

Avanti Fields Newsletter April 2022

Principal's Headline

Springtime is a traditionally a time for many different celebrations and festivals, from Easter to Ramadan to Ramanavami and Vaishaki. This time of year is about rebirth, reincarnation, and the start of new ventures. And so, I've been reflecting on the below core principle from The Avanti Way and will be taking the time to reconfirm what I wish to nurture and blossom within my life.

"We choose how we wish to respond to life and what we nurture within us."

This term has been a whirl wind of events and activities for our students, many of which you'll read about below. As a school, we continue to nurture our student's education, their character, and their spirituality. This term has seen our careers program host our first ever networking events, we have launched a "Your Time Leadership Programme" to promote girls' participation in sports, the science department have run a vast array of extra-curricular events, we celebrated the Gaura Purnima festival day, and our PE department have organised several enrichment opportunities for our students.

I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing Easter holiday with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.

Miss Bardsley
Avanti Fields School

House Form Captains

Thank you so much to all the students who took time out to apply for form captain roles. You all showed courage in putting yourself forward and everyone that applied and was interviewed were brilliant and it really was amazing to see so many aspiring leaders.

After some incredible applications, thoughtful discussions and interview answers, the staff panels had a really tough time choosing two representatives but it is finally time to reveal who your form captains are...













House System



The school has continued to develop our pastoral systems with the launch of our House system. Staff at the school have run a selection of activities for students to gain their house points, and I am pleased to announce the current standing of our houses. House rankings are based on the average points earned by students, as we recognise that as the school is continuing to grow, our Year 10's only represent four of the six houses.

1st place – Earth – 442 points

2nd place – Fire – 430 points

3rd place – Aether – 415 points

4th place – Cosmos – 375 points

5th place – Air – 368 points

6th place – Water – 360 points



I would also like congratulate our house captains in their new posts. Please read further about our house captains later in the newsletter.



Year 7 House Form Captains



Anika Dharamshi & Abinav Venugopaian



Shanaya Kotecha & Rahil Raythaththa



Anaya Kana & Hemang Damecha



Mansi Nayi & Tanveer Waiwala



Nidhi Pankhania & Shivam Kandoi



Dhriti Lakhani & Shivam Kotecha



Year 8 House Form Captains



Akshar Ruda & Diljot Kaur Maan



Rianna Dattani & Kayan Mapara



Diya K Popat & Pranav Savjani



Neha Limbachia & Jiya Kanani



Shradha Khunti & Aum Modha



Prarthana Shukla & Jush Brambhatt



Year 9 House Form Captains



Pawandeep Singh & Harsh Parsotamo



Vrishti Madhani & Stella O'Neill



Rhea Odedra & Akudzwa Zimbudzana



Tanveer Singh & Veda Pentakota



Upayan Dasgupta & Aisha Sharif



Shay Raithatha & Jiya Vadoliya



Year 10 House Form Captains



Harshi Pamsi & Krisha Shah



Anay Patel & Neha Nayi



Salonee Bhawsar & Khushi Chauhan



Kiya Patel & Asha Parbhoo



House Charities



- Aether: Keep Britain Tidy https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/
- Air: Great Ormond street Donate | Great Ormond Street Charity (gosh.org)
- Cosmos: Rays of sunshine Rays of Sunshine
- Earth: Fare Share https://faresharemidlands.org.uk/
- Fire: Food for life, Vrindavan India Food For

<u>Life Vrindavan — infoodle</u>

• Water: Help the homeless Leicester hthleicester.co.uk



Queen's Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty, The Queen, will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating with the focal point of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

As previously advised, because schools are on their half-term break during the week, all schools in the country were asked to set a day which suited their calendars and area. As such, both Avanti Fields School and Krishna Avanti Primary School agreed on **Tuesday 3rd May, 2022**.



PARKING ON SITE



As you are aware our Nursery and Primary phase will be commencing in August 2022. In preparation for the additional traffic on site, we strongly recommend that parents of our secondary pupils begin to trial alternative methods of transport/ drop off/ collection after the Easter break.

Following the May half term break, there will be no onsite collection of secondary students except for those parents who are blue badge holders.

