



End of Spring Term Newsletter

Thursday 30th March 2023

Neil's End of Term Words

The end of another busy, fun and colourful term of learning and experiences at Amwell View. We hope the sun makes an appearance for the Easter holidays and everyone has an enjoyable time and stays safe. We look forward to seeing everyone for the Summer term on Tuesday 18th April.

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Community Class working hard on the allotments at Mudlarks

Amwell View School's Community Class visit Mudlarks (a Hertford based charity that supports adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues) as part of their curriculum.



Pantomime

Friday 13th January 2023 saw the annual school Pantomime where the whole school meets in the Sports Hall for fun and frolics. Each Class Staff Group performs for the pupils entertaining them through song and dance. Neil Ward, Headteacher, was the Ring Master this year, with Jane Connolly (Deputy Headteacher) clearing up behind him, as Mrs Mopp!



Neil said *"It is an amazing event in our calendar, and pupils absolutely love the experience. The pupils really enjoy the colour and slap stick humour with lots of confetti and 'custard pies' (silly foam) for willing pupils."*

Alliance Cleaning



On Wednesday 1st February, Amwell View welcomed Alliance Cleaning into school to work with all the pupils in our Community Classroom. Alliance Cleaning planned and executed the most fantastic work experience afternoon for all pupils involved. They had the opportunity to use different cleaning products and techniques, as well as their specialist equipment. Community Classroom pupils loved every minute of it, the happiness and excitement on their faces was proof of what an amazing time they had. Amwell View were so grateful for the time the Alliance Cleaning staff team spent with our pupils and the fantastic job they completed on our Food Technology and Science room. We can't wait to work with them again in the future.

Music Machine Visit

8th Feb we were visited by Music Machine from the Electric Umbrella Company. They provided us with a fantastic morning of interactive music making with the theme of cats, hats and cricket bats. In the afternoon we took part in a live broadcast to other special schools performing music we'd learnt in the morning workshop.

A great time was had by all!



Pets Corner in Harlow

Class 2 had been reading the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze', they went to the farm to see the animals from the story. They also had a picnic and a play in the park afterwards.



Science Week

Amwell View pupils joined in with the fun to celebrate British Science Week theme 'Making Connections'! Pupils were encouraged to dress in the clothes of a scientist to find the equipment needed to create their own bubble mixture. Pupils tried on lab coats, goggles and gloves and most pupils wore the glass goggles. They had opportunities to investigate making a bridge using simple resources and testing it with light and heavy loads to see if it will keep standing. Most of the pupils enjoyed using paint and ink pads to take a copy of their fingerprints and look at them using the magnifying glasses. The older students focused on how to retrieve a fingerprint from a cup using forensic brushes to dust and tape to retrieve. There were a small group of pupils who used syringes and tubing to create a pressure when trying to collect water and transfer it to another container. A fun week for everyone!



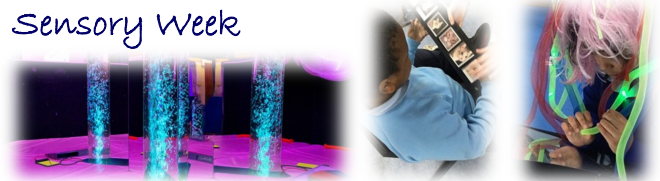
Dance Festival

On Thursday 9th March 2023, After School Dance Club participated in the Hertfordshire County Dance Festival at the Alban Arena. The dancers have been working hard rehearsing the dance, and all their hard work paid off as they dazzled the audience with their fantastic Ballroom dance moves. Well done to all the pupils who took part, you were amazing.



Sensory Week

Amwell View School's 'Sensory Week' took place from the 6th – 10th February 2023. During the week all pupils have an opportunity to further develop their skills at a level that is appropriate to their individual needs and ability by using sensory approaches to their learning. The state of the art sensory studio has four separate areas to learn in, containing switch operated bubble tubes, fibre optics, magic carpet and Opti-Music light beams. This allows pupils to develop their understanding of cause and effect and their ability to have control over their environment. A sensory circuit around the studio provides structure and routine for those pupils who need it. Lisa Dillon, Sensory Lead said "Pupils are more likely to engage in a lesson or an activity as there are multiple opportunities to notice, respond, engage, anticipate and communicate with what they are experiencing as their entire sensory system is being stimulated."



Summer Term 2023:

- ◆ **Monday 17th April** INSET Staff Training Day - School closed to pupils.
- ◆ **Tuesday 18th April** School opens to pupils
- ◆ **Monday 1st May** Bank Holiday
- ◆ **Monday 8th May** Bank Holiday - Coronation *School Show Week*
- ◆ **Monday 22nd May** Lower School Show 9.45am
- ◆ **Tuesday 23rd May** Lower School Show 9.45am
- ◆ **Wed 24th May** Upper School Show 9.45am
- ◆ **Thursday 25th May** Upper School Show 9.45am

Half Term

- ◆ **Friday 26th May** Pupils break up for half term
- ◆ **Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June** Half term

Start of Summer 2 Term

- ◆ **Monday 5th June** School opens to pupils
- ◆ **Wednesday 14th June** Parents' Consultation Evening 6pm

Sports Days

- ◆ **Tuesday 20th June and Wednesday 21st June** Sports Days at Wodson Park Sports and Leisure Centre.

- ◆ **Friday 30th June** INSET Staff Training Day - School closed to pupils.
- ◆ **Friday 21st July** Pupils break up for the Summer. End of the Summer Term

