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Avanti Fields Newsletter

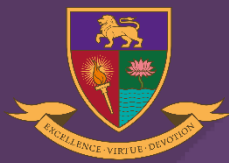
February 2021

A message from Ms Taplin

This half term has flown so quickly it barely feels a few weeks since our last newsletter. No doubt working remotely has been a challenge for everyone; for us in school to find ways to engage and challenge, for students who have faced another strange term with all learning happening remotely. And, of course for families, juggling both home learning and home working with daily family life. Despite this, Avanti Fields students have grabbed every opportunity to learn, explore and investigate new ideas, skills and concepts. This newsletter gives you a flavour of the activities and projects that have enriched the curriculum and some of the many contributions and expressions students have shared with us.

We are determined to keep the curriculum fresh and engaging and next term will bring more opportunities, including our virtual pilgrimage that will lead up to the celebration of Sri Chaitanya's birth on the 16th March. Entries for the PTFA competition are coming in but there is still time to enter before the deadline, Wednesday 24th February.

Finally, Thank you to all families for their ongoing support as "home educators", working with us to help all our young people continue with dedication, resilience and enthusiasm. Their achievements are truly a reflection of the vital partnership between school and home .



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PE Updates

THIS
GIRL
CAN

The PE department have been promoting the nationwide #ThisGirlCan campaign to try to encourage more girls to participate in physical activity and sport. Some of our students have done an amazing job at creating some PE fitness challenges for peers and staff to get involved with to really promote the message of #ThisGirlCan. It also ties in nicely with Children's Mental Health Week which encourages them to look after their well-being.

Well done to Krisha Shah, Kyana Patel, Priya Sukhadia, Priyanka Vyas, Rafaela Santos Merx, Shireen Ghai, Shivani Kandoi, Tanisha Patel and Tithi Patel for their incredible contributions and leading the way. #Inspiring #Girlsthatcan #Sport&Wellbeing

Youth Ambassadors Leadership Academy

If any student wants to be a sports leader please send Mrs Kansara a message so you can find out about how the leadership programme works and if it is definitely something you would like to be a part of.





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SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE TERM!

Sports personality of the term goes to the following students;

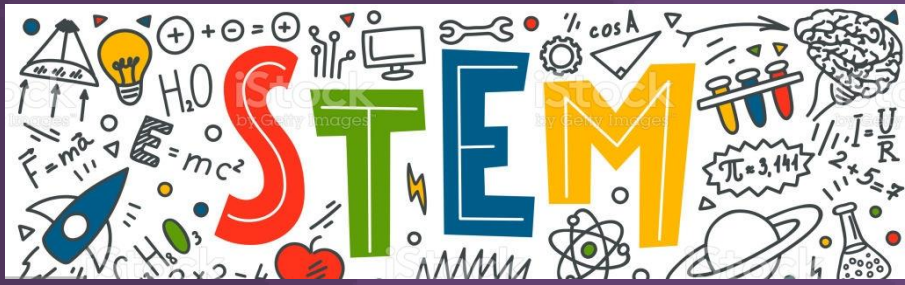
Year 7 – Kyana Patel and Xavyon Elcock

Year 8 – Shuchika Nanji and Rakib Hossain

Year 9 – Peter Williams and Priya Sukhadia

Well done with engaging with online learning for PE and being great role models!





SCIENCE NEWS

Students have been taking part in various STEM activities this month as part of our weekly challenges

Congratulations to all those who received postcards for scientist of the month!!!



Thank you Priya S for this month's design!



