



# Alfred Lord Tennyson School

December 2023

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## ALTS Gazette



### Welcome to Autumn 2 edition of the Alfo Gazette

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading through to see all the fantastic enrichment that has taken place at ALTS during the Autumn Term. During our last few weeks of 2023, we also enjoyed lots of Christmas festivities and it was lovely to see so many of our families supporting our events. We are also delighted to be able to welcome so many new families to our growing school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to sharing more experiences with you in 2024!

Mrs K O'Connor



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## Christmas at ALTS



## Advent at ALTS

We love a good old tradition, and this year was no different. This week, children have been busy making Christmas cards and calendars. We have also had a visit from the 'ALTS Elf—Mr Jingles' and Miss Shelley created one of the biggest KS2 Advent calendars you've ever seen! With the help of the Y5 children, she created this fabulous 2023 calendar, which this year featured a festive gingerbread Christmas cottage. Each day, children took turns to reveal a new picture.



Mr Jingles aka

The Naughty Elf!

He's back again with a few more tricks up his sleeve!



# Trip to the Pantomime



On Friday 8th December, we were all lucky enough to go together to watch Cinderella at the Castle Theatre.

I enjoyed the journey on the coach with my friends but most of all I enjoyed the pantomime—it was AMAZING!

All the actors were great and must have practised for hours to learn all their lines and dances. My favourite part was when the two ugly sisters picked Mr Butler out of the audience and pulled him up on stage. Mr Butler looked a bit embarrassed at first but then he got used to it.

They played some great songs that we all sang along to. I'm glad we (Y6) were sitting up in the balcony because the front rows got toilet rolls thrown at them and were also squirted with water pistols! We wish we could go again because it was so hilarious! **By Megan, Melisa & Ellie-May**



# KS1 Christmas Production



# KS2 Christmas Production

## Christmas through the Decades



Our KS2 production started with Marley trying to convince his dad that 'Dominic the Donkey' was the best Christmas song ever! Dad disagreed and so began the journey through the decades with each year group performing Christmas hits from the 60s, 70's, 80's and the noughties—it was decided that there were no catchy 90's songs. We were so proud of the children for entertaining us so well, despite only having three practises.



# Fundraising

Children in Need - £98.90

Save the Children - £91.00

**This term, the children have raised money for a number of charities, and their families have been very generous. Poppies were sold to raise money for the British Legion. Money was also raised for Children in Need. Food was generously donated for local food banks at harvest time, and during Advent, the children wore Christmas Jumpers to raise money for Save the Children.**



## FOALTS (Friends of Alfred Lord Tennyson School)

### Christmas Disco

Our Christmas Discos were such fun. After school, we changed into our disco clothes and to our surprise, Mr Butler, aka DJ Butler, was in charge of the music. He selected some great tunes and we danced the night away! Hot dogs, sweets, crisps and drinks were on offer which were delicious. We thank FOALTS for organising and running this wonderful event and all the volunteers who supported on the night.



### Christmas Fayre

**Our fabulous Christmas Fayre and raffle, which was arranged in just 2 weeks, was also another great fundraising event and all proceeds will benefit the children of Alfred Lord Tennyson. We are extremely grateful for the help and support of you all. Special thanks go to Mel and Nick and all those who donated so generously to the event. We also want to say a special thank you to our new FOALTS and Parent volunteers—without you these events could not have taken place.**

**We look forward to a number of events planned for the Spring term.**

# Donaldson Class

Wow! What a busy term we have had. Nursery and Reception have been working very hard this term. Take a look at what they have been learning...



In maths, Reception have been exploring the language of more, less, tall, taller, short, shortest. Look at their amazing tall buildings they have made!



The children have also been using their DT skills to create wonderful creations from play dough. This also helps with their fine motor skills, strengthening their fingers ready for writing.



With Christmas fast approaching, the children have also been excitedly writing letters to Santa. They are looking forward to posting their letters at the end of term.



# Ahlberg Class



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In our art, we've been having fun learning about sculptures! We use our hands to shape and create amazing things. It's like making 3D pictures with clay! We have been learning about the Galapagos Islands in geography using Google Earth to explore the environment.

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In PE, we're jumping high and far, like kangaroos. We're learning to use our legs to hop and leap, making us strong and happy! We also got lots of exercise when we walked all the way to the cinema and back. It took a long time but we had fun and the movie was great.

