For super blending in your English lesson, showing fantastic listening skills!
Ruby	Nayem	For super joining in and acting out Baby Bear's adventure to the moon!
Opal	Harris	For his excellent work in PE and trying his best to follow instructions exactly.
Jade	Zunairah	For using a bigger voice and joining in with class discussions.
Pearl	Esa	For putting 100% effort into all of his learning.
Topaz	Aiza	For growing in confidence and some fantastic learning during her first week at Alt Academy. We are proud to have you as part of our team!
Citrine	Urhukpe	For an excellent start in her new class and making new friends. Welcome to our class – we are so happy to have you in our team!
Emerald	Osezele	For outstanding English work and super application in his writing.
Amethyst	Abdul	For settling into his new class and producing some exceptional work. Welcome to our team!
Tanzanite	Adam	For showing resilience every day and for having a 'can do' attitude towards all of his learning.
Sapphire	Saad	For his resilience in maths. Saad puts 100% effort into every maths session and has tried some questions with some super challenging concepts in them this week.
Forest School	McKenzie	For an amazing attitude all week and producing some super sentences about the forest and the witch from the story.



Principal Award: Emilia P – outstanding home learning.



Damp at home

We would like to help families who are struggling with damp in their homes. Please come and speak to a member of the family support team (Ms Smedley and Mrs Rafiq) who will be on the school gate before and after school. Alternatively, please give school a call or send us an email. We will be happy to help!



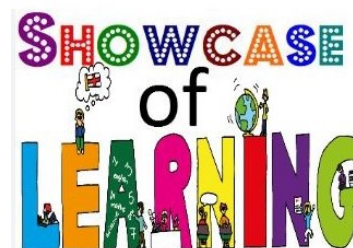
The Harmony Trust SEND Sports Roadshow

This will take place at the Oldham Sports Centre on Monday the 28th of November 2022. Some children have been chosen to take part. The Roadshow is based around 'Inclusion in Sports' during school time (9.45- 11.15pm).



Topic Shares for parents

Please come into school while we showcase the fantastic learning that has been going on across school this term. There will also be some information provided by Debbie-Ann (our school cook) and her team about what is on offer for school dinners – there may be some things to taste too – yum yum!



When?	Who?	Where?	What?
7.12.22 at 2:30pm	Years 5 & 6	KS1 hall	Brass showcase and some Christmassy fun!
8.12.22 at 2:30pm	Years 1 & 2	KS1 hall	We will share our learning from our super topic all about The Great Fire of London.
15.12.22 at 9:00am	Years 3 & 4	KS1 library and KS1 hall	Come and read our super writing which will be displayed in the KS1 library and then watch us play our ukuleles too!

Reindeer Parade

Some of our children have been selected to join Oldham's annual Santa's Reindeer Parade. All families are welcome to come and watch too!

Event date/time: Saturday 26th November 2022

Parade starts: 1.00pm

Approximate Parade end: 1.30pm

There will be lots of activities throughout the day in the town centre running 1-4pm

Children who have been selected have received consent forms with further instructions.

The theme this year is Santa's Workshop- we are going to be representing the Christmas Post Workers collecting Santa's letters!



Warm Banks

Oldham Council have set up several warm banks around the area as the cold months draw in. These are places where you can get warm without worrying about the cost of your own energy bills. Here are the details of some local warm banks you may want to visit.

