

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

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

Dear Families,

Well done for your first full week of remote learning. I've been impressed to see the quality of e-learning being achieved in all year groups.

Teachers have enjoyed telling me about the successes that they have seen with their classes this week. I'm heartened to see that pupils are still making progress, dispite not being in the school building. Well done to those learners who have had to be in school, great perseverance and determination seen in both bubbles this week. (have a look at some of the learning on our twitter)

A massive thanks to all parents/carers for their support to your children in their learning. The lockdown has meant a huge change to the way we are working and appreciate this has made family life very busy. Well done and thank you for everything you are doing.

To the whole school community – have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours Faithfully, Mr Milum



CLASS UPDATES

RECEPTION

It has been a brilliant week for Orchid class. It is fantastic to hear that you're accessing the phonic videos and applying your phonic knowledge into your writing too.

In Maths we have been comparing numbers to 5 and using our 5 frame to help us. Some children have been comparing numbers on dominoes and playing cards as well as numbers in the environment.

In Jigsaw, we listened to the story of 'The Tortoise and the Hare'. We thought about never giving up and setting ourselves a challenge. The children enjoyed the lego challenges they were set, and it was lovely to hear how they overcame their challenge by not giving up. In Literacy we have continued to learn the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and it has been great to hear that you have been performing it along with the actions at home. We were then set a challenge to make puppets so that we could have our very own puppet show about the story. In Topic we listened to the story of 'How to Catch a Star' and used our communication and language skills to identify why certain objects within the story were important.

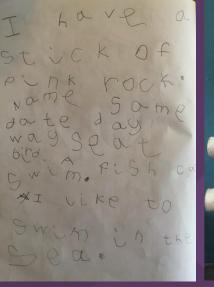
Please keep sending us photos of your learning, we are really enjoying them!

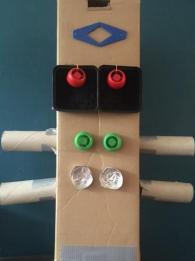
Mrs Osborn and Miss Griffith

DAFFODIL

What a fantastic week of leaning you've all had. Thank you so much for sending your work in, I've so enjoyed looking at your learning. In Maths the children have been continuing to get to know numbers to 50 through place value, ordering numbers and sequencing. In English the children have been new reporters and have interviewed our main character about the disaster in the story! In Phonics the children have been continuing to learn with help from Rosie, who has been teaching them sounds as well as helping them with their sentence writing.

In Science the children have been continuing to explore materials and their properties. In History the children have been learning about the difference between old and new kind of toys and how they compare.





Look at some of the amazing work from Sid, who has inspired us all this week! He has done some fantastic writing in English and in science Sid made a robot out of lots of different materials



 3 + 3 = 6 Aani has

 6 + 4 + 9 Fantastic

 Double 6 = 12
 Fantastic

 4 + 10 = 17 Fantastic

 4 - 4 = 70 Fantastic

 3 + 3 + 3 = 9 Fantastic

 6 + 3 = 64 Fantastic

 15 + 15 = 13 Fantastic

 6 + 8 = 13 Fantastic

 15 + 15 = 13 Fantastic

 6 + 8 = 13 Fantastic

 6 + 10 = 10 Fantastic

Aani has also sent in some fantastic work this week. Here is Aani working on her maths skills Look at that fantastic addition work.

You are doing so well! Keep up the fantastic learning, I cannot wait to see your learning next week!

Mrs Cook

SUNFLOWER

Hello Sunflower Families

Thank you for continuing to engage with our virtual classroom and for sending me pictures of the fabulous learning you have been doing at home.

It has been lovely to speak to the children this week and to hear how much they are thriving whilst enjoying this extra time with you. I have had the pleasure of listening to almost every child read and it really is a joy to hear so clearly, the progress they make with each and every book. Please continue to keep reading at the heart of your daily routine - whether that's a bedtime story, reading a story to a sibling, enjoying a comic or reading the cereal box at breakfast time!

In class we had been enjoying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory together. I have now uploaded videos so that children can continue to listen to the story for pleasure at home.

We are all learning to juggle a lot of balls at the moment and I appreciate that some days are more difficult than others. Please do stay in touch with us and we will continue to do all that we can to support you.

Very best wishes,

Miss Roberts

IRIS and PEONY

Dear Year 3 children and families.

Iris class have had a lovely first full week learning from home. It has been so lovely speaking with you all on the phone and seeing the wonderful work all the children have been doing. I truly appreciate all the feedback that you have been giving as I hope to make this time as smooth running as I can for you all.