You may wish to consider;

- 1. Park and Walk (from TESCO)
- 2. Walk from Humberstone Lane/Barkbythorpe Road
- 3. Cycle
- 4. Public Bus Service
- 5. Paid for Bus Service (Beaver Bus). If you are interested in signing up for Beaver Bus for the next academic year please visit the Beaver Bus website www.beaver-bus.co.uk and click on: "School Buses" tab followed by "Reservation form". You will need to complete the reservation form even if your child already travels by Beaver Bus.



PE NEWS -FUTSAL

Year 7 girls Futsal

The year 7 girls played their first ever Futsal tournament and displayed their incredible talents on the pitch. We had some amazing goal keeping skills by Sia Naker and our player of the match went to Dhanshree Punja who never stopped. She was always working hard on the pitch and demonstrated her brilliant defending skills. It was her first ever time playing football too!

A big thank you to our year 8 girls (Anaiya Dattani, Prarthana Shukla, Keya Mistry, Dhariti Raythaththa, Maya Parmar) who volunteered their time to come and help out with coaching and even had a go at refereeing the games. Their fantastic willingness to take ownership and showcase their leadership skills is what PE is all about. Thank you girls.







Year 8 girls Futsal

Well done to our year 8 girls in the Futsal Tournament where they showed resilience and a real display of team work. They were up against some tough competition as all the other school teams were year 9, but our girls stepped up and demonstrated their skills on the pitch. Player of the match went to Keya Mistry for her incredible defensive play which stopped many goals from the opposition.



PE NEWS - CRICKET



Year 7/8 girls indoor cricket

Our year 7/8 girls played in their first ever Indoor Cricket Competition where the girls had the chance to have a go at something new. We faced some tough competition against Rushey Mead and Soar Valley but the girls were happy to be representing the school and showed resilience and courage. They are now inspired to improve and develop their skills and hopefully have the chance for some competition next year. Well done to all the girls and in particular to Anaiya Dattani who scored 29 on her own for a 55 overall score and to Sia Naker for her excellent bowling skills. Special mention also to Jesson Manji who came along to coach and support the girls, many thanks for his time with volunteering and leading - a true Sports Leader in the making.





Year 8 Boys Cricket: East Leicester Indoor Cricket Finals

The Year 8 Boys Cricket Squad qualified for the Finals having beaten Moat Community College and Judgemeadow in the previous rounds.

There were 2 close games, but unfortunately, we lost both - firstly against Rushey Mead. Dian Manga opened the batting and smashed a couple of sixes before he had to retire on 25 runs. Our bowling attack is strong and Yuvray Singh blasted out their top order, backed up by some great fielding and wicketkeeping from Ronak Karelia who caught two snicks at pace behind the wicket. In the second game, Krish Kala and Yuvraj opened their shoulders and smote some mighty blows with the bat, but we fell just short again. The boys were a great credit to Avanti, showing great skill and commitment and leadership from Jesson Manji and Yuvraj. We are planning some inter-house indoor cricket competitions so look out for those. Well played Avanti! "



PE NEWS - BASKETBALL

House 4v4 Basketball Competition Results:

House points will be added for all teams as follows and to the following students for helping to referee the games; Anay Patel, Harsh Gondaliya, Tushaar Porbandary, Jai Bagtharia, Jesson Manji, Kayan Mapara Year 7:

Winners - Cosmos

2nd place - Air

Runners up - Fire, Water, Aether, Earth

Year 8:

Winners - Aether

2nd place - Water

Runners up - Air, Fire, Earth, Cosmos

Year 9:

Winners - Cosmos/Water

2nd place - N/A

Runners up - Fire, Air, Earth, Aether

Year 10:

Winners - Earth

2nd place - Air

Runners up - Fire and Water







PE NEWS

A huge congratulations to the following year 8 girls (Shristi Ashok, Anaiya Dattani, Rianna Dattani, Anjli Gorthan, Pankti Khambhayata, Shradha Khunti, Keya Mistry, Meisha Patel, Tithi Patel, Diya Popat, Prarthana Shukla, Dhariti Raythaththa) who have been selected to take part in a Your Time Leadership Programme which is a new learning programme to encourage more girls to play competitive sport. The girls will be starting the first year of a three year programme and are excited to start their training and launch some events in the future. Also, a massive thank you to Tanisha Patel and Shivani Kandoi in year 10 who have offered to guide and support the girls. #TheseGirlsCan #GirlsinSport #AvantiGirlsSport