Oldham Library Town Centre	Computers Free wifi Toilets	Mon-Thurs 9.00am-9.30pm (note - 8.00pm-9.30pm - limited self-express offer only - no HLA staff) 9am-5pm Friday and Saturday Open 28-31 December TBC
Honeywell Centre Ashton Road	Reception/welcome area Computers x 4 WiFi Community Café Showers	Mon - Fri 9am-5pm Closed over Christmas holidays
Glodwick Cricket Club Off Warren Lane	We have a television and wi fi connection for use and can provide a number of indoor activities eg board games. Kitchen Toilets	Tuesday - 12pm - 4.30pm Open 27 th December
Alt Community Centre 50-54 Cherry Avenue Alt OL8 2HS	Toilets Small kitchen NO IT/WIFI	Monday - 1pm - 3pm (FCHO) Tuesday - 9am - 2pm (FCHO) Wednesday - 1pm-3pm (REEL CIC) – from 23/11 Thursday 9am - 2pm (FCHO)

Magic Breakfast

Magic Breakfast who provide our bagels have recently experienced reduced funding meaning that our supply of breakfast bagels has been reduced too. Please arrive at 8:30am prompt if you would like a bagel. These will be served on a first come, first served basis. Cereals will be available as normal.



Full-time Nursery Provision

If you have a child in our nursery and you are eligible for the funded 30 hours childcare, please let the office know if you would like to take this offer up.



Sign Language Course

If you would like to learn Sign Language, please let the office know. If there is enough interest, a course can be arranged in partnership with Lifelong Learning.



Before and After School Club

During the recent Parent Forum, some parents asked about a before and after school club to help with childcare. If there is enough interest in this, we can explore this provision option further. If you would utilise a before and after school club, please express your interest at the office before Friday 18th November. Please note that this would be chargeable provision.



Learn English



If you, or one of your family members would like to develop their English skills, please let the office know. If there is enough interest, a course can be arranged in partnership with Lifelong Learning.

This Weeks Attendance



Overall attendance year to date – 93.5%

Class Weekly winners – Well done to:-

EYFS & KS1 – Pearl - 93%

KS2 – Emerald 97%

Our target is 96%



Date for the Diary

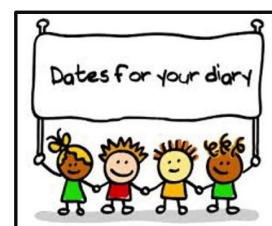
25.11.22 - Children on pack lunches to order Christmas dinner if they would like one

1.12.22 - Christmas cards in the post box from today

12.12.22 - Chocolate and sweet donations from today

12.12.22 and 13.12.22 - Nativity for parents (details to follow)

16.12.22 - Christmas jumper and Christmas party day





Shower & Go Scheme

What is Shower & Go?

The Shower & Go scheme is an opportunity for all Oldham residents to have a warm shower in Leisure Centre facilities for free. This is accessible for all, will be offering the use of our accessible showers out to anyone that needs them. All you will need to do is sign up at the local leisure centre and you can use the shower facilities whenever you need.

How do I sign up?

You will need a Shower & Go card to access the facilities. You will receive a card when you visit one of our centres listed below. We will need just a few details from you, like your name, contact number and address, also available for individuals who do not have a fix abode. Once you have a card, you will be able to scan in and use the shower facilities at the times below.

If you want to sign up as a family, this will be an option. Children under 16 will not need to sign up and will be a part of your account. This card can then be used by anyone in your family individually.

Do I need to bring anything?

We will provide soap, but you will need to bring your own towel. We will be limiting showers to 10 minutes per person to ensure everyone gets a chance to use the showers.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oldham Leisure Centre	7am – 9pm	6:30am – 9pm	7am – 9pm	6:30am – 9pm	7am – 9pm	8am – 4pm	8am – 4pm
Royton Leisure Centre	7am – 9pm	7am – 9pm	7am – 9pm	7am – 9pm	7am – 9pm	8am – 5pm	8am – 5pm
Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre	6.15am – 9pm	6.15am – 9pm	6.15am – 9pm	6.15am – 9pm	6.15am – 9pm	8am – 6pm	8am – 6pm
Failsworth Sports Centre		6pm – 7pm	6pm – 7pm	6pm – 7pm		3pm – 5pm	3pm – 5pm
Radcliffe Athletics Centre	5pm – 8pm	5pm – 8pm	5pm – 8pm	5pm – 8pm	5pm – 8pm		

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