I have been blown away by everyone's positive attitude this week and I really hope it continues.

Please do keep sending me pictures of work or anything you are making/doing at home, it makes the days so much brighter. Thank you.

Miss Butterfield-West

FOXGLOVE

Hello Foxglove Families,

It has been great speaking to you all again this week and I have been amazed by the work that has been sent in. I have seen some beautiful writing happening in English and you have shown great maths skills, learning and practicing your multiplication. It has also been great to hear about you enjoying becoming historians, learning more about the Anglo- Saxons and scientists by experimenting with string telephones to help you think about how sound is made.

It has been brilliant to hear about what else you have been doing to keep yourselves busy aside from the work set. Miriam has been using her amazing drawing skills to illustrate her own calendar, Theo has been making scrambled eggs for his family and lots of you have been reading!

I'll look forward to seeing what you get up to next week.

Miss Silverthorne

SNAPDRAGON

Dear parents/guardians

Thank you for all your efforts this week in difficult circumstances.

Work has been returned in a variety of ways and there have been a few glitches along the way. Google classrooms has been hiding the work which has been handed in and I've only discovered that through conversations with yourself. I will reply to each piece of work handed in, either through Google classrooms or via e-mail, if you are not seeing a reply please let me know so it can be sorted. It's been lovely to speak to yourselves and the children over the last week, keep up the amazing work. Stay safe and have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. Youngs



We hope you have had the opportunity to join one of Sporting Chance's virtual P.E. sessions. They are being offered in a bitesize format for home learners. They have also launched Sporting Chance Family Bootcamps.

Both these activity sessions are available weekly to all via their Facebook Page, Youtube channel and website. The main link you will need to take you to the 'lockdown videos' section on our website is below...all videos can be viewed from there.

Weekly releases

Mondays - EY/KS1 and a KS2 skills lesson Tuesdays - Family Bootcamp session 1 Thursdays - Family Bootcamp session 2

https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/lockdown-videos

WOW OF THE WEEK

EYFS:

Issy made her own playdough and used her fine motor skills to create a face. She also coloured in story cards for 'The Enormous Turnip' and placed the cards into order to sequence the story.

Year 1:

It's been great to hear how you all are getting on at home this week. Well done to you all!

This week's Wow work goes to Sid for making porridge linked to our story The Magic Porridge Pot.







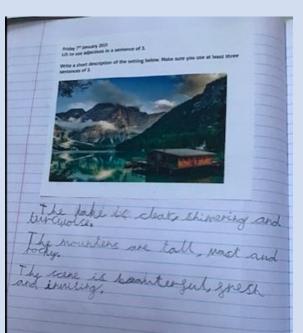
Year 2:

This week's WOW! work comes from Wilfie who beautifully read the non-fiction book 'Our Incredible Planet'. He was able to share lots of important and useful information with me all about how to protect our environment. But the thing I like most of all was that, once Wilfie had finished the book, he said "Do you know, I felt like I wasn't even reading at all. I was just lost in another world." Well done, Wilfie. You are no longer *learning to read* - you are now a *reader*!!



Year 3:

My wow work this week is for Avani, for using great sentences of three to describe images. She has also done a brilliant job of including them in her writing.



Year 4:

This week's WOW work goes to Olivia. This week in Foxglove class we have been learning how to use different grammar techniques to improve our writing. Olivia impressed me with her writing. She managed to come up with some beautiful sentences that included similes, adjectives, and fronted adverbials. Take a look at a few of her amazing sentences that she came up with!

- 1. Under the sea, the beautiful coral bloomed colourfully, like a rainbow.
- 2. On a sunny day, in the forest, the sun shone brightly through the branches, making the leaves shine like jewels.
- 3. On a rainy day, the reflections of the trees appeared eerily on the wet road.

Year 5/6:

Ava has written a descriptive paragraph using excellent adjectives and similes which make the writing come alive. She has really thought about the content and how to link it with our theme. Perseus arrived at the Catatron's damp and smelly cave. Carefully, he edged inside so that he did not slip on the mould. Pebbles started to shake and fall as he heard a loud throaty purring like an earthquake. The terrible beast was angry and could sense that someone was walking in his cave. Perseus could see bones all around where after swallowing his victims whole he would spit out their bones. The sight made him sick and repulsed, but he knew he had to carry on.

The eight legged cat came scratching up the pebbly path and he came face to face to Perseus.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES

The details of the assemblies from Monday 18.01.21, are as follows. These assemblies will be a maximum of 20 minutes. The assemblies will be pre-recorded and uploaded to online drive 'Assemblies 2021' folder to allow families to access at convenient times.

