



# Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17  
January  
2025

## 6G Class Assembly

6G's class assembly was the first of this school year and the class has set a very high standard! Throughout the assembly, the children shared the knowledge they had gained during their work on World War II in the Autumn term.

It was fantastic to see how the topic ignited a real interest in learning more about many different aspects of World War II and the children shared the importance of the role of women on the Home Front, provided us with information about Anne Frank and explained about the beginning and end of the war.

We were all really impressed by how well 6G spoke, individually, in groups and as a class. Everyone enjoyed their rendition of 'We'll Meet Again' and well done to those children who sang parts of the song in a small group.

Well done, 6G! We loved the enthusiasm you had for sharing your knowledge of World War II and loved your performance!

## Dates for the diary...

### January

**Friday 24th**  
4B Class Assembly

**Friday 31st**  
6E Class Assembly

### February

**Thursday 6th**  
2M Class Assembly

**Friday 7th**  
TT Rockstar Day

**Friday 14th**  
3H Class Assembly

**HALF TERM**  
Monday 17th Friday 21st

**Monday 24th**  
INSET Day

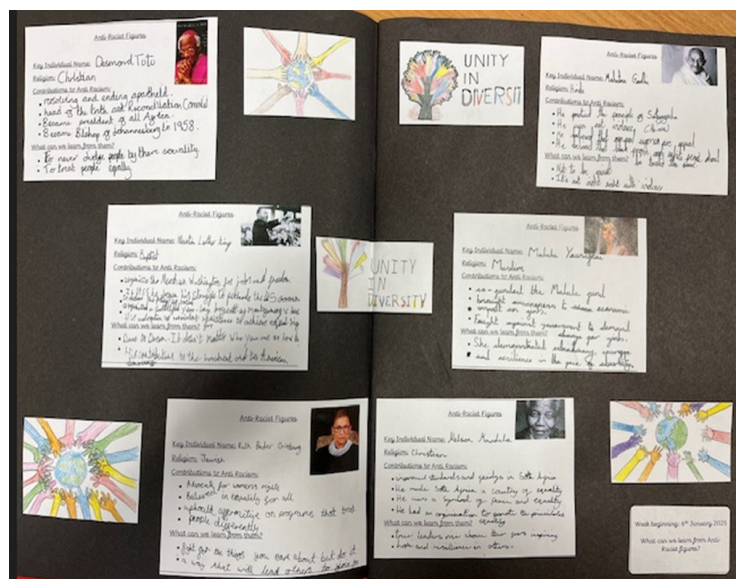
**Friday 28th**  
KS2 Choir begins

## R.E in Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about anti-racist figures from various faiths and religions. The children prepared a short report, which focused on, their religion, their key contributions to anti-racism and what we can learn from them.

The different religious figures they looked at were Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr, Malala Yousafzi, Nelson Mandela and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The children used the iPads to successfully complete work of a high standard.

Well done Year 6.



## Anti-Bullying Ambassador Play Leader Training

On Thursday, our Anti-bullying Ambassadors took part in a Play Leader Workshop led by Patrick from 'Active Sefton'. The purpose of the workshop was to equip them with the knowledge and skills so that they can 'lead' and 'organise' play on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. They already take it in turns (in pairs) to support on the Key Stage 1 Playground alongside Miss Taylor and the other adults, either during morning or afternoon break. They take their role very seriously and always work hard to help the children to play together sharing the equipment and taking turns. This was a refresher training session for our Y6 ABAs and brand new training for the Y5 ABAs. They are all always keen to develop their role and so this was a fantastic opportunity not to be missed!

During the session, they learned the following...

- How to communicate instructions clearly and calmly to others and explain the rules so that every one knows how to follow them fairly.
- Strategies to use when speaking to a group so that everyone can hear, understand and ask questions.
- Patrick gave them some scenarios to deal with, such as someone storming off in the middle of a game or calling out that something is unfair. He then explained how to deal with such a situation.
- Ways to organise the games so that they are accessible and include everyone. They also learned ways to simplify them for the younger children or alter them if a particular type of equipment is not available.
- That it is okay to challenge someone who is not following the rules – so long as you do it calmly and politely.

The ABAs had great fun and really enjoyed getting to play the games themselves – they worked in pairs to try out a different game each, then taught that game to the other ABAs so that they had chance to 'teach' it to someone else. Patrick was there to step in and give them any top tips and pointers as necessary. They also left the session with a booklet of games each that they can keep and refer to as needed.



## P.E Kit

With the weather getting colder, we just want to remind you that the Aintree Davenhill P.E. hoodie / sweatshirts are now available to buy at Kirkby Schoolwear in Kirkby.

The children can also wear a plain black sweatshirt or plain black zipped hoody as part of their PE Kit. Brightly coloured jumpers/hoodies or tops with logos do not form part of our uniform and we kindly ask that these are not worn.

<https://www.kirkbyschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/aintree-davenhill-primary-school/>



## TT Rock Stars Day

During the week commencing Monday 3rd February, our children will be taking part in an inter-house Times Tables Rock Star battle. Our four houses, Abbey, Rose, Mill and Valley will battle it out over the week to see which house team can claim the title of Times Tables Champions.

**To celebrate the final day of the battle, on Friday 7th February, we would like the children to come to school dressed as rock stars!**

A secure knowledge of times tables, and their associated division facts, form the foundations of many elements of Maths and support mathematical learning and understanding in everyday life. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars all year round but particularly during our focus week.

For our children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1, we will be celebrating being rock stars in Maths! Your child will be set a number challenge on Class DoJo, in which they can recognise the number in their local area and send photos into their teacher via the Dojo app.

### Home Reading Challenge

Week 06.01.25 - 2M won our Home Reading Challenge!

Week 13.01.25 - RN won our Home Reading Challenge!

**Well done!**

Please hear your child read as often as you possibly can.

### House Team Competition

This week, the winning team was MILL! Well done!

1. MILL (2404 points)
2. ABBEY (2283 points)
3. ROSE (2172 points)
4. VALLEY (2153 points)



### Team Around the School

Janie Cowley, an Early Help Worker and Denise Higgins, a qualified social worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, Janie and Denise would be more than happy to speak to you.

If anyone would prefer to speak to Denise via a phone call, her number is 07816116160 and her working hours are 9:00-5:00.

### Nursery 2025/2026

The closing date for applications to our Nursery for 2025/2026 is Monday 24th February 2025.

Pop along to our school office to collect an application form. Thank you