

Avanti Fields Newsletter December 2021

Dear Parents,

Since joining in October, I have been constantly in awe of the community that surrounds Avanti Fields School. The December newsletter highlights the exceptional work and dedication of our students, the staff and parents of the school. I am immensely proud to showcase their work in this Christmas Newsletter.

From January, there will be a number of changes to the school timetable and curriculum structure. These changes will enable more pathways for our students to excel in their core subjects and for in-year arrivals to successfully transition into our school community. As the school continues to grow, it is important for such changes to take place; Avanti Fields will quickly become a large school and ensuring that our procedures and structures are secure to support this growth is one of my key roles at the school this academic year.

I am delighted to welcome Ms Thakore, Head of Primary, From January 2022. Ms Thakore will ensure that the school is ready to welcome reception students from September 2022. Her expertise and experience in the primary phase is a welcome addition to the school to ensure that our all-through provision is well planned to support the families of our community.

I wish all of our staff, students and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Miss V Bardsley Acting Principal



New primary phase opening at Avanti Fields School 2022

It is a very exciting time for all of us at Avanti Fields School as we begin to organise the opening of the Primary Phase. My name is Ms Thakore and I am the Head of the Primary Phase at Avanti Fields.

As the Head of Primary, I am very excited to be welcoming children into our Primary phase, which will continue to have the well- established family ethos of Avanti Trust. I will endeavour to work closely with all the team to ensure every child reaches their full potential and gains the benefits of growing in our distinctive all-through school.

I value the importance of community and parental engagement. As part of the Avanti way, we will be working closely with the community and families to ensure all our children receive a balanced and well- rounded curriculum whereby every child develops a sense of worth, confidence and strives personally for high aspirations.

It is a very exciting time for all of us as we see the school develop into an all-through school. If you or anyone you know is interested in the Primary provision at Avanti Fields, please contact the office to arrange and tour of the school.

MS A Thakore Head of Primary





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ART NEWS

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Open 32 Art Competition Successes

Five students from Avanti Fields have been successful in having their artwork accepted in the prestigious Open 32 art exhibition. Each year artists from the East Midlands submit art for selection for a 7-week exhibition hosted in New Walk Museum and Art Gallery. Competition is fierce with over 800 entries, so we are delighted that Aksayan U.(yr 9), Khushi C.(yr 10, Jahnavi K.(yr 8), Dhiya B.(yr 8) and Krunalgiri D. (yr 9) had their artwork selected by the judges.

This fantastic exhibition is free of charge and open to the public from Saturday 4th December through to Friday 21st January at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery on New Walk.

We hope that you can find an opportunity to pop into the exhibition and see the fantastic artwork by our students.

Information to visit the exhibition: <u>https://www.leicestermuseums.org/leicester-museum-</u> art-gallery/





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Sports Fixtures

We have had a really great start to our year with giving students the opportunity to partake in numerous fixtures and clubs this term including Netball, Basketball, Football, Table Tennis, Rugby and a Dance competition. The students have really engaged with all we have offered and we look forward to working with the teams again next season and seeing other students try out new things.

Our year 8 Netball teams (Avanti A and Avanti B) played their final fixtures for this season and our Avanti A team displayed a fearless performance which resulted in 3 wins and 1 draw. Player of the match went to Ambika P who demonstrated a strong defence as goal keeper and her resilience meant the opposition found it difficult to score.

Our Avanti B team who only played together for the first time also displayed excellent skills on the court. They had 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses but what a fantastic performance by the girls for a first fixture. Player of the match went to Rianna D who kept up her pace and created many goal scoring chances for the team. We have had a great season and I look forward to the girls improving and developing as a team for the next one. Well done, I am proud of you girls. Well done to all the netball teams across all the year groups for their determination and attitude to developing as Netball players by attending training and giving it their all in the fixtures. Most of all, the girls were always a credit to the school and showed the Avanti values by showing great sportsmanship and teamwork.