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In science, we have been learning all about animals and their needs. We have sorted animals based on whether they are mammals like us or birds, reptiles, insects or fish. We have also been working hard to improve our handwriting and learn our High Frequency Words.

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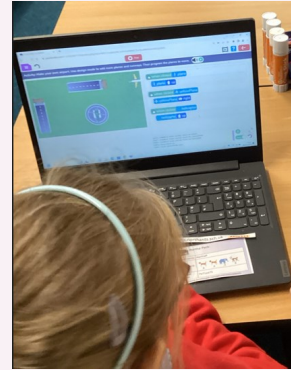


# Rosen Class



In Geography, we have we been learning about Egypt and how important the River Nile is. We also learnt about what it is like in a desert. In art, we wrote in hieroglyphs.

**By Eloise**



In computing, we have been learning how to code. The children really enjoyed coding aeroplanes to take off from a runway.

In PE, we have been making shapes in gymnastics. I enjoyed making the pike shape.

We also did team building. We had to link up with a rope and guide our friends who were blindfolded. **By Junior**



In History, we have been learning about the Normans. I have learnt all about the stories of the Battle of Fulford, Stamford Bridge and Hastings.

We looked at the Bayeux tapestry and learnt about Norman castles. We even made our own castles.

**By Mila**



In Science, we have been learning about living things and their habitats. I learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and food chains. We sorted things into living and non-living. We also looked at the animals in different habitats. **By Janice**



# Year 3

## Autumn 2



Wow, what an action packed term this has been! Every single child has worked hard to build upon their knowledge and develop our Values. This term, I have really noticed their resilience and communication skills develop. We embrace all mistakes and the powerful learning that comes through making them. Blyton class are now able to articulate when they are feeling challenged with their learning and they all know what learner qualities they need to use to be successful. Well done Team Blyton!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!



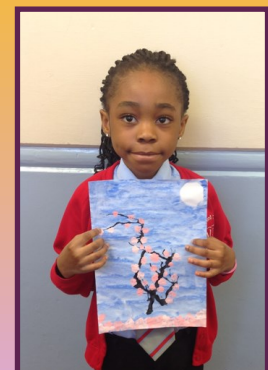
In English, we have focussed this term on writing information texts. We have learnt about the structure of non-fiction texts and developed our ability to write factually. The children created their own mythical dragon and decided upon its statistics. They then used this to independently apply the skills taught during this unit to write their own information text.

In our Art lessons, we have looked at the art of Japan. We have covered many elements but I think all children were proud of the Sakura trees. We used mixed media and a variety of skills to create these trees. I am sure you'll agree their outcomes are fantastic.

In DT, we became designers and were set the challenge of designing an apron. We then learnt how to measure, cut and sew material to create our design. This was a challenge for all children but with resilience and determination all children developed their skills.

In Gymnastics, we have worked on developing our movement and posture to enable us to hold balances, perform jumps and rolls. We have needed to use empathy and communication to work as a pair to create a sequence of these skills to perform to others.

In Hockey, we have developed our knowledge of the fundamental skills of the game. We have improved our controlling, blocking and passing techniques.



# Dahl Class

**Science** In Science, we have been learning about states of matters such as solids, liquids and gases. Did you know that 'Evaporation is when a liquid turns into gas?' stated Cassie and Ruby. Children have explored the properties of each and Investigated how states can change from solid to liquid when pressure is applied, such as when making ooze.

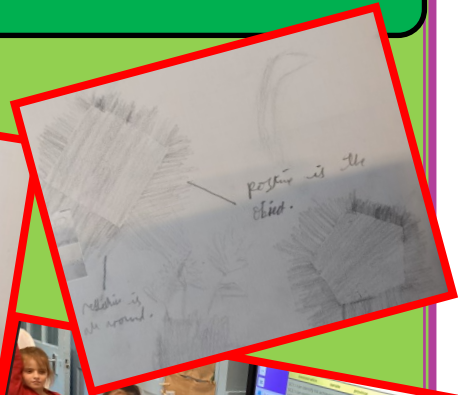
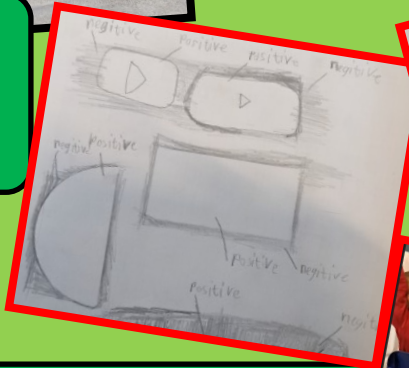


Can you guess which state of matter is represented by this human model?



