

# **AVANTI GARDENS**

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# Family Bulletin



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Dear Families,

I write to you at the end of our Spring Half-term – we certainly couldn't have predicted how it has gone! I am very proud of all AGS pupils for showing enormous resilience, persistence and hope during this unusual period. Well done to all families for supporting your children to engage and progress in their remote learning.

Families have told me how much they enjoyed the screenless learning on Monday – do enjoy the pictures we've received for this week's bulletin. The team and I have been working hard in training, planning and creating inspiring learning environments so that our children can be enamored by inspirational learning upon their return. We simply cannot wait to have all pupils back to Avanti Gardens when it is safe to do so. Do take a look at some of the photos we've put on Facebook and Twitter which I trust you'll enjoy.

A huge thank you to my staff team for all their work in creating the best possible remote learning for our pupils at home and those few in school. Lastly, thanks goes again to families for supporting and partnering with the school to enable pupils to continue to grow. We look forward to continuing our remote learning from 23.02.21 after our INSET day, but for now I wish all families a restful, relaxing and re-energising half-term break.

Yours Faithfully, Mr Milum



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## New Year 6 reading area

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## Developing a *passion* for Reading

One of our new reading displays. What teachers can you see?



Look at some of the amazing changes that we have made to our school environment.



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### EYFS

"Let them play... follow children's interests... encourage them to LOVE learning....."





## Our new THRIVE room



## **CLASS UPDATES**

#### **RECEPTION**

Well done on a wonderful last week of term 3. You have all worked incredibly hard this term and should be very proud of yours elves. Thank you to parents for facilitating the learning at home and for keeping school informed of all the amazing things the children have been doing - it really does make our day!

This week we have completed our phase of Growing 6,7,8. During this week we have explored length, height and time. It has been fantastic to see children using these skills at home by measuring themselves and comparing their height to their family members. Children have also used various objects as a measuring tool, Frankie used pasta to measure different lengths of playdough! Freddie used his measuring skills to compare the lengths of mini beasts!

In Jigsaw we came to our last piece of 'Dreams and Goals', We reflected on whether we had achieved the family goal we had set a few weeks ago, thinking about any obstacles we came across and how we achieved it. We created our own certificates to display. Well done Orchid class on achieving your goal!

In English this week we have been focusing on our spelling skills. We have been coming up with words that begin with specific sounds and using our phonics knowledge to help us spell the word.

In our topic lesson, this week we were very lucky and got to hear from 3 lovely people who work at nighttime. We heard from a midwife, a nurse and someone who use to work for the Royal Navy. They answered some questions about what it is like to work at night and why they have to work at night. I hope you all enjoyed hearing from them.

Our live story times have been a brilliant success and a lovely opportunity to connect with each other, it was fantastic to see so many children turn up in fancy dress this week!

It has been a pleasure to get to know your children in their first stages of school life in Orchid class and we can't wait to see you all when we return.

Well done families for a brilliant Term 3!

Miss Griffith

#### Photos from home learning





Frankie has been sharing her love of reading with her cat. She has also been working well with her brother to complete home learning tasks.



Hazel has created a lovely bird house to hang in the garden - lucky birds! She also has been working well with her brother. It is lovely to hear that siblings are supporting each other in their home learning.



#### DAFFODIL

Dear Daffodil Class and families,

What a fantastic term we have had! You should all be so proud of yourselves!

This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year and the year of the Ox. Jake has made a fantastic Chinese lantern to celebrate! Did you find out what year you were born in? I was born in the year of the Dragon.

In Maths we have been measuring objects around the house, including ourselves, and learning that we can measure with everyday objects as well as with a ruler/tape measure in centimeters. It has been fantastic to see you comparing the heights and lengths of household objects. For Literacy we have explored Poetry, using acrostic poems, poems using our senses and also rhyming. I found this poem and I wanted to share it with you!

Well done Year 1 for Term 3, you should be so proud of yourselves, we cannot wait to see you back in school soon. Have a restful half term and I can't wait for next term where we will Celebrate our Planet!

