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Avanti Fields Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents,

We are now at the end of the first half term and it has been an extremely busy seven weeks for the students. Looking back and reflecting, the team here has done amazingly well to get into a brand-new building and make the first weeks a very positive experience for the children. The new Year 7 children coming in and starting secondary school can be quite a daunting time; they came in and were very quickly settled and positive about the start of secondary school. For the Year 8 to 10s, they too have now been able to enjoy a purpose-built building with great facilities for their learning. There were teething problems, such as lunches, but these have been worked on and fixed. We have had children represent the school in football and netball. Children have also helped out at Open Events, and they have done so with great maturity - they are a real asset to the school and you should be proud of them - I certainly am.

Mr D. Kite
Interim Principal
Avanti Fields School

UPDATES FROM ART



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Year 9 are studying artists Van Gogh and the contemporary artist Richard Levine. Our Yr 9 students may wish to visit the immersive Van Gogh experience in Leicester at All Saints church, Highcross. Details here; <https://www.visitleicester.info/whats-on/van-gogh-the-immersive-experience-p789701>

Year 7 are creating art work based on the book Where the Wild Things are by Maurice Sendak. Did you read the book as a child? You might wish to find a copy from your local library and read it with your child and ask them about their art project.

Year 8 are looking at the contemporary artist Yellena James for inspiration. Find out more here yellena.com

Follow the Art department on twitter to see student work and find out more about what we do @AvantifieldsArt and follow us on Instagram [avanti_fields_art](https://www.instagram.com/avanti_fields_art)



Thanks to Creative Learning Services we have a range of objects and artists work in the Art Department for our students to draw from.



We will soon be opening an Art Shop on site at Avanti Field for students to purchase art equipment for use at home and school. More information to come from our Art technician, Mrs Walshe



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HISTORY NEWS



Every October in the UK Black History Month is celebrated. The aim is to recognise the achievements and contributions of black people not just in the UK, but throughout the world and also to educate all on Black History.

In October to celebrate Black History Month all year 7, 8 and 9 students will be given a topic or person from Black History to research over half term.

In the longer term, the History department is planning lessons which will recognise the contribution and achievements of those from not only Black but also Asian heritages by ensuring Black and Asian history is interwoven throughout the curriculum.

Throughout the month of October there are many events taking place in Leicester which mark Black History Month and promote the contributions of African and Caribbean communities. These include exhibitions, discussions, films, workshops and performances in venues across the city. If you want to find out more about the events you can search for Black History Month Leicester online or visit [www. serendipity-uk.com/black-history-month-leicester](http://www.serendipity-uk.com/black-history-month-leicester)

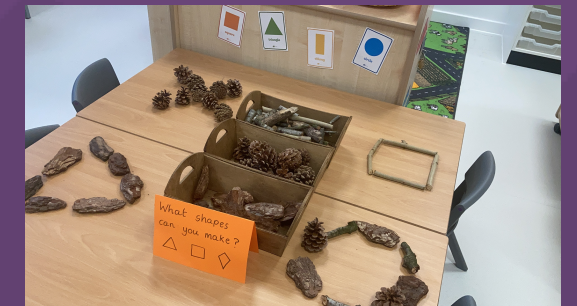


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This beautiful photo of our school was kindly sent into us by a parent



We had a great turnout for both our Primary Open Days (above) and Year 6 open evening



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PE Update



After half term students will be required to bring their PE kit and trainers in a bag to change into at school for their PE and yoga lessons.

Rules on kit; everything must be navy blue and hoodies are not allowed. Base layers/skins are allowed (only items that can be black). No jackets or coats are to be worn in PE.

Phones and valuables are student's own responsibility and we would encourage students not to bring in these items on a day they have PE. Alternatively student's should use their lockers to store their valuables.

Staff will not be responsible for items left in the changing rooms. Please also ensure students come to school with a water bottle.



