



# AVANTILIFE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST



## Avanti Gardens: leading the way in developing child-led ecosystems!

Avanti Gardens School are extremely fortunate to have such a fantastic learning environment that adds such awe and wonder to each new learning experience. They have made the best use of every space to provide a rich learning setting for their students and are very excited to develop their EYFS area; both inside and out.

Giving children autonomy over their own learning within a thriving environment can give all staff more time to provide groups of learners with more focused tailor-made teaching opportunities. Children need to know how to learn as well as what to learn. "Let them play... follow children's interests... encourage them to LOVE learning...."



## Great books build the imagination

At Avanti Gardens, we aim to promote reading throughout the school and within our local community. We live in a speculative society in which proficient literacy abilities are embraced and are considered the key to success and academic achievement.



Avanti Gardens have reopened their library which is well stocked with quality texts and comfortable seating. They have also ensured that there are 'book nooks' placed around the school site for children to visit as a treat! Children need to read. They have a right to be taught to read. Their reading skills are

vital to their growth as a person. Reading will not just give them greater access to future studies and academic success but will also improve how they interact with others and approach life itself. Reading broadens horizons and should not ever be a chore or an obligation; it is a gift.

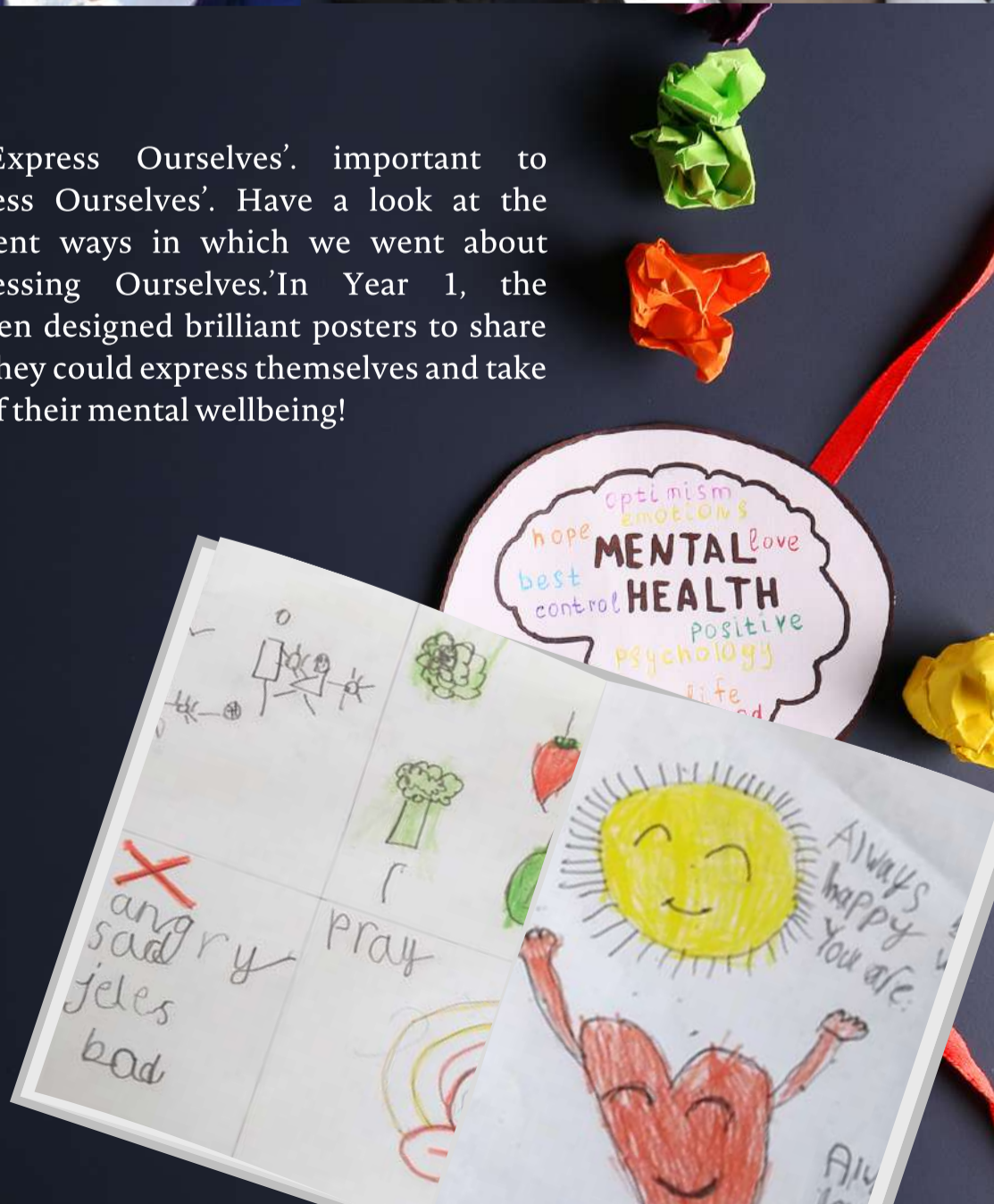
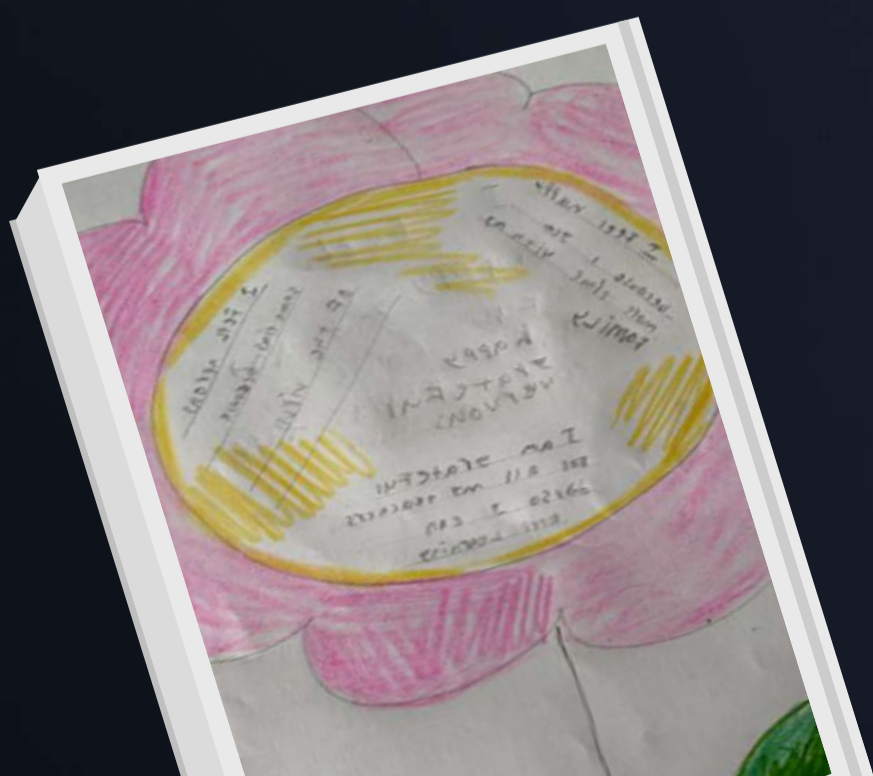


