



# The APS Chronicle

A dedicated team of APS students bringing you the latest news

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to the Winter edition of the APS Chronicle. This issue is packed full of interesting articles written by Year 5 and 6 students all about things going in inside school and all over the globe. To entertain you during the holidays, we have included some fun festive activities, riddles and games too. Our hard-working newspaper team hope that you enjoy reading the newspaper. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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## Our Library

Our APS library is back! Knowing that the library had to be closed because of the untidiness and the condition that people had left it in was a real shame. Thankfully, once it had been reorganised and tidied, Mr. Norton reopened the library for people to visit again. Now people can go and enjoy the pleasure of reading new books inside it! Here are some quotes from people that express their feelings with the fact that the library is reopening: Keshvi (6SC) - I felt really excited when the library reopened! Now I have the opportunity to go and exchange new books!

Devansh (6SC) - I would describe the library reopening as a happy event as I now can go there to see new books!

As you can see, many people are happy to have our library back so that we can roam and browse for new and exciting reads.

Now, every week, children can be seen walking to the library with smiles on their faces. Enjoy it and respect it.

By Devarsh, 6SC



## Remembrance Day

In the 20th century two deadly World Wars broke out between Britain, Germany and many other countries all over the globe. We now know these wars as World War 1 and 2 and they were some of the worst of all time and many soldiers died.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Remembrance Day in the UK respecting the soldiers who sacrificed their lives protecting us and our country. Every year, the country holds two minutes of silence at 11 am. This is because the gunshots fell silent on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour.

Poppies are a symbol used all over the world as a sign of respect. The poppies remind us of the blood of the soldiers who fought on the battlefield. The red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. As well as the red poppy, there are others too. The black poppy represents the sacrifice of Africans and People of African culture. The purple poppy is a symbol of remembrance in the United Kingdom for animals that served during wartime.

Schools all over the UK celebrate Remembrance Day in different ways. At APS, we took part in a special assembly and some classes read books about it or watched documentaries. In addition to this, a group of volunteers sold poppies and other items before and after school to raise money for The British Legion, a charity helping soldiers today and families of soldiers who did not survive.

The Cenotaph is a public monument in Whitehall. Every year, hundreds of people come to visit it and pay their respects. Annually, the royal family unite to place a wreath of poppies on the Cenotaph. With the entire royal family together at the Cenotaph they continue a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation.

On Remembrance Day we salute those who sacrificed their lives to give us freedom and protect our lives. They made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the next generation. We remember those who volunteered and served and fought on this day.

Thank you to all of those who donated and bought poppies. We raised an amazing £101!  
By Tiana, 5H

### **Terrific Trips and Wonderful Workshops**

Here is a snapshot of some of the exciting opportunities that we have had this term.

#### **Bikeability**

Year 6 had the opportunity to improve their cycling skills with a week of Bikeability training. Kamal stated, "I think it was very good and fun. I liked the coaches a lot. Bikeability has helped me improve my confidence at riding a bike on the road. We learned about T-junctions, gears, give-way lines and the ABCDE check. Air-pressure, brakes, chain, direction and everything else is E. The whole thing was amazing!"

Kashmira reports that, "Bikeability has helped me boost my confidence significantly when riding on the road. I think cycling is a must-learn life-skill that will help me in the future. The coaches were really kind and were explained very clearly."

#### **Stone Age Workshop**

Year 3 were so lucky to have the History Man visit them for a Stone Age workshop earlier this term. They got to interact with lots of artefacts and help with their learning. Shashwath told us that he liked the Stone Age workshop a lot, especially the tug of war. There were so many things to see for the whole day and it really helped with his learning. Another Year 3 student said that it was an amazing day that they will never forget. The History Man was so fun and silly and made it easy to understand.



### **Planetarium**

Believe it or not, APS turned into a planetarium just for Year 5 earlier in the term. The Music and Drama room became a solar system and helped the children with their Science learning. One child stated, "I believe that the planetarium was fun and exciting. It gave us perspective on the planets and helped teach us lots of new facts!"



#### **African Drumming and Art**

At the start of December, Year 5 had an amazing workshop in which they learnt how to play djembe drums and make some traditional masks. The lady taught us so many interesting facts about the tribes that play these drums and wear these masks still today. We had a fantastic time and it linked to our learning and class text on Journey to Jo'Burg.

#### **Victorian Era Workshop**

Last week, the History Man returned to APS, this time to visit Year 6. He brought so many amazing primary sources with him that we got to interact with, even a real Victorian bicycle. Arjun in 6B stated that he enjoyed the workshop a lot as it was really fun and taught us so much. We could not believe that the Victorians made five inventions every week!

