



AVANTI GARDENS  
SCHOOL

# Avanti Gardens Family Bulletin

*Welcome to the AGS Family Bulletin. In this communication with parents and carers, we aim to bring together our whole school community by sharing information*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear Families,

I write to you this week with great excitement. Pupils this week have taken part in our Curriculum Enrichment Week, where teachers plan a week of lessons based on our whole school theme: 'Why is Bristol a diverse community?'. Teachers have built links to their current topics to dive into the question, specifically immersing ourselves into the role of historians and artists. All classes have used their subject skills to acquire new knowledge about our community and created a collaborative project. More will follow in next week's shocase newsletter.

Pupils in EYFS have also worked supremely hard to put on their Nativity performance. Families of pupils in EYFS will be sent the recording of the Nativity performance to watch with their families at home.

Today we raised a whopping £150 for Save the Children as part of our Christmas Jumper day. Today felt very festive - Pupils and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch, cooked by our Govinda's staff.

Thanks again to all families for helping us remain COVID safe. Thanks in particular to any family who has so far had to self-isolate whilst awaiting test results.

I wish you a restful and safe weekend. The team and I look forward to welcoming the school community back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mr Milum



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# CLASS UPDATES

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## RECEPTION

This week in Orchid class we have been exploring, just like the rest of the school, the question 'Why is Bristol so diverse?'. We began by looking at what and where Bristol is. The children had fun discussing and finding places they have lived and visited. We then explored how we are all different and unique. The children then had a go at creating a class piece of art, each child had a go at decorating an air balloon in their own individual way to represent their uniqueness. The children have also worked incredibly hard to practice and perform our nativity. We are all so proud of the children and were so impressed with their enthusiasm and dedication!

*Miss Silverthorne*

## DAFFODIL

It has been a thoughtful week for enrichment week. We have created art in the form of balloons, handprints and designing our own street art to promote diversity. The big question we have tackled is why is Bristol so diverse? We have explored this through discussion, spoken word, with drumming and images.

In maths we have looked at ordering groups, numbers and looking at more than, less than, equal to. Another group has looked at addition. Well done year one for a busy week, rich with learning opportunities. We have enjoyed singing jingle bells- I didn't realise we have such beautiful singing voices in the class! I wish you a restful weekend... not many days left on our tree calendar until we break up!

All the best

*Miss Jackson and Mrs Cook*

## SUNFLOWER

Hello Sunflower Class parents

Our learning: This week we moved away from the usual curriculum and timetable for Enrichment Week. Each class in the school has been working to answer the big question: Why is Bristol so Diverse? In Y2 we have been discussing this through sharing some of the things we love about Bristol. One of these things is St Paul's Carnival. We've spent the week learning about what Carnival is, why this fantastic event started in our city and why it is so special to Bristolians from all over the world. We've watched video footage, listened to music, and danced - a lot! We've explored Carnival through our 5 senses and, as a finale, we had our own mini carnival! More information and photos will follow in next week's bulletin with a whole school round up of Enrichment Week.

Notices: Thank you again for your continued engagement with homework set through Google Classroom. Many of you have given feedback and this is really helping me to refine the tasks to suit the children's learning and ICT skills. I'm sure you will appreciate that confidence with ICT varies from household to household, as this is not something that has been explicitly taught in school yet (but soon will be). We are relying on parents and older siblings a little here, to help children with inputting their responses where needed.

I have planned some time into our timetable next week to support the class with this. We will show the children how to complete tasks in Google Classroom and support them with some of the skills needed so that they become more confident and independent.

Miss Hussain has come to the end of her placement at Avanti Gardens and will now move on to complete her training elsewhere. We wish her the very best of luck.

Miss Lollover, Miss Jeffries and I will continue to work together in wonderful Sunflower Class.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

*Miss Roberts.*

## IRIS and PEONY

This week in year 3 we have been focusing on our big question - Why is Bristol so diverse?

The children got creative and produced some wonderful collages relating to Bristol and diversity. We discussed images that made us think of Bristol, what we could include to represent diversity and different resources and materials we could use.

We have also written persuasive letters outlining why Walter Tull deserves a blue plaque. The children have fully engaged with this and as a result have written some brilliant letters, using lots of persuasive language.

Well done on a great enrichment week Year 3!

*Miss Griffith and Miss Butterfield-West*

## FOXGLOVE

This week has been Enrichment Week at school; we have been celebrating our diverse Bristol and school community.

To answer the question “Why is Bristol so Diverse?”, we have been looking at the graffiti and street art around Bristol, the Black Lives Matter movement and the statue of Edward Colston.

In English, we continued on from our work on pirates this term and have been writing a biography about the Bristol born pirate, Blackbeard. We played detectives and conducted in-depth research into Blackbeard’s life to help us find the important facts and life events for our biographies.