Monday - British values and Avanti Way Wednesday - Rights Respecting Schools/Safeguarding Friday - Achievement Assembly

Avanti Schools Trust Yoga Sessions

We are so excited to offer you daily live yoga sessions to bring you and your loved ones some positive energy during this lockdown.

Our live sessions are 10am-10:30am every day, however, they are recorded so you can watch and participate at any time throughout the day.

How to join?

Subscribe to <u>Avanti Schools Trust YouTube Channel</u> and click the bell icon in order to receive notifications of when the lessons go live.

Please spread the word with family and friends as it is open to all!

Thank you, Avanti Schools Trust



SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENTS and FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION DETAILS

On your child's return to school, it is most important that should your child require a school lunch, then payment is made in advance. It is possible to top up your school lunch account in advance daily, alternatively, you will be able to make block payments, i.e. termly or weekly.

If your child requests a school lunch and their account is showing an overdue balance, we will contact you and ask for either a payment or that you provide a packed lunch.

To ensure you are ready for the return to school and the new system, we would ask that you check your Arbor school meal account and clear any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Should you be unable to clear the outstanding balance in full, please contact the school office.

We understand the difficulties that some families are facing in the present economic situation, and should you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, we urge you to make an application. The details are below:

If your child is in Year 3 and upwards and you think that your family might be eligible for Free School Meals/pupil premium, there is a page on Bristol City Council website which provides all of the information you need and allows you to apply for your child to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium:

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 there is a paper form which you can print, complete and return to the school office.

Free School Meal form for Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

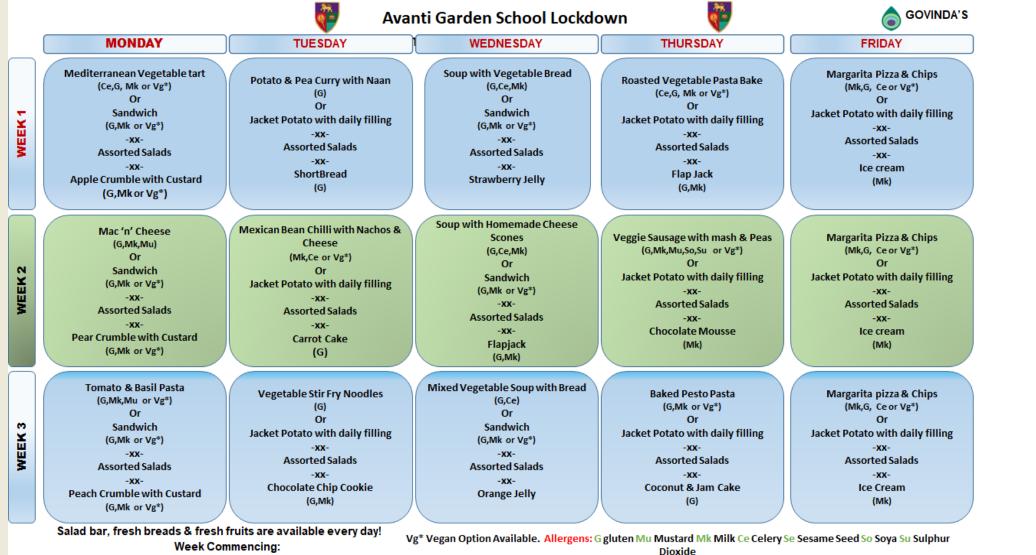
We can then forward this to the Council for checking. If you do not have access to a printer, please ask the school office and we will print a copy for you.

We would like to thank you all for your help and support and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

The School Office

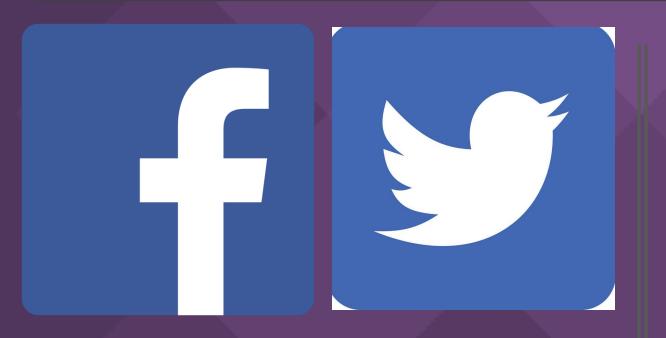
LOCKDOWN MENU FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Here is the new menu for school meals prepared for our lockdown bubbles. We will be starting on Monday with the Week 3 menu.



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