Our Year 10 football team took part in their first fixtures of the year. They did extremely well considering they haven't all played together before. The boys tried their upmost in the rain and sleet, to reach the Semi-Finals but unfortunately came up short. Hats off to every single one of the boys, as I couldn't fault them for their efforts and how they conducted themselves throughout each game.





Leicester Tigers

Our collaboration with Leicester Tigers has meant that most of our students in years 9 and 10 have enjoyed some Rugby on the curriculum which has been led by a Tigers coach. This opportunity has been extended to an after school Rugby Club where we have had a mix of year groups and students attend. We hope to get a Rugby team together for the future to take part in some friendly competitions.

'So you think you can dance' Competition

On Wednesday 8th Dec, one of our Year 10 students competed in 'So You Think You Can Dance?' at Crown Hills Community College. There were competitors from 5 different schools with students ranging from Year 7-13. Taniyasri came 3rd in the solo competition with a beautiful contemporary piece called 'Escape'. She did the school proud and danced exceptionally well against older students in her category. Well done!

Health and Well-Being Event with SSPAN

"On Wednesday 8th December, Our Year 10 Sports Leaders had the lucky opportunity to be able to assist Leicester City SSPAN in hosting a health and well-being Festival! The day swiftly began at 9:30 am whereby we welcomed 5 different Primary Schools with Year 3&4 Students. We commenced with an energising and motivating warm up to 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree' and then began undertaking the 1st of many varying stations. Boxercise, Fruit Kebabs, A Smoothie Bike, A parachute, Football, Bingo, A coping strategy wheel, A water bottle buddy, Dancing and Learning about the amount of sugar in some of our favourite foods were the informative yet convivial activities that stimulated the young minds of some very enthusiastic and excited students. A clear favourite and highlight of the day for the students had to be the appearance of the mascot 'Active Anita'. The grinning faces and twinkling eyes conveyed a transparent message of sheer excitement and elation. The day flew by, and i think it is fair to say that all the participants left smiling in delight after a tiring but fun filled day!"

Written by Tanisha Patel (Year 10 Sports Ambassador)



PE NEWS

Sports Personality of the term

The sports personality award is awarded to pupils who have consistently gone above and beyond in both PE lessons and extracurricular clubs. These pupils have demonstrated the core values of the Avanti way and have inspired others to strive to become the best version of themselves.

Year 7

Neel Popat and Danisha Desai Year 8 Shradha Khunti and Harvin Singh Year 9 Anushka Wadhera and Shaylan Mapara Year 10 Mahil Kotecha and Neha Nayi

This has been fantastic to see the return of competitive sport and this term there has been many outstanding PE and extracurricular achievements. Many Avanti pupils have represented the school in football, basketball and netball teams and all pupils have shown improvement as the term progressed. As a collective we have experienced the highs and lows within the sporting arena, however it is the pupil's courage and resilience that has been most impressive. It has been great to see the pupils working together and demonstrating that anything is possible if they work as a team. It is these experiences that will help the pupils in those challenging situations in the future. All the pupils deserve a well deserved break and we look forward to the new year. Merry Christmas!

Leicester Riders Basketball Trip

I am very excited to take a group of students to watch a Leicester Riders basketball game at The Morningside Arena on Friday 17th December. This will be an exciting opportunity for students to watch sport and hopefully be inspired!



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AVANTIFIELDS STEM CAREER TALK

On Monday, 1st November, Evgenia Golyshava (VP Strategy and Operations at ONYX InSight - Wind turbine engineer based in Nottingham) delivered a presentation to year 8 and 9 students about careers within her industry.

She is an expert in her field and this was a wonderful opportunity for our students to tap into the world of science outside the classroom.

ONYX InSight is Part of the BP family since 2017, ONYX Insight is an award-winning global, renewable, technology business. They bring unbiased predictive analytics underpinned by real-world engineering expertise to owners and operators of renewable energy assets via 7 global offices and 10 patents.

Only recently, in 2021 Nottingham, UK – ONYX InSight, has won two Queen's Awards for Enterprise – the highest official UK awards for British companies – in the categories of Innovation and International Trade. They were one of only five businesses received two awards in 2021.