The most interesting was how Blackbeard would set alight to his beard to scare other people!

We also included drawings of what we thought Blackbeard would look like – Edward’s and Malena’s drawings were fabulous!

Overall, it was a great success and the children have produced great biographies.

In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 3, 6 and 7. We are developing and learning our times tables knowledge; multiplying and dividing and looking for patterns. Everyone has worked really hard this week.

For our class art project, we have recreated the Avanti Gardens School crest, using different mediums and materials. We drew our individual portraits and added them to the crest. Groups of us created the different sections: the lion, water, flower and fire. Theo drew an excellent torch for the fire section, and Miriam’s drawing of the lion is exquisite!

*Mrs Painter*

## SNAPDRAGON

Dear parents/guardians

The children have enjoyed enrichment week and have produced some fantastic artwork, both the school flag designs and statue for the vacant Colston plinth have been really imaginative.

The children have been writing some performance poetry, which they will be filmed performing, based around what Bristol means to them.

Thank you very much to the parents who gave their responses to what this city means to them. We have incorporated some of your ideas into the poem.

Year sixes have had an assessment week this week along with enrichment week. I have been delighted with the effort which they have put in.

The improvements made have been brilliant and I know the children are proud of themselves.

I still have a few of the fantastic science fiction stories to finish, the published copies will be sent home by Wednesday.

Many thanks and again thank you for support

*Mr Youngs*

## P.E.

We are now in the penultimate week of term 2, where does the time go?! We have loved every minute of our first term with the Avanti family! Our main teachers, Mr Gill and Mr Evans have been showing off their very best coaching skills this week, having undergone their very first Sporting Chance observations. I am pleased to say that they both shone brightly! We collected feedback from some of the children as part of the observations. Here are some lovely quotes from the children.

“I love being active and learning new skills with Mr Evans...Netball is my new favourite sport!”

“He is really helpful at improving my skills”

“The sports man is very kind!”

“Gymnastics has been great fun; we learnt a number of new skills...I loved using the springboards”

“My favourite game is the ‘flycatcher’, it helps me practice my throwing”

“I can't wait to play tag rugby next term - the sports teacher told us all about it”

### Sporting Chance extra-curricular clubs

Thanks to everyone who has completed the survey and sent us feedback on provision. We are now in the process of exploring the options for term 3 and will be back in touch via the newsletter by the start of next term with some proposals.

**Year 1:** we have been working hard to improve our sending (rolling and underarm throwing) and receiving (retrieve and collect) skills all term and last lesson we made great strides. Y1 have worked very hard to achieve this...well done

**Year 2:** Dance, dance, dance! This week we have been listening to the music and identifying a beat...moving to the beat and starting to create our own routines.

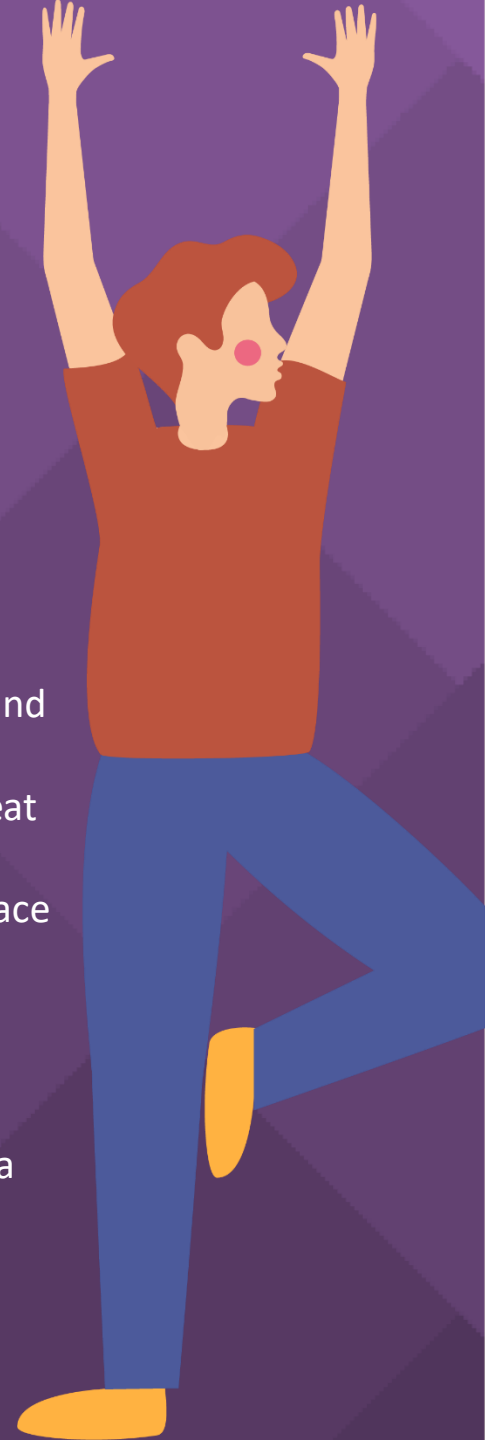
**Year 3:** our netball skills have come a long way since the start of term. We concentrated this week on ‘moving into space to receive a pass’. Brilliant work Y3

**Year 4:** We’ve had a great week showing off our netball skills, completing a carousel of different games focusing on scoring, attacking and defending. As next week is our last week it would be amazing to see Christmas jumpers to celebrate during their last PE session for the term!

