



# Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15  
November  
2024

## Welcome Back

We have had a great start back to school after the half-term holiday and the children have settled well! It has been lovely to hear about all of the children's achievements outside of school too!

I have been pleased that so many children have received certificates in our celebration assemblies for a great attitude to their work, for being kind and for being a good friend.

We are really proud of how well those children who have roles of responsibility in school have stepped into their roles. They have really helped other children around school in so many different ways.

This half-term, we are working hard to be READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE at lunchtimes. We have reviewed with the children what this looks like at Aintree Davenhill and what we expect to see to ensure that our behaviour at lunchtimes is excellent so that everyone can enjoy their playtime.

We know that this half-term is a busy time but we certainly enjoy the excitement that this time of year brings!

A huge well done to our Reception children who have made a great start to learning the songs for their Christmas performance!

## Dates for the diary...

### November

**Monday 18th-Friday 22nd**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**Friday 22nd**  
Year 6 WW2 Day

**Tuesday 26th**  
Grease Visit to Maghull  
High School

### December

**Wednesday 4th**  
Wonderdome  
Planetarium Reception &  
Year 5

**Thursday 5th**  
Nursery Christmas  
Performance

**Friday 6th**  
Christmas Tree Festival at  
St Giles  
Reception Nativity  
Performance  
Save the Children Christmas  
Jumper Day

## Author Visit

Last week, Year 5 and 6 were treated to a fantastic Q&A session with Matt Oldfield - Author of the 'Ultimate Hero' book series. Matt talked to the children about his route into writing and how his ideas became published bestsellers.

Children across the school also had the opportunity to meet Matt and purchased signed copies of his fantastic books. It was great to see so many enthusiastic readers!



## Cross Country

A huge congratulations to eight of our children, Jake, Reuben, Ivy-Rose, Isla, Halle, Rylee, Ethan and Mason, who have qualified to represent Sefton Schools in the upcoming Merseyside Cross Challenge. They will join other representatives from Sefton schools and will compete against children from all over the UK!



## Year 5 Football

The boys were fortunate to have a year 5 football match against St John Bosco this week. This was an opportunity for many of the boys to play their first competitive game against another school for the school team. While the children tried hard and worked together, ultimately it ended in a three nil loss, but an excellent opportunity for the children to reflect and learn from.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Next week, we will be holding another Scholastic Book Fair. This is an exciting opportunity to promote and celebrate reading in our school! The book fair will be open for families to visit on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. Please come to the **small hall** (please enter from the KS2 playground) **between 3:15-4:00pm**. At the fair, you will be able to purchase and order a wide range of books for children of all ages.

We had an incredible response during our last book fair and it was clear that the children are really enthusiastic to read and buy new books. The funds raised from the Book Fair will significantly benefit our school, enabling us to continue to enhance the selection of books we have available in school to support across the curriculum.



## Children in Need 2024



A huge thank you for all of the families who agreed to bake cakes for our Cake Sale this afternoon. We really appreciate the time and effort that has gone into them!



The children really enjoyed coming to choose a cake and their donations will all be sent to support the work of Children in Need.