**PE** Children have developed their dribbling, passing and shooting skills in football this term. As well as this, they have listened to a piece called 'The Spy' and copied some of the actions, sequencing them to create their own Spy routines.

**Art** In Art we have been learning about Space in art. Did you know there are different techniques used to create space such as overlapping, linear perspective and placement?



**History** The children have developed their understanding of Ancient Rome. They have learnt about the different governments, how people were entertained and even had the opportunity to interview Julius Caesar to find out why he was assassinated.



In English we have been developing our information text writing. In maths developing our understanding of +, - division and x facts.



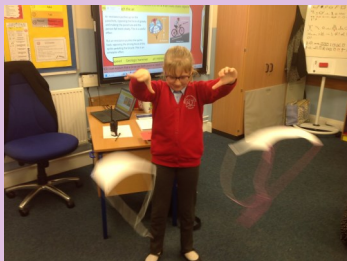
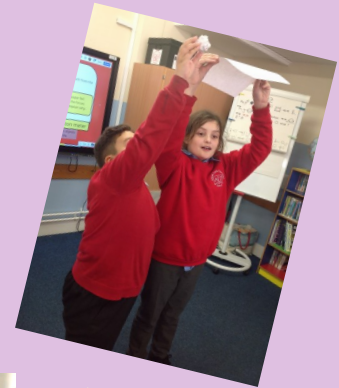
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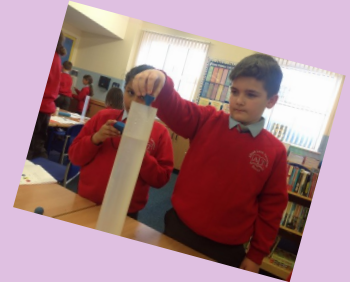
# Blackman Class



In Science, we have been learning about forces. We have learnt to represent forces with arrows and that all forces have an opposing force. If the forces are balanced, the object stays still. There are lots of different forces such as: gravity, water resistance, air resistance and friction.



By Bronwen



In History, we have been learning how Britain gained an empire. We learnt about the Black Hole of Calcutta. This was where 146 British people were imprisoned with only a small amount of water between them. It was so hot that they sometimes had to drink their own urine. Many people died of suffocation because of the lack of air.

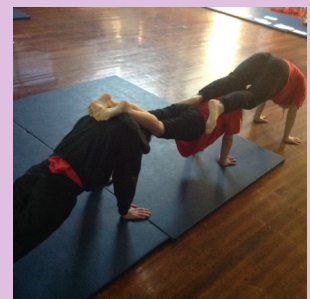


By Layla



In PE, we have been learning about yoga. We learnt poses such as: tree, aeroplane and many more. We also worked together to create a paired yoga flow. We worked hard to develop our balance.

By Freya.



# Shakespeare Class - Year 6

## History

To finish our unit of work on the Victorians we had a Victorian Day. We came dressed as Victorian school children and spent the morning following lessons in the 3 R's. We sat in rows and used slate boards and chalk to practice writing copperplate lettering—which was tricky!

We had drill in the hall and learned our times tables by rote. Mrs Appleby and Mrs Smith were very stern. We only spoke when we were spoken to and boys and girls sat separately. We learned that education was thought to be more important for boys than girls in Victorian times. **By Logan, Harley and Riley**



## P.E

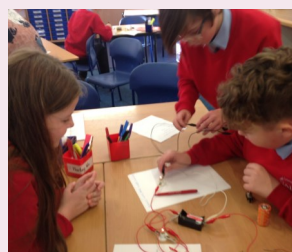
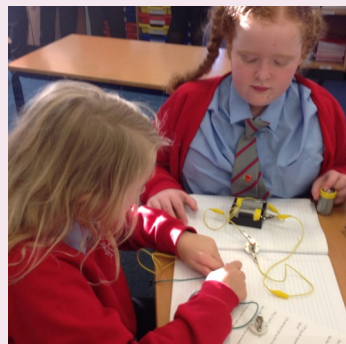


## Science

In science, Shakespeare class have been learning about circuits and circuit diagrams. We made a bulb light up and found out about the limitation of bulbs a cell can handle.