**Year 5/6:** Years 5 and 6 had a real challenge on their hands. This week in PE groups were given a challenge to create a unique gymnastics routine with limited equipment! All groups showed great ability and imagination within their performances.

Be the best version of you...

Mr Davies, Mr Gill, Mr Evans, Mr Dyer





# WOW OF THE WEEK

**EYFS:**  
This week's WOW work goes to the whole Orchid class. They have worked incredibly hard to create a whole class art place that you can see in the picture to represent our learning during our enrichment week. The children worked incredibly hard to use different mediums to create a shared piece of work. In addition, they also were amazing in our nativity performance!



**Year 1:**  
This week's wow work is the whole class balloon display, we have been creating in the style of Jenny Urquhart. This is to celebrate Bristol; we have added flags from where we are from to celebrate diversity. Later the balloons will be added to a picture of the school acting as a background. We are very impressed with the unique and colourful result! Year 1 worked with focus and creativity.  
Wulf's maths work has been added for working with numbers to 100! - great job Wulf.



Write in the missing numbers up to 100.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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Amazing work

## Year 2:

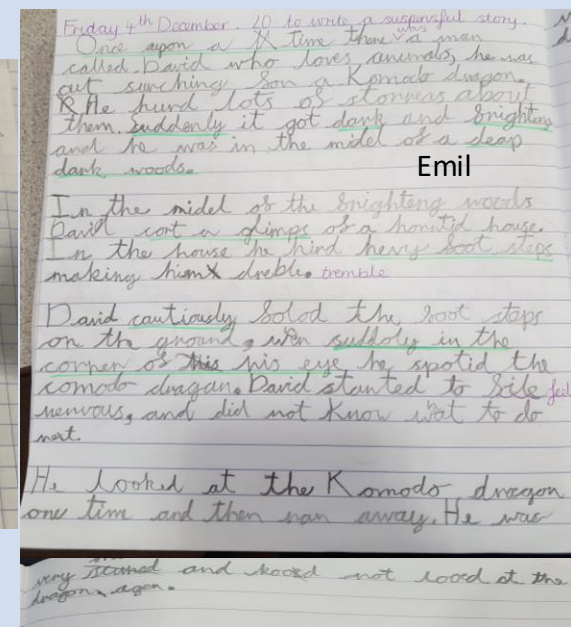
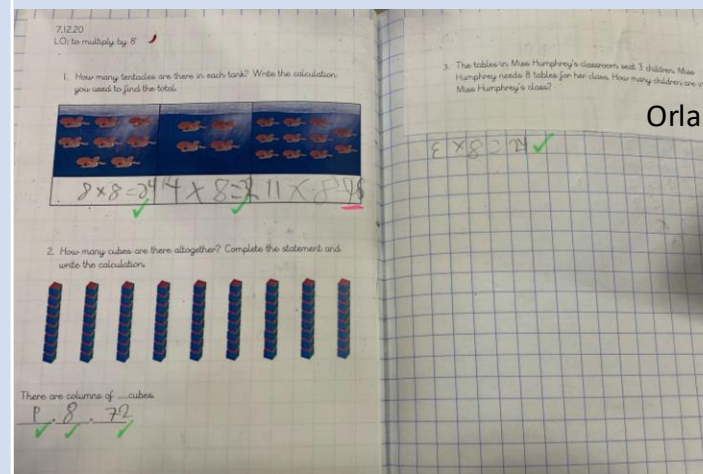
This week we have decided that the WOW! work should go to ALL of Sunflower Class. This is for their discussions and learning around the Black Lives Matter movement in Bristol. The level of maturity, empathy and respect shown by the children has wowed us all. Well done Sunflowers - you make the world a better place!



## Year 3:

Peony: WOW work of the week goes to Orla for her math's work. She used the resources in the classroom and her previous knowledge to solve her math's problems independently and successfully. Well done Orla!

