



Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7
March
2025

5B Class Assembly

At Aintree Davenhill, we truly value reading and see it as a fundamental skill that opens doors to knowledge, imagination, and creativity and this was the message that 5B shared in their class assembly which focused on the joys of reading and the world of books. This linked in perfectly with our celebration of World Book Day on Thursday this week. The assembly captivated the children in KS1 who watched it on Thursday whilst dressed up in their costumes and it was clear to see that the parents equally enjoyed 5B's performance today!

During the assembly, 5B enthusiastically shared their passion for both fiction and non-fiction texts, and their confidence and expressive speaking skills were impressive! It was great to see them share their favourite stories and talk about what they love most about reading, inspiring each other to explore new genres and topics. 5B highlighted not only the importance of reading but also the joy that comes from getting lost in a good book. We hope that this message encourages all of our children to continue embracing the rich world of literature.

It was lovely to see how much the children were enjoying themselves and they clearly projected their voices across the hall so that everyone could hear. Well done 5B and a big thank you to Mr Briscoe and Miss Yule for their hard work in helping the children to prepare!

Parental support is invaluable in fostering a love of reading so always set aside some time to engage with your children by supporting them with their home reading book, discussing the books they are reading, visiting the library together, or even sharing your own favourite reads. Be it a captivating novel or an informative book on a subject they are curious about, every reading experience contributes to their learning and growth.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Next half term, we will be holding another Scholastic Book Fair! This event has always proved popular with families and helped to raise money for school to spend on buying more books. We will let you know the exact dates when the Book Fair is next in school nearer to the time.



Dates for the diary...

March

Thursday 13th

1J Assembly

Friday 21st

4S Assembly

Thursday 27th

1A Assembly

Friday 21st

Red Nose Day
Non uniform day

Friday 28th

Non uniform
Day for Easter
raffle prizes

April

Wednesday 2nd

FODs Easter
Discos

Friday 4th

School closes at
12:30 for Easter
break

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtimes

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a Government funded free meal as part of the Universal Free School Meals initiative. Parents are able to opt out of this and provide a healthy packed lunch for their child if they wish.

When your child is having a school meal, please take the time each day to help them choose what they would like from the weekly lunch menu. Sandwiches, jacket potatoes and self-serve salad bar are always available each day.

Menus are displayed on the doors that the infant children enter school through each morning and they are also available to view on the school website <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/aintreedavenhill/UploadedDocument/8b174dd8-7c0e-49af-b010-b686563213c2/3840-a3-3-week-primary-menu-port-24-proof02.pdf>



Please ensure that you keep school informed of any dietary requirements or food allergies that your child has and any changes and updates to ensure that we only provide your child with food that is suitable for them.

Our packed lunch policy is on our school website <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/aintreedavenhill/UploadedDocument/31eec1cf-0f1e-4a4e-af21-6a592a3537b1/aintree-davenhill-packed-lunch-policy-2024.pdf>

Please remember that we are a nut aware school.

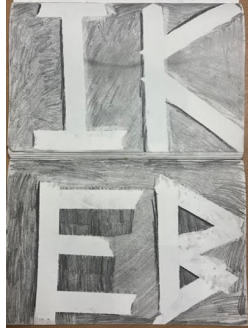


The children have ample time to eat their lunch and aren't ever rushed. If someone hasn't quite finished their dessert when it's time to go outside onto the playground, they are able to bring it with them (if possible!) and if it's something that isn't suitable such as jelly, cake and custard or ice-cream, they are able to stay to finish it before coming outside.

After the children have eaten their lunch they enjoy playing outside on our playground! The playground is organised into zones so that the children can choose where they'd like to play. The areas available to the children include a games equipment area, the football cage, basketball hoops, the book hut, the tyres and a writing area. As the weather warms up and we have less rain, the children will also be able to play on the grassed areas. Our welfare supervisors support the children in the different areas each day. We are also really lucky to have our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who take it in turns to support on the playground during break times. They do a great job interacting with the children and helping them to play together fairly. More recently, they have been putting their 'Play Leader' training into action by teaching the children how to play different games.