We also learned about the history of electricity and the scientists involved in its invention. We tested batteries to see which brands gave the brightest light. We discovered that Duracell batteries (the most expensive) were the best and Wilko were the worst and gave the dimmest light.

**By Megan & Tyreece**



## Geography

Our topic this term was Spatial Sense. We improved our map reading skills and learned how difficult it is for a cartographer (map maker) to turn the Earth (which is a sphere) into a flat 2D map. We used an orange to attempt to do this and learned that there is always distortion to the shape or size of countries.



# Sport at ALTS



# ALTS Ambassadors

## Eco Ambassadors



Lily, Robin, Bethany, Stephen, Bronwyn & Hallie

Our Eco Ambassadors are responsible for the promotion of looking after the school environment and our role in looking after the world. The ambassadors will oversee the need to save energy in the class, will implement (with the support of their peers) ways in which they can reuse or recycle. They will ensure waste is kept to a minimum and that electricity/water is used wisely. They have an important job in promoting ways to save our world.

Our wellbeing Ambassadors work with Mrs Appleby our Senior Mental Health Lead to champion positive mental health and wellbeing across the school. The Ambassadors lead and promote wellbeing throughout school, they drive the message forward and release the stigma around talking about challenging feelings and encourage people to talk.

## Wellbeing Ambassadors



Khaynna, Megan, Viky, Caillyn and Tyreece

## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Shae, Chikaima, Ellie-Mai, Freya, Kellie-Mai & Harrison

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are passionate children who will stand up to bullying behaviour and believe they can change things for the better. Anti-Bullying Ambassadors believe that bullying behaviour is not acceptable and should not be part of everyday life at school. They support others and are upstanders against bullying behaviour and a support network for their peers.

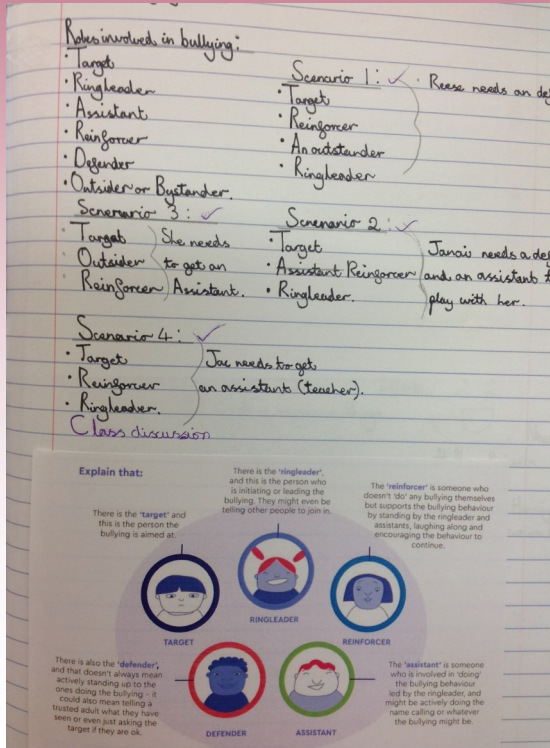
A range of children from Year 6, 5 and 4 have been chosen to be part of the Sports Crew. They have been trained by Northamptonshire Sports Partnership and take responsibility for leading sporting activities for children at lunchtimes in order to help get more of our children active.

## Sports Ambassadors



Nicolai, Keelan, Marley, Olivia, Bronwyn, Lily, Kellie-Mai, Elhan, Oalleigh, Evis, Freddie, Harrison, Caillyn, Olivia, Evony, Harrison, Ellie-Mai, Stephen, Mason, Charlie, Layla, Megan and Joseph

# Anti-Bullying Week



In November, we held our annual 'Anti-Bullying Week' activities to raise awareness. This started with 'Odd Socks Day', where we celebrated our differences and the diversity within our school. We carried out lots of activities about bullying, including drama, making games, as well as discussing bullying scenarios and how we could help in stopping bullying from happening. Here's a report on bullying, written by one of the ALTS Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.