Iris: This week the wow work for Iris class goes to Emil. Despite being absent from school for a long period, he came back with great enthusiasm and determination. Not only was he able to catch up on the work we had been doing in class, but he also created an amazing piece of suspenseful writing. Attached are pictures of his story that he wrote independently. Well done Emil





Year 4:

This week the children are all WOW workers!!! as they have been really creative in the production of a school shield.

This marked the end of Enrichment Week which saw the children demonstrating heartwarming Teamwork and Mutual Respect.

Well done! Foxglove Class.



Year 5/6:

Martha's designed this wonderful flag which represents the British Values

Replacement for Colston's plinth.

Lola has chosen a spiral of Clifton houses to as a replacement statue as it represents the colourful culture of Bristol



## NOTICES

### End of term

The last day of term is Wednesday 16th December.

We will be closing at the normal time.

EYFS 3:00pm

KS1 & KS2 3:15pm

### Staff News

Miss Griffith will now be joining the EYFS team. We are very excited to begin developing the team ready for Sept '21 when we anticipate having two classes.

We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Jackson who will be leaving Avanti Gardens at the end of this term. We wish Miss Jackson all the best in her future.

### Lost property

Please ask your children to take a look in our lost property bin which is situated near reception to the right of the doors as they exit for the playground.



### Christmas Jumper Day

What a fantastic festive day it has been, it's lovely to see all the children and staff wearing their festive jumpers and they really enjoyed their Christmas lunch with crackers and festive music too!

We have raised a grand total of almost £150 for Save the Children, thank you for all your donations!

## HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICES

### MAINTENANCE WORK

In the coming months improvement work on the schools roofing will be undertaken. The Trust and Mr Newland, our Premises Manager, will be working to ensure that this work is carried out safely

### CAR PARK – NO DROP OFF / PICK UP

Please be aware that the front carpark on College Road **cannot** be used for dropping off or picking up children without prior agreement.

This is to ensure the safety of the children.





# SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please see the Menu for next term.

Govinda's would love to hear what you think about the school menu. They would like to know which meals are most/least popular with your children in order to plan for menus in the future.

The link for the survey is <https://s.surveyplanet.com/RbyoJULNt>.

# FOOD JUNCTION



## WEEK 2

## WEEK 3

### MONDAY

- Mediterranean Vegetable Tart \*\*\*
- Vegetable Bolognese \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Fruit Flap Jack

- Grilled Vegetable Fajitas \*\*\*
- Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Carrot Cake

- Bean & Cheese Quesadillas \*\*\*
- Penne Pesto Pasta \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Chocolate Cookie

### TUESDAY

- Vegetable Lasagne \*\*\*
- Potato & Pea Curry with Naan \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Apple Crumble with Custard

- Sausage Casserole with Beans \*\*\*
- Mexican Nachos with Chili Bean & Tomato Salsa Salad Sour Cream & Cheese \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Chocolate Mousse

- Shepherd's pie \*\*\*
- Jerk Paneer Wraps \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Peach & Raspberry Crumble with Custard

### WEDNESDAY

- Mexican Bean Wrap \*\*\*
- Roasted Veg Pasta Bake \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Fruit Jelly

- Vegetable Curry with Rice \*\*\*
- Arrabiata Pasta \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Coconut & Jam Cake

- Vegetable Stir Fry Noodles \*\*\*
- Penne Primavera with Roasted Vegetables \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Chocolate Mousse

### THURSDAY

- Vegetable Burger with Salad \*\*\*
- Mac and Cheese \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Chocolate Chip Cookie

- Mixed Bean Burritos \*\*\*
- Cottage Pie \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Rhubarb Crumble with Custard

- Sausage & Mash \*\*\*
- Fajita Wrap Filled with Rice Beans & Cheese \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Apple Flapjack

### FRIDAY

- Pizza & Chips \*\*\*
- Vegetable Biryani \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Jacket Potato with Daily Topping \*\*\*
- Ice Cream

- Pizza & chips \*\*\*
- Spiced Swish Chard with Butter Beans & Couscous \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Ice cream

- Pizza & Chips \*\*\*
- Chickpea and Sweet Potato Curry \*\*\*
- Seasonal Salad Bar and Vegetables \*\*\*
- Assorted Sandwich \*\*\*
- Ice Cream

Salad, fresh breads & fresh fruits are available every day!

Allergens: G gluten Mu Mustard Mk Milk Ce Celery Se Sesame Seed So Soya Su Sulphur Dioxide



175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments					
190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence 180 days of Education	19 days of absence 171 days of Education	29 days of absence 161 days of Education	38 days of absence 152 days of Education	47 days of absence 143 days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good Best Chance of Success</b>		<b>Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered</b>		<b>Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action</b>	

w/c 07.12.20	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
97.5 %	97.2 %	98 %	96.4 %	98 %	98.2 %

# AVANTI GARDENS VIDEO

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[Please click here to watch a video about our school](#)



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