HOUSE FORM CAPTAINS



House form captains

After some incredible applications, thoughtful discussions and interview answers and an even tougher time for the staff panels choosing two representatives, the house form captains were chosen this week. ALL the applicants were brilliant and it really was amazing to see so many aspiring leaders. Form captains were introduced during assemblies this week and given the chance to tell us what their goals are. We also had a photo opportunity so we could get all students from each house together. Badges will be given out very soon!







FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE

A massive well done to 8 Water who raised a huge £247 selling ethos friendly doughnuts last week. Our next step is to purchase items needed by the Ukrainian centre in Leicester and take them across to show our support.

Parents and staff have received details about the charity appeal from Avanti Schools Trust to raise £10,000 towards food and meal distribution to displaced families in Ukraine. We would like to encourage you all to support the appeal in any way you can – whether that is through generous donations of any amount and promoting the appeal to your family and friends.

https://justgiving.com/campaign/unitedforukraine

If you wish to participate in "The Homes for Ukraine scheme", please register your interest with Ukrainian IskCON members. Connecting to a Ukrainian family via this channel will mean that you will be providing shelter for a family (or individual) connected to ISKCON and lives with the values of vegetarianism and no alcohol or smoking. The only requirement is that your household is vegetarian and alcohol-free.

You can find more information about the government scheme here https://www.gov.uk/government/news/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-launches.



PRIMARY CLASS NAMES



Following a staff vote for primary class names, we're pleased to say we are going for the plant/tree names which we feel effectively captures the growth of our students.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Acorn	Buttercup	Snowdrop	Daffodil	Chestnut	Ash	Willow	Oak
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Walnut	Daisy	Bluebell	Tulip	Cedar	Beech	Maple	Elm
							
Seeds	Flowers			Trees			



Intermediate Maths Challenge Certificates







- Krishi
- Shruti
- Upayan
- Aarush
- Harshiv
- Dhiyaan
- Shreeya
- Nishaan
- Jayal
- Tiya
- Preet
- Shay
- Jiya

- Tanisha
- Dhani
- Miraya
- Rohan
- Melissa
- Shivani
- Neha
- Harshi
- Tushaar
- Krisha
- Hinal
- Peter

- Malwina
- Stella

- Sanvi
- Raoul
- Safal

- Shaylan(best in Year)
 - Hosam(best in School)

Well done to all students that passed the

threshold to achieve a Bronze, Silver or

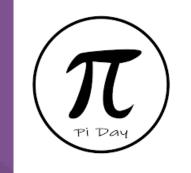
Gold certificate in this years

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge!



Pi Day Challenge Winners

In March, we held a competition to see how many digits of Pi our students could recite from memory.







(75 decimal places)

(Year 9)



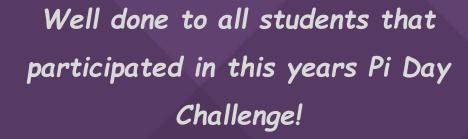
Hosam
(Year 10)

(137 decimal places)



Aksayan
(Year 9)

(152 decimal places)





What we are learning this term in science



In **SCIENCE**, students are currently studying a topic based on the foundations of **electromagnets**, which is part of PHYSICS. Students have been exploring the different components used in electrical circuits, resistances and electrostatic charge.

Students have developed their scientific enquiry skills and building their knowledge on the following key concepts:

- Electrical components
- Series and parallel circuits
- Resistance
- Electrical fields
- Static charge



BIG QUESTIONS

- Who discovered electricity?
- Is electricity used in the human body?
- Why is lightning dangerous?

What we are learning this term in science



AVANTI FIELDS

Year 8

In **SCIENCE**, students are currently studying a topic based on the key concepts of **Earth and the universe**, which is part of PHYSICS. Students have been looking at the structure of the earth, rocks and exploring stars and galaxies.