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Polli:Nation for the Next Generation (Polli:Gen)

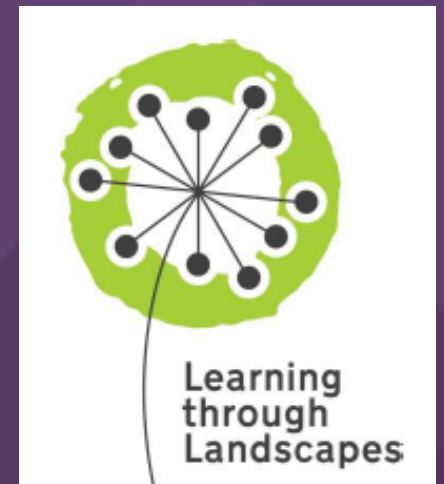
Polli:gen project is a Leicester base project some of our students have been fortunate to be part of. This project started in April 2021 in our previous school site and we have now continued with it at our new site in Hamilton.

The students are now in process of transforming an area within our new site to promote and enhance pollination.

Students will be responsible for purchasing items they need to develop the site within a given budget and with the support of staff, physically plant all seeds ready for the spring.



School site
ready to be
developed





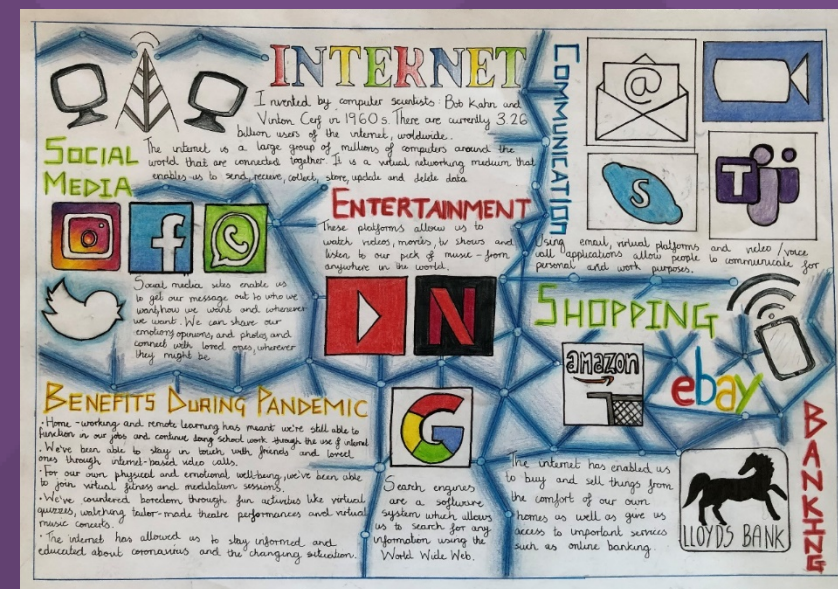
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AVANTI FIELDS SCHOOL SCIENCE COMPETITION



Design a postcard for the ‘Scientist of the month’ competition. It can be about anything you have learnt in science this year or from before.

There will be a prize for the best postcards and we will be using your designs for our future postcard rewards.



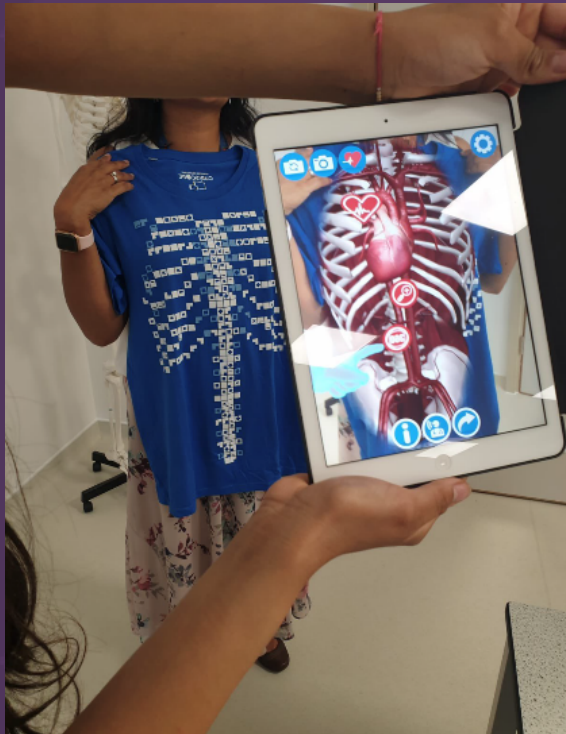
The closing date is Friday 5th November 2021.
Give your completed postcards to your Science teacher.



