



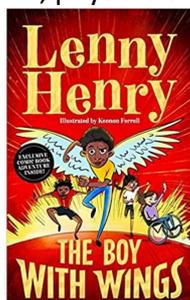
AJA News – 22.09.23

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A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you have had a good week! I wanted to share with you all that we will be involved in another Read Achieve Succeed author event on Monday 2nd October as Sir Lenny Henry will be visiting the Trust and talking about all things books. The children in **Years 4 and 5** will be involved through Teams. We are sure that this will be a highly enjoyable event, and all are looking forward to it tremendously. As a reminder of this day, the Trust has paid £7.99 for each child to have a copy of Sir Lenny's new book - The Boy with Wings: Clash of the Super Kids. To help with our costs, we ask for a donation of £5 per child towards the cost of the book, payable on Parent Pay.



Thank you all for your continued support and have a very restful weekend when it comes.

A message from Mrs Bower

I am looking forward to visiting Alvaston Library with Year 3 on Monday. We will be walking in two groups spending 30 minutes in the library looking at the children's books and hearing a story read by the librarian. For those who have registered for a library card, your child will receive this on Monday.

Towards the end of next week, the children that have Individual SEND Plans will be shared with you by the class teacher. If you have any questions about your child's IP, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Interventions will begin next week.

On the 3rd of October at 5.30pm, we will be holding a meeting in the assembly hall about the July Y6 residential. We will share information and it will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have so we can get all the paperwork in and signed before Christmas!

Important Dates

Monday 25th September
Year 3 visit Alvaston Library

Monday 2nd October
Author event on Teams
Year 4 & 5 Sir Lenny Henry

Tuesday 3rd October
Y6 Parents' residential meeting
in the assembly hall 5.30pm

Friday 20th October
School photographs

Wednesday 11th October
New Year 3 Welcome Evening

Wednesday 18th October
Parents' Evening

Friday 27th October
Last day of term

Monday 6th November
First day of term

Wednesday 8th November
Parent workshop
Zones of Regulation

Friday 17th November
INSET Day

Attendance

This week's attendance

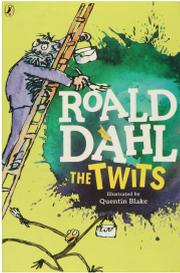
95.98%

Highest class attendance

Brilliant Bees 99.2%

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



The year 3 children are really getting into the 'swing of things' at AJA now, pupils are getting used to routines and expectations regarding presentation and work - we are very impressed! This week, the children have been using their place value knowledge to work with numbers up to 1000, writing their own version of the 'wormy spaghetti' from The Twits and we have been working hard with our PE - especially with National Fitness Day.

Exciting news! IPADS ARE COMING SOON! In preparation for the iPad, please can you ensure children know their date of birth in the 6-digit format e.g. 010195 (not my birthday!) as this will support the children in logging on and speeding up the process. There will be some paperwork that will be sent home, please fill it in as soon as you can. More information will follow soon...

Thank you and have a super weekend. Year 3 Team.

Year 4



Year 4 gave worked hard this week on their addition strategies, including exchanging to different columns. Our descriptions of Medusa's cave are fantastic, with all children trying hard with their adjectives and punctuation. History focused on the timeline of the Ancient Egyptian era, and the important events within. Science focused on experimenting with the properties of water, proving that liquids have a fixed volume.

Swimming and PE was thoroughly enjoyed by all this week, with all children displaying excellent behaviour. Thank you for all your hard work this week. The Year 4 Team.

Year 5



The children have really got the hang of Y5 and are working so hard! In English this week, we have written our character descriptions of Grace O'Malley. The children have used some excellent vocabulary, and the teachers have really enjoyed reading their work. In maths, we have continued working on addition, using our skills to answer word problems. We have also started looking at subtraction using numbers up to 6 digits! We have started looking at the Kings and Queens of the Tudor reign in history, and in reading we read about Lady Jane Grey, who only reigned for 9 days!

Keep up the great work Year 5!

Year 6



Year 6 pupils have been astounding this week! They have shown such remarkable perseverance, determination, and resilience as they face their first SATs practice test which we give as a baseline. If they have come home and given you numbers relating to the scores, this is what they mean: 100-109 is working at the expected level at the END of Y6, 110 and above is working at Greater Depth at the END of Y6. We are at the beginning of this journey, so this gives us a clear idea of strengths and gaps - of individuals and classes. It also gives the children the opportunity to know what it is like, what the timings are like so by the time they get to May, there are no surprises for them. Aside from that, we have had an excellent science lesson problem solving and identifying issues with circuits as well as creating our own circuit diagrams! In history, we have looked at the reasons war began, and which countries aligned to the different sides. We have also been fortunate to have children bring in items and family stories which we will share with the year group next week. Some of you may have seen the RE work about what a soul might look like and how it could affect your behaviour if others could see it. We have loved hearing the ideas and philosophical discussions. A great week, wishing you all a wonderfully relaxing weekend!