

Ambleside Academy Newsletter

Curriculum Update

Nursery— This week Nursery have been working hard to develop their fine motor skills, creating their own salt dough hedgehogs. First we had to shape the dough, moulding a face. We added googly eyes and a bead nose, then added spaghetti as the spikes. We had to place them into the dough carefully, and it was tricky work. We can't wait to bring our wonderful pet hedgehogs home once the dough has hardened.

Reception— In maths this week, reception have been working on subitising 4 and 5. Subitising, the ability to instantly recognise an amount, is such a crucial skill in maths. It gives children the ability to take on more complex maths problems and improves their calculating speed. It is a key building block to create solid maths knowledge. However, it is not easy! The children have taken on the learning with their usual determination that they have shown since September. Well done, Owlets, Froglets & Snakelets; you've all impressed us with your superstar work. Keep it up!

Year 1—In history, Year 1 have been learning about shops and shopping habits from the past. This week, Year 1 loved having to replicate a standing queue to buy their snack. We had lots of fun and cannot wait to learn some more!

Year 3 - This week, we revisited the techniques we learned last half term (tonking and sgraffito). The children used ink to experiment with lifting and scratching into their work to create texture. They loved exploring these effects, and their finished pieces were wonderfully creative.

Year 4—Class 13 are learning how to play handball in P.E. this half term. We are learning the chest and the bounce pass. We are also learning how to travel with the ball and catching the ball.

Year 6—A big well done to all the children in year 6 for trying hard in the 'Mock SATs' this week.

Dolphin—This week in Dolphin Pod 2 in D&T we have been learning what does being healthy mean. We are learning about vitamins and all about free-range. We also made some delicious jam jar salad!

Children in Need—A huge thank you!

Thank you to everyone who joined in with wearing colourful clothes; purchasing a Pudsey item; completing their 'Challenge 25' in school. The money raised from this event is phenomenal. Together you have managed to raise £3,079.29! That is down to our amazing parents and children getting people to sponsor them. A huge thank you and congratulations on your effort in supporting Children in Need.



Important Dates

Monday 8th December—EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December—Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 12th December— Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 16th December —Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December—Winter Market

Thursday 18th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December—Robin Hood Panto



Christmas Performance Times

We have our Christmas performances coming up shortly and everyone has been practising to get ready to deliver an amazing performance to you. Due to capacity we can only have two parents/carers attend per child to one of the sessions. The children will perform at 9.30am and 2pm on their performance day. Please see important dates above for the day your child will perform. Please remember to only to attend one of the performances for your child so there is space for everyone to watch.

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Polite Parking Reminder

Thank you to everyone that has continued to support me in keeping the children safe.



No parking

If you come to the main entrance then please do not park on the paths at the top of the school drive or pull in front of any drop kerbs. It is really important that even if I am not there that you stick to this to ensure children walking into school can do this safely.

Bringing Phones to School

This is a polite reminder that if your child brings in a phone that they must hand it in to their class teacher.

This is important to safeguard all children. For those who do not hand in their phone there will be a consequence in school.




CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
3 PM
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH,
ASPLEY LANE,
NG8 5GE



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School Lunch Menu for next week:

WEEK THREE	Meat Build Your Own Wrap Chicken Goujons, Tortilla Wrap & Lettuce, Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Meat Wholemeal BBQ Beef Pizza, Served with Diced Potatoes, Salad Sticks & Coleslaw	Meat Brunch Lunch, Pork Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown & Baked Beans	Meat Chinese Chicken Curry, Served with 50/50 Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli	Meat Battered Fish Fillet, Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
	vegetarian Quorn Dippers, Tortilla Wrap & Lettuce, Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn (V)	vegetarian Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Served with Diced Potatoes, Salad Sticks & Coleslaw (V)	vegetarian Vegetarian Brunch, Vegetarian Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown & Baked Beans (V)	vegetarian Chinese Quorn Curry, Served with 50/50 Rice, Naan Bread & Broccoli (V)	vegetarian Cheese & Bean Puff, Served with Chips & Peas (V)
	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad	Alternative Twisty Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Grated Cheddar & Side Salad	Alternative Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo with Side Salad
	Dessert Lemon Shortbread	Dessert Orange Glazed Carrot Cake	Dessert Ice Cream Sundae	Dessert Cherry Flapjack	Dessert Chocolate Frosted Sponge