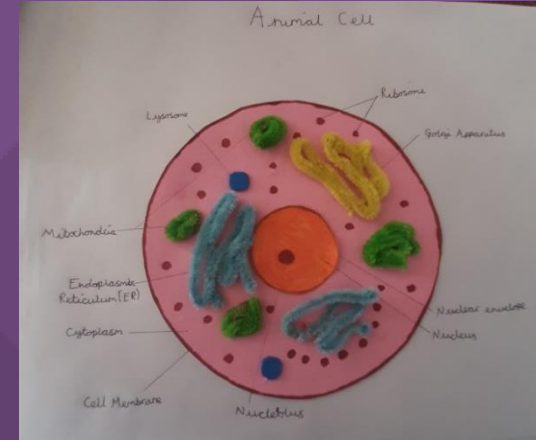
Greemy Haresh



A mechanical hand by Anjali Ramaiya



Dhvane Vishram



Krish Kala



Serena Varia



Meeraj Patel



Dhanvi Patel

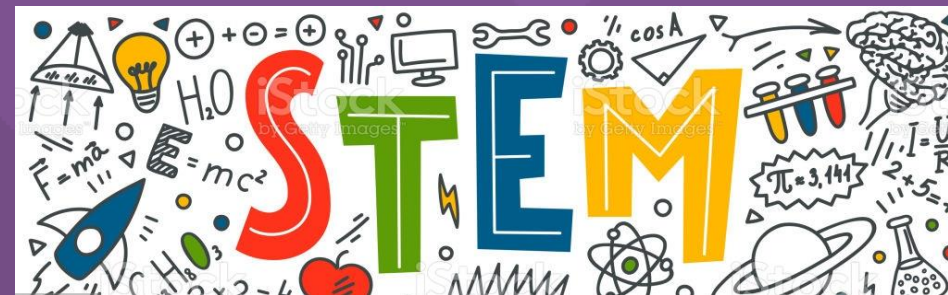


Diya Popat



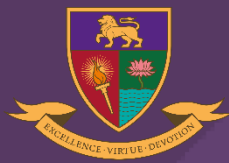
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More STEM activities in the snow!





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Virtual Pilgrimage: Leicester to Mayapur

The Avanti Fields Virtual Pilgrimage Mission is a collective virtual walk from Leicester to Mayapur, in India, the birthplace of Sri Chaitanya. The distance from Leicester to Mayapur is over 8,600 miles. This is a great opportunity for students to calculate their daily walks, runs or how far they cycle! We encourage all students to take part and tutors will collect their miles every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Along the route, students will be able to learn about places of significance and even have a street view of that place. You can check the progress being made by visiting this link <https://www.myvirtualmission.com/missions/87594/avanti-virtual-challenge>

Our aim is to arrive at the birthplace of Sri Chaitanya on his birthday on 26th March - our last day of term. On this day, we will have a school celebration, which will include a virtual tour of the birthplace site where we will conclude this Virtual Pilgrimage. Thank you in advance for supporting our students in this challenge.

**MYVIRTUAL
MISSION**



Virtual Pilgrimage: Leicester to Mayapur

- **What** - walking from Leicester to Mayapur – birthplace of Sri Chaitanya : 8,700 MILES
- **When** – starting 8th Feb to arrive 26th March – Sri Chaitanya’s birthday (and last day of term)
- **Who** – all students, with phasing-in staff and student families
- **How** – students walk, submit their daily miles to tutors, tutors upload onto a spreadsheet, DCL uploads onto the map
- **ALL** students and staff have access to the map to see progress
- Along the journey, there is access to places of significance, with information and street views for students to explore
- On 26th March – arrive in Mayapur to a virtual tour of the birthplace as part of our school celebration of Sri Chaitanya’s birthday



Design a new logo for the PTFA!

We would like you to tap into your artistic talents to design a new logo for your PTFA that reflects who we are and what we do.

What do you need to do?

For this competition, you need to design a logo [Hand drawn or on computer] which should reflect the PTFA values [same as school's] as well as the PTFA mission to bring the school community together and raise funds for the benefit of pupils.

And remember...

Try to use a colour scheme in line with the colours of the school logo, so that it shows that we are a part of the school community.

We don't mind if a grown up gives you a helping hand, but please ensure your work is mostly yours!

IT'S COMPETITION TIME!

The Avanti Fields PTFA [Parents, Teachers & Friends Association], wants a refreshing new Logo!

And who better to help us than the very people we serve!!



Help us fill this space with the PTFA LOGO?

PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!

The PTFA team's panel of judges will pick out the most suitable logo and get working on making it the PTFA's official emblem!

The chosen design will feature on all of our official correspondence as well as on our social media platforms!

And if that's not incentive enough, the artist whose design has been chosen as our new logo will be felicitated and receive an AMAZON gift voucher of £25!!

Deadline to receive entries:

Send us your design by:
Wednesday, 24th February 2021

Where to send your entries:

You can email us your design to avantifieldspfta@gmail.com

You can either email a photo of your design, if drawn by hand or a PDF version of your design, if done on computer.

Or you can post us a hard copy of your design to:

PTFA Logo Competition
c/o Avanti Fields School
2 Bruce Street
Leicester
LE3 0AF



Get your creative juices flowing.
GOOD LUCK!

The Fun Bit...

We know you all have limitless talent! Hence, we have kept no limits on your entries!