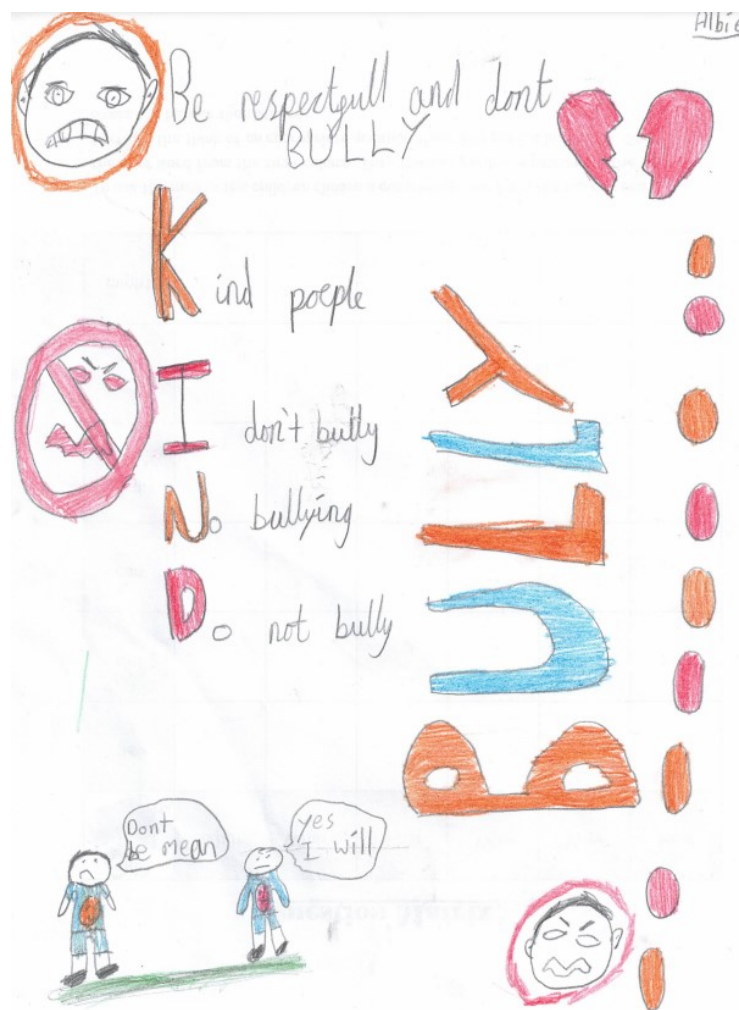
## Anti-Bullying Week 2024

This week, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have done a fantastic job promoting Anti-Bullying Week. They launched the week by leading assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2 where they talked about their role across school, what bullying behaviour looks like and how we can 'Choose Respect'. The children responded well and demonstrated their understanding of bullying through their considered and thoughtful responses. They were able to give many examples of how we can show respect to each other and ourselves. We were very impressed!

Throughout the week, the children have continued their learning in class taking part in a range of activities to explore staying safe and happy, making friends, finding help, respecting people, places and things and treating others well.

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors went into Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 to read a story with an anti-bullying / friendship theme. The children responded positively and the class teachers and teaching assistants commented on how confident the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors were in delivering the sessions!

Thanks to Albie in Year 4 who independently continued his learning and shared the message that bullying is never okay by creating this fabulous poster!



### 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 work number is 07816116160 and her working hours are 9:00-5:00.

### House Team Competition

This week, the winning team was **ABBEY**! Well done!

1. **ABBEY** (3841 points)
2. **MILL** (3604 points)
3. **ROSE** (3583 points)
4. **VALLEY** (3534 points)



### Home Reading Challenge

Week 04.11.24 - **3N** won our Home Reading Challenge!

Week 11.11.24 - **2M** won our Home Reading Challenge!

Well done!

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

### Parents' Evening

We hope that you found the meeting with your child's class teacher useful. I know class teachers really enjoyed speaking to you! Hopefully, the record sheet that you were given provided you with information to take away and refer to. If you have any further comments and questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you were unable to make the meeting, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange another appointment - it is extremely important that they are able to meet with you.

I know that class teachers will have spoken to you about your child's attendance so far this term. We try to update you regularly so you are aware of how many days your child has been absent from school as we know the impact of missing only a few days.

We ask that you work with us to ensure that your child attends school regularly as good attendance goes hand in hand with good achievement.

### After School

We would like to remind parents that the Atholl Crescent, Aintree Lane Field and Eton Drive gates are all closed at 3:30pm as part of our site security.

We would appreciate it if you wish to leave by one of these gates that you do so by 3:30pm.

### Christmas Performances for EYFS and KS1

Today, the children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 have a letter in their book bag about the Christmas performances that we will be holding this year. At the end of the letter is a slip for you to complete and return to school in order to reserve tickets for the performance that your child is taking part in (this is limited to a maximum of two per family).

Please ensure that you return the completed slip to school no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.



### The Friends of Davenhill School - Christmas Raffle

The FODS are organising a 'Christmas Raffle' to raise money for school which will benefit all of your children.

On **Friday 29 November 2024**, children can come into school in their own clothes. The 'fine' for doing this is that they should bring into school with them a chocolate item which will be used to create a range of Christmas hampers full of festive, tasty treats and these will be raffled!

Booklets of tickets for the draw have already been sent home.



### Sefton Social Care Advice Line for SEND

In recognition that families of children and young people with complex needs and special educational needs often need a bit more support, Sefton has launched a Social Care Advice Line for SEND.

This advice line is staffed by two experienced social workers with a good knowledge of the Local Offer in Sefton. Parents are invited to use this phone number to find out more about what a Social Care assessment for a child entails to help families make an informed decision before approaching Social Care, and to talk about what other help might be available. Voicemails will be responded to within 7 days at which point the social worker will return the call for a discussion.

The telephone number for our Social Care Advice Line for SEND is **0151 934 2196**.

The social workers will not create a referral or record any family details when families ring for advice using this phone number.

All referrals for social care assessment or concerns about a child should continue to be referred through our Integrated Front Door. Please note, this number is **not** the contact number for the duty social worker in our Children with Complex Needs service and should not be used for this purpose.

### Morris Dancing Competition

Last weekend, Emmi in Year 2, along with Hallie, Tilly and Lily from Year 4 and Ava from Year 6, attended their end of Season Championships Morris Dancing Competition. All girls did extremely well, especially with this being their first ever season of dancing. It was also their first time attending and participating in such a big competition. Ava danced in her own age group and joined the Senior 2 section as mascot - she won 'Best Mascot' in that section on the day! Well done!