#### **Houses of Parliament**

This term, all of Year 6 got the once in a lifetime experience to visit Parliament. Over three days, the classes travelled by coach to London where we got to experience sitting in the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Anay



recalls that the trip was so much fun and could not believe that we got to see actual politicians debating. Sandalu reports that it was amazing to see all of the people in their different fields of work and that he was inspired by the debates. In our workshop, we learned about the history of Parliament and how democracy grew.



### **Diwali Celebrations**

Diwali, also known as the festival of light, is one of the grandest festivals celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. Many people celebrate Diwali by lighting up fireworks in the sky. Many people make Rangoli patterns to decorate their homes. Rangoli is a pattern made on the floor made of colourful sand. People also light up diva lamps as it is believed that goddess Lakshmi will visit your home and give you joy, happiness and blessings.

At APS, we celebrated by learning all about the festival in lessons, having a special assembly and we had a Diwali feast for lunch!

By Shanaya 5S



### **Christmas Is Coming!**

Are you getting excited for Christmas? If so, you are not alone as billions of people celebrate it all over the world. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus by visiting church, singing hymns and exchanging cards and gifts.

Although, Christmas is not all about the presents, many people think the most special thing is to spend their Christmas with friends and family! How are you looking forward to spending the Christmas break?

At APS, we will celebrate with a Christmas jumper day and a special Christmas turkey roast. Rumour has it that Mr Norton has even set a Christmas challenge for all of the adults in school too!

Do you want to tickle someone's funny bone this Christmas? Here are some hilarious jokes that everyone can enjoy!

1. What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy? Orna-mints!
2. How did Scrooge (from the Christmas Carol) win the football game? The ghost of Christmas passed!
3. What did the salt say to the pepper on Christmas Day? Seasonings Greetings!

By Sophia 6C



### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Anti-Bullying week took place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November and, in our classes, we learnt all about bullying, why it is so awful and took part in circle times. Bullying is the word given to somebody hurting somebody else, on purpose and over a period of time. It can be with words, actions or online. Bullying really can hurt someone physically and mentally so this is a reason why Anti-Bullying week is so important.



The week raises awareness and teaches you how to support or motivate people who are bullied to stand up for themselves by bringing it up to trusted adults or peers. Also, Anti-Bullying Week can prevent bullying from happening by promoting better behaviour and a better attitude. So remember everyone: don't be a bully, don't be a bystander and speak out!

By Jayden 5H



### Winter Disco

On Thursday 7th December, Alexandra Primary School had an amazing Winter Disco for years 1 to 6. The first one was from 4:00 to 5:00pm which was the year 1 to 3 disco. The second one was for years 4-6 which was at 5:30-6:30pm

The tickets were £2 each and everyone was smiling as they gave their tickets to the teachers who were standing in the doorway. There were delicious snacks on tables which you had to pay for including crisps, popcorn and lots of sweets.

As they entered, music boomed through the hallways of APS and the disco lights were flashing red, blue and green. There were many popular songs such as Cha Cha Slide, Shape of You and Cupid. Mr Hollins was the DJ and wore a glowing jacket. Everyone will remember this special night. Sammy in 5B reported "The songs, food and decorations were good and it was fun." Some children from 3MC stated "It was good, awesome and fun."



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By Anay and Ashkan 6C



### A History of Children in Need

This year, APS raised an amazing £660 for Children in Need and got to wear mufti for the day – many wore spotty clothes and Pudsey ears, including the teachers! Here are some facts about the history of this worthwhile charity. Since it launched, BBC Children in need has raised over £1 billion for the disadvantaged children. This year, BBC Children in Need took place on Friday 17th November. This marked the 43rd TV Appeal to raise money for needy children and young people around the UK. The first Children in Need show took place in 1980 and in 1988, BBC Children in Need became a registered charity. The adorable and well-known Pudsey bear was created in 1985 by the BBC Graphic Designer, Joanna Lane. The character was named after the West Yorkshire town of Pudsey, where Joanna was born and her grandfather was mayor.

Thank you for all of your donations, they have gone towards helping children who need it.

By Anay, 6C





## Super Sports Leaders

If you are in year 3,4,5 or even in year 6, and you want to be a Sports Leader, you will want to read this article. And if you are a new sports leader, you may feel nervous as you don't know what it's like! Well, if that's the case, maybe reading the opinions of OTHER sports leaders will help. If you are at home (which you probably are) then sit back, relax, and get reading.