Students are building on their knowledge on the following key concepts:

- Structure of the Earth
- The rock cycle
- Stars and the galaxies
- Science models

BIG QUESTIONS

- How did Earth and other planets form?
- How does Earth's interior work, and how does it affect the surface?
- How do stars and planets form and evolve?

Please encourage your child to use Doddle, their CGP workbooks and Google Classroom to support their independent study and completion of homework.

What we are learning this term in science



Year 9

AVANTI FIELDS

In **SCIENCE**, students are currently studying a topic based on the key concepts of **cells**. which is part of BIOLOGY. Students have been looking at specialised cells and how microscopes work.

Students are building on their knowledge on the following concepts:

- Cells
- Specialised cells
- Microscopes
- Movement of substance

BIG QUESTIONS

What colour is a nucleus?

How many different types of cells can be found inside the human body?

What is the smallest human cell?

Please encourage your child to use Doddle, their CGP workbooks and Google Classroom to support their independent study and completion of homework.

IET FARADAY COMPETITION



This half term, 36 of our year 8 students took part in the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) Challenge Day. Students worked in teams of six to complete a range of tasks and present their ideas. They were judged on a success criterion and how well they worked as a team. Our year 8 students were a credit to the school and the winning team were awarded £10 gift vouchers each and a winner's plaque for the school. We are extremely proud of our students, how they conducted themselves and the resilience they showed when trouble shooting problems in their designs. The presenter and staff involved fed back that they thoroughly enjoyed the high-level of discussions that took place and mentioned how wonderful it was to see our students' passion and enthusiasm for science throughout the day.

Well done to all students who took part and huge congratulations to the winning team!



British Science Week 2022

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University of Oxford Material Science day: What a wonderful experience for our year 10 students, AVAINTER spending a day at the department of Material Science at the University of Oxford. They had an action-packed day, including talks about the various opportunities that are on offer, hands on practicals using state of the art equipment, tours around St Anne's College, discussions about physics in toys, careers talks and Q & A with current post and undergraduates about University life.





Scientists of the month: March 2022



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

Year 7

Mansi Nayi
Sameeksha Gupta
Japnaam Singh Khalsa
Rohan Pancholi
Rahil Raythaththa
Krish Joshi
Khyan Patel
Mastoorah Sharif

Year 8

Kayan Mapara
Greemy Haresh
Siddhant Yogesh
Arron Kharbanda
Pranav Savjani
Karina Vyas
Priyanka Thakkar
Omid Aslamzadeh

Year 9

Anmol Rani
Drashtee Mahesh
Hem Bamania
Vignesha Bhavesh
Krishna Harshad
Mrunali Jotania
Ria Modhwadia
Hit Umeshchandra
Shreya Rana
Shay Raithatha

Year 10

Prathvi Baraiya
Pratham Harkishan
Sahil Patel
Raoul Ganatra
Parth Baria
Khushi Hitendra
Jasmin Saund
Asha Parbhoo

Salonee Bhawsar Jai Bagtharia



PTFA Health and Wellbeing Event – 7th May 2022





After the pandemic, and with Covid still around us, the PTFA is organising a major community event that focuses on our health and wellbeing.

It's more important now than ever that we, and our children, are able to look after ourselves mentally, physically and spiritually.

The Avanti Fields PTFA Health and Wellbeing Day will be held on **Saturday 7th May 2022**, from 10am till 4pm, at the school.

We'll bring you more details in the coming days, but please add this date to your diary. We'd love for you and your family and friends to be there!

The event will feature stalls from local community groups and organisations that promote health and well-being. There'll be advice sessions on Diabetes-related matters from NHS specialist, Yoga and meditation sessions, fun and fitness, and other unique ways we can all look after ourselves. Of course, there'll be plenty of fun activities for Children too!

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, or would like to enquire about a stall, offer your services relating to health and well-being or sponsor any aspect of the event, please complete this form https://forms.gle/8RS53oNhywoGSWnK7

For further information, please get in touch with us on avantifieldsptfa@gmail.com



Ninja Warriors

A great time was had by staff and students alike at the Ninja Warriors event organised by the PTFA which took place on Sunday 3rd April















Please also see the attached Safeguarding newsletter and SEND newsletter

Stay Safe, Be Well