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Osborn and Mrs Underwood

#### Photos from home learning



Maths at home



Lovely writing by Duke

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# What makes a hero?

You might think a hero wears a cape Tied around their shoulders with a bit of tape. Superpowers like flying high. Who never feel the need to cry.

But those children who stay at home, Unable to wander and roam. Occupying themselves in a new routine, Behind their doors where they can't be seen.

Are every bit heroes to our nation. Their resilence, optimism, and determination, To help the coronavirus disappear. Soon there will be hope not fear.

So heroes stay strong and proud. The sun is behind every cloud, It won't be long before your work is done, And you will be back at school having lots of fun. © elsa-support 2020





#### **SUNFLOWER**

Hello Sunflower families,

Thank you for another fantastic week of home learning. From my conversations with you all it sounds as though children have really enjoyed starting a new unit in Maths and focusing on reading comprehension in Literacy. They have certainly enjoyed sharing their new knowledge with me on the telephone. Joey told me all about the Blue Ringed Octopus - tiny but deadly! - and Elsie and I discussed beautiful microscopic snowflakes. Elba's tortoise is now out of hibernation and Robin has been doing his bit to save the planet. You have all been doing brilliant measuring, ordering, and comparing of length and height and you have all made lots of progress with your reading! My absolute favourite part of the week is getting to speak to you and listen to you read, so thank you!

You have worked exceptionally hard and I couldn't be prouder of you all. Children, parents and carers, do enjoy a well-earned break next week for half term.

Miss Lollover will be going back to university for 4 weeks next term but is looking forward to re-joining us when she returns. See you soon, *Miss Lollover!* 

Have a safe and happy half term everyone.

Miss Roberts

Photos from home learning



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Joey's maths

Neve's origami

#### **IRIS and PEONY**

Dear year 3 children and families,

This week year 3 are celebrating Chinese New year through poetry. We are practicing our performance skills and really thinking about how to bring our poetry to life. We are learning about the customs and traditions that happen during a traditional Chinese celebration. We have also been continuing to develop our skills and knowledge around money. It is really lovely to hear how engaged Year 3 have been with the math's learning over the past few weeks. You are developing truly invaluable and important life skills. Finally, in Science, we have wrapped up our topic of rocks and soils by creating our own fossils to strengthen our understanding of their importance. You can find a brilliant example of some fossils made by Louis and his brother in the bulletin.

#### Miss Butterfield-West

#### Photos from home learning

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#### Work from school

On Thursday the children in KS2 bubble were making water wheels inspired by the one at Snuff Mills. This waterwheel was made by Emil, Raeven and Orla.



#### Luna's English

Louis fossils

#### FOXGLOVE

#### Hello Foxglove Families,

This week in foxglove class, we have been writing our news reports based on traditional tales. We have learnt about area and how to calculate by counting squares. We have explored how different materials absorb sound and compared Anglo Saxons diet to todays. It has been great to hear lots of you telling me about the fun you are having with your siblings and the conversations you have been having with your grandparents over the phone.

Somehow, we have already reached the end of term. It has been a joy to work with you again and see all the amazing learning you have been up to. I hope you all enjoy your half term and I look forward to hearing about all the creative ways you came up with to stay busy.

#### Miss Silverthorne

#### Photos from home learning



Kaya's comic book

#### I\*+\* Weekly News \*+\*

Girl sneaks into the three bears' house and eats their porridge!

Price: 65p



Early yesterday morning, a little girl called Goldilocks broke into the three bear's bousel She



the three bear's house! She said that she broke in because she was hungry and it was dark out. The three bears were alarmed when they got back and found that their house had been broken into, porridge had been eaten and furniture had been broken!

At approximately 7:05 in the morning on 8th February, a witness claimed to have seen a girl peeking into the door of a

Goldilocks eating baby bear's porridge.

cottage in woods. The witness exclaimed, "She just marched in there as if she owned the place!" An hour later, at 8:04, the three bears got back from their walk. They all got really angry because of the broken furniture, empty food dishes and messy beds.