Year 6 Art

For their Art topic, Year 6 have been focusing on drawing and have been inspired by Maya symbolism as well as Italian techniques to show light and dark. The technique shown in these examples is chiaroscuro, which is the use of light and dark to create form and impact. The children used masking tape and charcoal to create their wording become 3D and stand out from the paper. The children really enjoyed this practical session and produced some excellent work.



Boys' Football Team

Congratulations to our boy's football team on making it three wins out of three in the league, with a 7-0 victory over Summerhill. As usual, the team showed their excellent teamwork, skill, support for each other and most importantly respect and fair play throughout. Thank you as always to the parents and staff who gave up their time to support and encourage the team. We are always so grateful.



Well Done!

Last weekend, Rylee took part in the All Nations dance competition in Manchester. She competed in both ballroom and Latin dances and won two first and two second places. Rylee is now looking forward to her next competition in May.
Well done Rylee!



House Team Competition

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

1. Abbey (2054 points)
2. Rose (2017 points)
3. Valley (1981 points)
4. Mill (1933 points)



Team Around the School

Janie Cowley and Eileen Lloyd, both Early Help workers will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, Janie and Eileen would be more than happy to speak to you.

FODS Easter Raffle - Friday 28 March 2025

The FODS group is busy once again organising an 'Easter Raffle' to raise money for school which will benefit all of your children.

On **Friday 28th March 2024**, children can once again 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 Easter hampers full of seasonal tasty treats and these will be raffled! Booklets of tickets for the draw have been sent home.

Counterfoils and money should be sent into school by Monday 20 March 2023.

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.

School Shoes Appeal

Last month, volunteers from the Ormskirk Rotary Club visited Uganda to deliver the school shoes donated by families from Aintree Davenhill to be reused by orphaned and homeless children living in the care of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation. As you can see from the photographs the children from the Kamuzinda Children's Village were delighted with your donations, thank you so much.



wish list

We are in need of some items in Reception and would be very grateful if anyone is having a clear out and would like to donate them to us. The items below are some of the things we are looking for.

Toy ironing board and iron

Dolls and dolls' accessories - pram, high chair, dolls clothes

Costume jewellery for dressing up - beads, bangles

Hats and shoes for dressing up

Play food and kitchen items (toaster, microwave, etc.)

Complete jigsaws

Wooden blocks

Dolls house furniture

Puppets

Books (preferably, not cartoon, tv or film character books, e.g. Disney, Peppa Pig, Avengers, etc.)

Thank you so much!

Can you tell a good joke?

On Red Nose Day this year, we are going to do something funny by sharing our best jokes!

Children should come prepared to share their favourite joke with their class. The children with the 'winning' jokes from each class (as voted by the children) will be able to share their joke with Miss Clay, Miss Taylor, Miss Siveyer and Mrs Williams, who will then decide on Aintree Davenhill's favourite joke!

We are looking forward to a day full of laughter!

Children should come to school wearing their own clothes (with appropriate footwear) and they can bring a donation that will be sent to support the work of Comic Relief.



Friday 21 March 2025

Mid-Year Reports

You should have received a short, written report about your child yesterday.

EYFS reports include a short written commentary for each of the Prime areas. When commenting about Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication and Language, teachers have included information about a pupil's behaviour and how they are generally in the school. Reporting on reading, writing and maths remains the same as KS1 and KS2. There is no separate general comments and behaviour section.

KS1 and KS2 reports will provide you with information about your child's achievement in reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and maths up to this point in the school year (a strength and an area for development). It will also provide an update regarding your child's behaviour and attendance and will contain a general comment from the teacher.

If you wish to discuss any issues within the report, you should arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

School Attendance

Average school attendance for 3rd March -7th March 2025 was 95.4%. Our school target is 96.5%.

