



Dear parents/carers,

We have reached the end of another relatively quiet week; the children have continued to work hard with their learning and several of them have brought their fantastic work to show me, I always enjoy seeing that they have such pride in their efforts and the outcomes they achieve.

On Tuesday, we had Abby in from RWInc to see how our provision for teaching phonics and early reading was progressing, she was very impressed with what she saw and gave us a 10/10 rating! Thank you to the Early Years & KS1 teachers and all of our TAs who work so hard to teach this effectively. I am sure you see the progress your children make with their reading and are as proud of them as we are. Miss Brokenshire and I have been into watch KS2 whole class reading lessons this week and have been impressed with the standard of reading within our KS2 classes, as well as the enthusiasm and enjoyment displayed by both staff and pupils. I am proud to see how much we all love reading at Austin Farm Academy.

As you will be aware a NEU teacher's strike is planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, please see communication regarding this on teachers to parents, to enable you to make the necessary childcare arrangements. If you have any queries, please direct them to me, via the school office.

I hope you have a great weekend,

R.Baptiste

Foundation: This week we have been using the Makaton actions to help us talk about where all the animals were sleeping in Percy's hut. We are challenging ourselves to write longer words by breaking the words into parts and using our Fred fingers to pinch the sounds. In Maths we are exploring groups of objects by talking about more, fewer, and altogether. In Understanding of the world we have explored what it is like in the Arctic and talked about camouflage.

Year 1: In English this week, year 1 have been practising to write a class version of The Three Little Pigs, titled The Three Cheeky Blackbirds. We have used our story map and boxing up to help us to structure our writing. Next week, we will be inventing our own versions of the story.

Year 2: This week in science, we have been exploring microhabitats around the school grounds. They recorded their findings in a tally chart and then presented the data in a pictogram! Well done year 2 😊

Year 3/4: This week in Year 3/4 we celebrated Burn's Night by enjoying some delicious haggis and by learning how to dance the Gay Gordon's which is a Scottish country dance. In Scotland and around the world, people celebrate the life and works of the Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Haggis is a traditional Scottish food which is served with tatties (mashed potato) and neeps (mashed swede). Most of the class really enjoyed it!

Year 5: This week in Maths, we have been learning how to multiply a 3-digit number by a 2-digit number, using long multiplication and grid method. In English, We are working on our superheroes.

Year 6: this week, we have been converting between fractions, decimals, and percentages – we are pros at this now! In English, we have learned how to use a semi-colon; a piece of punctuation which joins two clauses which are closely related. As always, they have taken learning a difficult new concept, in their stride and been successful 😊

### A big well done to our learners of the week:

Foundation: C.Smith  
Year 1: T.Ludgate  
Year 2: L.Thomas  
Year 3: B.Hutson  
Year 4: O.Collins  
Year 5: M.Hayward  
Year 6: M.Mazur

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This week's attendance winners are:

# Year 4

## Well done !!!



### Dates to remember:

10/02/2023 - Mufti for food bank – Cash donations.

13/02/2023-17/02/2023 – Half Term

20/02/2023 – Non-Pupil Day

15/02/2023 – Argyle Roadshow – Please use booking forms which were sent via email.

21/02/2023 - Foundation & Yr 6. Please remember to return the height and weight paperwork if you wish to opt OUT.