YES, you can send in as many entries as you want to increase your chance of winning!!

Don't forget...

Please ensure before sending us your entry, you have included your full name, age and form group.

If you win...

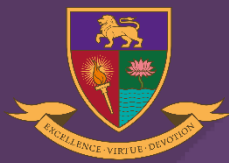
If your design has won the competition, you will be notified by the school during the Spring Term.

New site updates



Work on our new site is progressing well and as you can see, continued throughout the recent snowfall !





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Safer Internet Day 2021

Please follow @AFS_ComputerSci on Twitter for frequent updates on Online Safety

Please see the "Parents" section of the Avanti Fields website - where we have put a number of helpful documents for parental advice on online safety - and which will be updated monthly.

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/online-safety/>

We are supporting
Safer Internet Day 2021!

 **Safer Internet Day 2021** | **Tuesday 9 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Let's keep safe online

Online safety tips for parents of 11-13 Year Olds

Checklist

Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices, including your child's mobile phone. You can find out how at your broadband or mobile network provider's website. Find out how to setup safe search in Google by going to [google.co.uk/safetycentre](https://www.google.co.uk/safetycentre).

Agree boundaries

Have a family agreement about where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share.

Have a conversation

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. Discuss with them what they might come across.

62% of 11 year-olds
and 69% of 12 year
olds have a Facebook
profile despite the
minimum age of 13

13

Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Get them clued up about social networking

Talk to children about the benefits and risks of social networking before they join any sites. Let them know that anything they upload, email or message could stay around forever online.

With the increased time we are all spending working and studying on line at the moment, we wanted to share ways to keep you and your family safe.

For more information and advice on online safety, click on the link below.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/secondary/>





UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

Well done to all of the students who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge on Monday 1st February!

Students in year 9 were selected to participate in the online challenge. The challenge was one hour and consisted of answering various Mathematical questions that aim to develop student's problem solving skills.

The results are due early March and certificates will be awarded to students who meet the threshold for Bronze, Silver or Gold.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust



Sumdog Contest



A massive congratulations to all the pupils that took part in the Maths Sumdog contest this week! In total, 293 students answered 98062 questions correctly. Well done to them!

The contest took place: Friday 5th February – Thursday 11th February 2021. The contest was across both Avanti Fields and Avanti House School.

I am pleased to announce the following winners:

Overall Winning Class:

3rd – 7V

5th 7X

6th – 7U

7th – 7Z

8th – 7Y

Daily Class Winners:

7x, 7v and 7Z

Top Pupil for most answers correct:

Shaylan Mapara !

First place across both schools! Well done!

But don't take my word for it! Here are some quotes from pupils, who enjoyed the contest!

In my opinion with Sumdog, it is a great way to learn by games and it has a variety of games. Sumdog is also a competitive game, where you should be answering them correctly to help understand things better as they show you how to do the question after time is up.

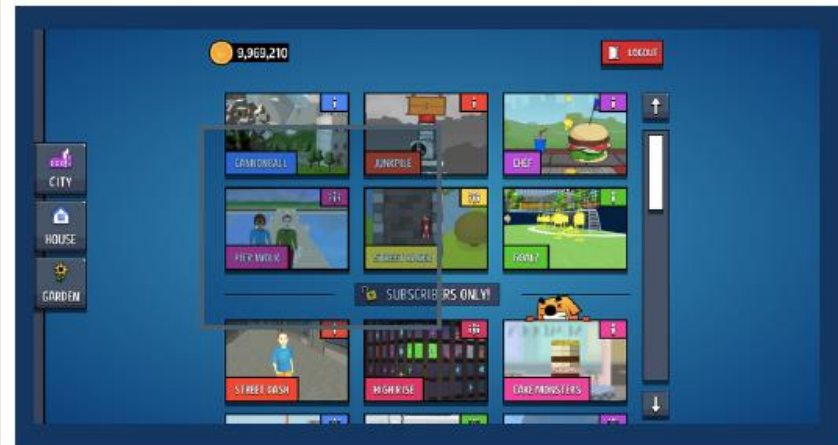
Aksayan Umashanger – Year 8

In my personal experience with Sumdog, it helped me remember all things I have learnt and it also encouraged me to learn from my mistakes, allowing me to use new ways to understand things.

Keya Maru– Year 8

As pupils enjoyed it soo much.. Watch this space for the return of the sumdog contest soon..!

Ms Rajania



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