Abner, a sports leader in 6SC, told us: "Being a sports leader is really fun. Sometimes you are allowed to play with the people who are playing when you are on duty in the football pitches. I feel responsible and disciplined as I know I am in charge of other kids on the football pitches. I have helped to organise a sprinting race with other sports leaders. We will now hear from Keshvi, another sports leader in 6SC. "Being a sports leader is really fun and exciting; however, sometimes it can get a little bit stressful. It is really fun as you can make lots of new friends. We get along really well and have a good time. I have helped to organise a bean bag toss for year 4. The children are very well behaved and polite.

Harshath, Jalal and Kaung from 6C report that, "It is a big responsibility being a sports leader, lots of people depend on us to be fair and helpful. We always make tons of new friends and get along well with each other." Two other Sports Leaders, Sophia and Samantha love their role because it helps everyone stay active! Mr. Hollins is really nice and he lets us all take part in challenges and other fun things! Finally, we will hear from Aser, another sports leader from 6SC. "Being a sports leader is very boring. I am just joking. It is very fun as you never know what you are going to do next, which makes it exciting. We make lots of new friends and get along. I feel responsible as I am in charge and know I have to do well.

There you have it, the lowdown on life as a Sports Leader at APS. Do you think you have what it takes?

*By Keshvi 6SC and Sophia 6C*

## New Jurassic Beast Uncovered

Can you imagine an ancient sea monster with razor-sharp teeth, flipper-like limbs and a head which is longer than most humans are tall? Well, a new pliosaur fossil had been found in England, off the coast of Dorset. Steve, head palaeontologist, had discovered the monster's skull which is 6.5 feet tall – imagine how large the whole creature was.







Steve says it would take weeks to uncover the whole skeleton.

As its teeth are so sharp, it is believed that this giant beast was indeed a deadly predator. This new discovery is being called the T-Rex of the ocean.

### Did You Know?

The pliosaur was much bigger than the T-Rex, but then again mother nature comes in. Although pliosaur was bigger, the t rex had a much bigger bite force, making the pliosaur looking like a cute little kitten.

### LISTS OF BITE FORCES.

-  T rex 45000 newtons
-  Pliosaur 33000 newtons
-  Saltwater crocodile 16000 newtons
-  Lion 4000 newtons
-  Dog 1000 newtons

*By Tiana and Mustafa*

## School Council Update

This is the place to find out what our School Council have been working on.

First of all, the council have been finding out what we like and dislike about our school meal options. Chicken nuggets seem to be the most popular! Hopefully there will be some exciting new choices too, maybe even scrambled eggs!

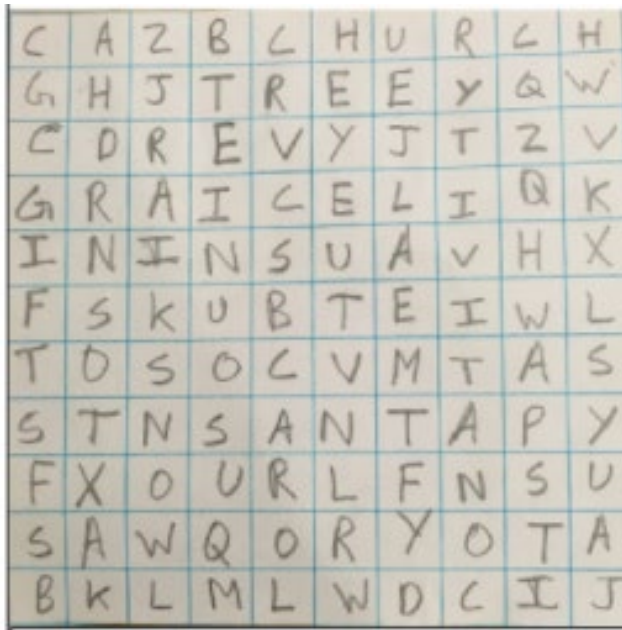
The School Council are also hoping to add more equipment. These include more footballs, basketballs, tennis balls and cricket equipment.

“We want to get equipment down from trees and make this school a better place,” says Daniel, 6C.

Remember, if you want any changes with the school, tell your class representative!

By Ashkan 6C

## Activity Corner



CHRISTMAS

JESUS

TREE

CAROL

SNOW

GIFTS

SANTA

CHURCH

## Jokes

What did the horse say after it tripped?

Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!

What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie!

Where do polar bears keep their money?

In a snowbank!

How do you make an egg-roll?

You push it!

What would bears be without bees?

Ears!

What do you call a pile of cats?

A meow-ntain!

## Final thoughts from the newspaper team

We hope that you enjoyed reading this edition of the APS Chronicle 2023. The whole team have spent a great deal of time trying to make it enjoyable for you, the readers.

If you have any ideas for the Spring edition, please feel free to contact Mrs Hounsell (5H), Miss Carberry (6C) or anyone from the team below. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2024!

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