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Practicals in science



Using Apps to
explore our organ
systems



Cell models



Revision key rings



Microscopy



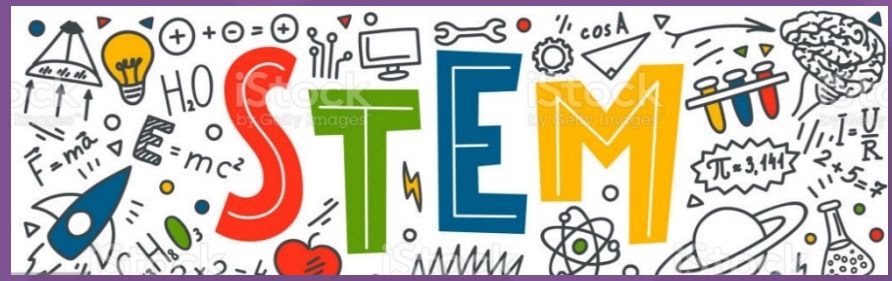
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Year 6 Open Evening



It was lovely to see so many friendly faces for our Year 6 open evening this half term!



SCIENCE NEWS: Follow us on Twitter

Follow us on Twitter to receive updates and news from Avanti Fields School and Avanti Science.

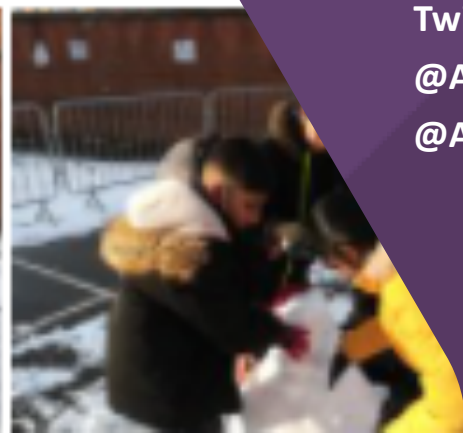
These regular feeds are a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in science.

If you do not have an account already, it is free and easy to set up and can be received not just on your computer but on a range of mobile devices: www.twitter.com

Twitter handle:

@AFS_Science

@AvantiFields



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AT AVANTI FIELDS

We will be celebrating Diwali in school on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021** and students are invited to come dressed in either traditional clothes or uniform on this day. PE lessons will accommodate this also.



Image credit: [istockphoto.com/phive2015](https://www.istockphoto.com/photo/phive2015)

On this day Govindas staff will be preparing this special Diwali menu for us all:

Shahi Paneer & Naan
Dum Biryani & Raita
Farfar/poppadoms
Spring rolls & chutney
Gulab jamun & Ice cream
Salad



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PASTORAL UPDATE

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TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM!

Well done to the following tutor groups for achieving the best overall attendance and behaviour for Term 1:

Year 7:

7PBA

Year 8:

8DCL

Year 9:

9VBR

Year 10:

10KPA

BEHAVIOUR:

Every term, students are awarded for achieving zero behaviour points. This is a brilliant achievement for students as it shows students have exemplified the school values consistently and shown significant dedication to the learning.

We have awarded an amazing 381 students for achieving this – WELL DONE!

ATTENDANCE:

Well done to all the students who have managed to achieve 100% attendance (excluding COVID) this term 😊!

We understand COVID is still a challenge for many, however, it is vital that students have excellent attendance at school (excluding COVID). Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on students' performance. There is support in place for any families who wish to access this, feel free to contact your child's form tutor/HOY.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



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A big thank you to all of the students, staff, parents, carers, friends and families of Avanti Fields School!

Together we raised **£938.75** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Organised by Ms B Vaghiela

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**



Registered with
**FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR**

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>

Together, our cakes and
cuppas mean that Macmillan
are able to be there to help
people living with cancer.



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