## What is Bullying?

Bullying is where a behaviour is negative, repeated and intentional. It is not when you just fall out with your friend but then soon make it up again.

Bullying can be physical, like kicking, hitting or punching. It can also be online, like sending nasty texts or sharing photos without permission. It can be direct to the person's face, or indirectly behind their backs. Bullying is usually carried out with the intention to hurt someone or to make them feel insecure and is repetitive - happens again and again.

**By Tyreece, Ellie-May and Freya**





# Alfo Puzzle Page

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Five presents were bought for Christmas



The **red** and **purple** presents together cost **£29**,

The **purple** and **blue** presents together cost **£19**,

The **blue** and **gold** presents together cost **£24**,

The **gold** and **green** presents together cost **£30**,

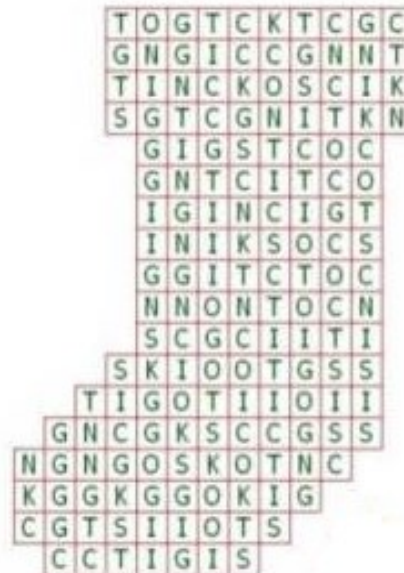
The **green** and **red** presents together cost **£32**

What is the total cost of all five presents?






### Christmas Word Search Puzzle I

Can you find the word STOCKING in this stocking?  
It appears just three times.



# Team Points

			
<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>

**Tigers won the team point challenge.**

**They will be awarded a mufti – day to celebrate their victory.**

## Weekly Awards

On a Friday, we hold our weekly achievement assembly. During the assembly, the Fab Friday Winners receive their certificates and have the opportunity to showcase their work. The class with the highest attendance for that week receive the Attendance Cup. The tidiest class receives the 'Tidy Broom' award and Team Points are also announced.

Our **'Fab Friday'** winners for this term were:

**Donaldson Class:** Antonio, Denis, Jayden, Lucy, Sarah, Teddy, Abel

**Alhberg Class:**

**Rosen Class:**

**Blyton Class:** Khyanna, Alexandra, Christina, Evan, Scarlett

**Dahl Class :** Ethan, Alberto, Blake, Numa, Paige

**Blackman Class :** Avni, Olivia, Jilson, Layla, Molly-Mai

**Shakespeare Class:** Mason, Ellie-May, Megan, Hattie, Logan

**This term's Alfo Awards were awarded for progress or attainment, along with an award for one of our values - this term's value was empathy.**



# ALTS Awards



Donaldson	Alhberg	Rosen	Blyton	Dahl	Blackman	Shakespeare
EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Communication</b>
Harry	Kaya	Mila	Dimitri	Ruby	Thomas	Stephen

# Important Dates

## January

**Monday 8th** - School open to pupils

**Wednesday 10th**—Year 4 swimming starts every Wednesday this term

**Tuesday 16th**— KS1 and KS2 Boccia Festival (selected children)

**Thursday 25th**—Cluster Council meeting for selected school councillors

## February

**Thursday 1st** — Boccia Festival (selected children)

**Tuesday 6th**—Online Safety Day

**Tuesday 6th**—Y5/6 Futsal Competition (selected children)

**Monday 12th**—ALTS Awards (invited parents only)

**Monday 12th**—Come and See, held after school (information to follow)

**Tuesday 13th**—Come and See held at start of the school day

**Thursday 15th**—Chinese New Year Celebrations

### Extra Curriculum Clubs - Spring Term 1

Here are the clubs on offer for Spring Term 1 which will run until the end of the half term.

All clubs are free, except choir (£1) and you can sign up via the ParentApp.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3.35</b>	KS2 Boccia KS2 Choir	KS1 Boccia	KS2 Dodgeball	KS1 Dance	Year 5/6 Futsal