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SCIENCE COMPETITION



Well done to the following students who participated in the heats for the Chemistry Top of the Bench competition:

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Year 9 Shay R Harshiv G Akeayan U Umair Ali Z Ved V Tiya M Jayal M Urishti M Shaylan M Krishna H Year 10 Hinal S Shivani K Harshi P Tanisha P Dhruvi H Uwitonze W B Nikita K Hosam M Keyuri A Asha P



Regional heats

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Avanti Fields School in the TofTB Chemistry competition:

Hinal Solanki Shivani Kandoi Shaylan Mapara Shay Raithatha



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AVANTIFIELDS Year 7 Energy Quest

Nicola Pike joined 180 year 7s over 3 sessions on 7th December 2021.

Energy Quest is a curriculum-linked programme for schools which encourages young people to find out all about sustainable energy and learn about associated engineering careers.

Over the next 3 years EngineeringUK will be working with partners and funders to develop, test and evaluate different content and ways of delivery to maximise the programme's impact on young people.

Energy Quest allowed our students to unlock their inner engineer as they explore sustainable energy sources. Students were highly engaged and were commended on their exemplary conduct and enthusiasm.









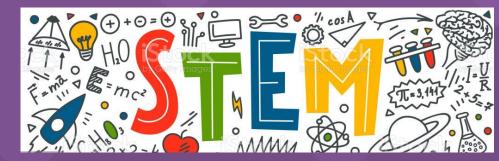






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Polli:Nation for the Next Generation (Polli:Gen)

Our Polligen project has come to an end. It has been a brilliant opportunity for students to get hands-on practical experience and learn lots about pollination.

They have planted many bulbs and seeds ready to see the results in our spring term.



In January, we will be planning a community visit, where students will be able to support a local community garden with them planting and gardening.





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SCIENTISTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to the students below for being awarded our scientists of the month.

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
	Dhanshree			Kiesha	Manav		
Dev Sheth	Punja	Anshh Dhagia	Priyan Kakad	Dharamshi	Dave	Rucha Kotak	Dhruvi Rana
	Abinav				Krishna		Sienna
Shree Sawjani	Venugopalan	Diya K Popat	lshant Gupta	Jayal Mistry	Harsad	Keyuri Adatia	Neupane
		Sahib Kaur			Parth	Regina Santos	Rafaela Santos
Anay Adatia	Hanisha Anjay	Khalsa	Akshar Ruda	Aayush Patel	Chavan	Merx	Merx
		Shradha	Diya		Heeba	Neev	
Mahin Ramniclal	Anaya Kana	Khunti	Pankhania	Pearl Pearl	Sheikh	Dineshchandra	Harshi Pamsi
				Gabriel	Chrisha		
Aditya Sangar	Riaa kotecha	Vir Parmar	Dhvani Shah	lonascu	Solanki	Neev Visana	Rheya Patel
Krishang		Maya-Diyaa	Omid	Nidesh	Suchika	Stefan	
Chandrakant	Sagun Dave	Thanki	Aslamzadeh	Hetesh	Nanji	Constantin	Janhvi Tandel













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





PASTORAL UPDATES



Stop Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event which aims to raise awareness of bullying, in schools and elsewhere. Remember that all it takes is one kind word to help people geel better!

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Care packages

Antibullying logo competition

Congratulations to Tanvi Kurra 7OOL for winning the Avanti Fields antibullying logo competition . This competition was judged by our Avanti Fields year 10 prefects. A huge well done to the runners up Stella O'Neil and Anaya Kana along with all entrants as the designs were extremely thoughtful and powerful in equal measures.



Anti-bullying Week 2021

Bullies **U**ut

Our annual care packages which contain essential items such as toothpaste, washing powder, soap , hats and gloves and more are going out to our most vulnerable families at this time of year. If you would like to request a care package in future, please let the school office know. Thank you as ever to Mrs Morbey and Mrs Joshi for co ordinating this scheme.



Please also see the attached PTFA newsletter and safeguarding newsletter

Stay Safe, Be Well