Olivia's amazing news report based on Goldilocks.



Theo's Anglo-Saxon Work



Otto's Division Work

#### **SNAPDRAGON**

#### Dear Families,

I can't believe it's the end of term already. One of the strangest terms in my teaching career. Thank you for all you support this term in working with your children completing the home learning, I have been really appreciative of all the returned work and efforts put in. It's been fantastic to see all the exciting things you have done with your children. I have learnt so much about them in these times. The brilliant bakers, the amazing sewing and crochet completed and the thirst for learning new languages; all this on top of the lovely schoolwork produced. Enjoy a relaxing week, and hopefully we will all be back together in class soon.

#### Mr. Youngs

#### Photos from home learning

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An analysis of board games

Results of last week's science



Alex after completed his Cub Team Leader badge by coordinating a mini 10-minute Joe Wicks-style workout written & created by him and encouraging all his Cub pack to do it with him. The Cub leader arrived later in the meeting and live streamed to his pack the awarding of the chief Scout Silver award at his front door.

The Silver badge is the top award that a Cub can get - needing them to have participated in most Cub sessions, learning and demonstrating new skills and gaining a range abilities & an awareness of their community.

Well done Alex, a great achievement!

#### WOW OF THE WEEK

EYFS: This week's WOW work goes to Ruby. Ruby joined Avanti Gardens at the beginning of this term and has settled in wonderfully. She has made lots of new friends in the KS1 bubble and has shown lots of determination in all tasks set. Well done Ruby.

Year 1: Ida has been learning about Brazil this week, learning Portuguese, how to Samba and some words about the Amazon





Year 2: This week's WOW! work goes to 2 children; Elsie and Robin.

Elsie knocked my socks off yesterday with her wonderfully accurate reading of a Grey level storybook. There were many tricky words but they couldn't catch Elsie out. She used her Set 3 sounds to decode them. Well done superstar! Robin has been embracing our new Maths unit and has been learning to measure length and height. He did some fantastic work measuring using non-standard units (pasta shapes) and recording this in a table. He is now learning to measure in cms. Keep up the great work!

Year 3: This week's wow work for Year 3 goes to Clover for her news report. She has done an incredible job with the presentation. She has made it unique with the different font for her newspaper name and very creative picture to accompany the article. She has also done a brilliant job in including the key information about the event that occurred and answered the questions When? Who? What? How?





Year 4: This week's WOW work goes to Theo. Theo has been working incredible hard all term with all his home learning. This week he put in a lot of work to plan and write a setting description, he came up with some beautiful descriptive phrases and used a great choice of vocabulary. He also took his time to ensure that it was presented neatly and used his amazing drawing skills to create a beautiful picture as well. Well done Theo!



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Year 5/6: Leila has designed her own 'Star Wars' themed board game using the symbols/signs and characters from Star Wars. The different coloured light sabers represent the good and the bad. Leila has written some great cards to go with her game on your journey either to or from the dark side



#### **NOTICES**

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 22nd of February is an INSET DAY there will be no remote learning.

#### **PARENTS EVENINGS**

Parents Evenings will be happening on 31st March and the 1st April.

#### **SURGE TESTING**

Please find the link below which provides information from Bristol County Council with regard to community surge testing if you should wish to partake:

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/coronavirus/community-testing-additional-covid-19-surge-testing

YOGA A daily boost for your well-being. Find a sense of stillness, maintain your yogic breathing and postures, and learn about 'Vrukhasana' (tree pose) Attps://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/lockdown-videos#weeksix

Here is supplementary yoga session. Take some time out over half term to look after yourself <u>https://www.dropbox.com/s/egelvdb1547vsfc/Yoga%202.mp4?dl=0</u> Best wishes from Sporting Chance.



#### LOCKDOWN MENU FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Here is the menu for school meals prepared for our lockdown bubbles. After half term will be Week 1.



Week Commencing:

Vg\* Vegan Option Available. Allergens: G gluten Mu Mustard Mk Milk Ce Celery Se Sesame Seed So Soya Su Sulphur Dioxide



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