## Children's Mental health week



From Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February, children at Krishna Avanti Primary School joined many schools in the United Kingdom in a virtual assembly led by Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell and CBBC presenter Rhys Stephenson to learn about their mental health and why it is important

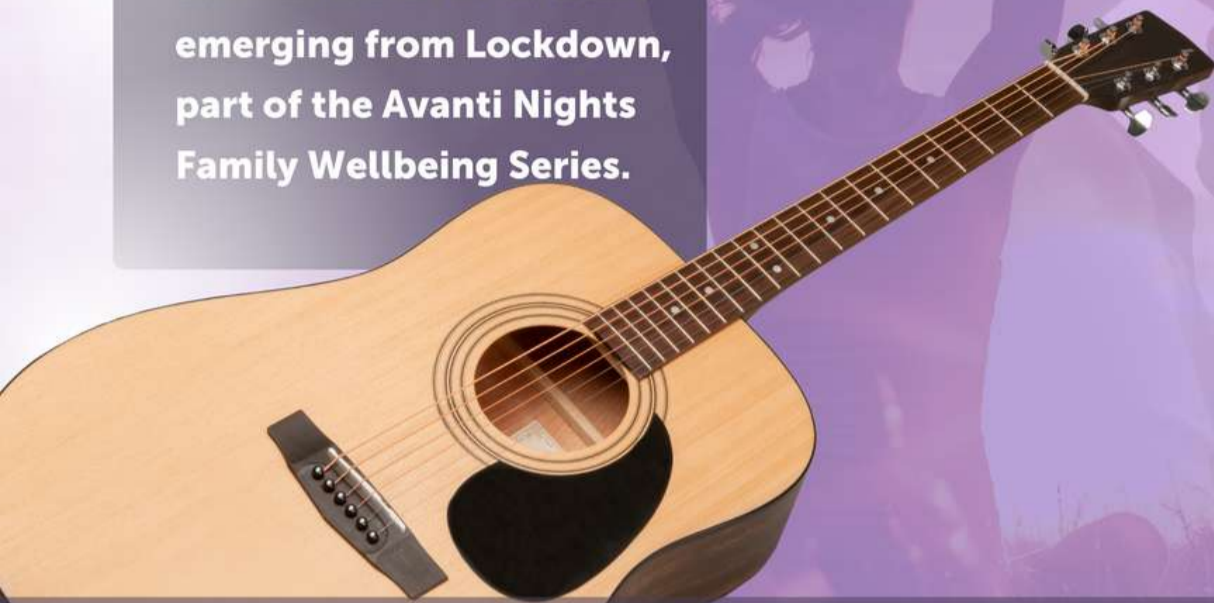
to 'Express Ourselves'. important to 'Express Ourselves'. Have a look at the different ways in which we went about 'Expressing Ourselves.' In Year 1, the children designed brilliant posters to share how they could express themselves and take care of their mental wellbeing!



# MINDFUL LIVING



Lessons for all of us while emerging from Lockdown, part of the Avanti Nights Family Wellbeing Series.



Join us LIVE on the Avanti Schools Trust Youtube channel!!



Invest in yourself with a special music filled seminar on mindful living from an Investment Banker turned Life Coach & Singer – KalKey.

Wednesday 3rd March | 5:30pm-6:30pm



## 'Avanti Nights' are open to all!

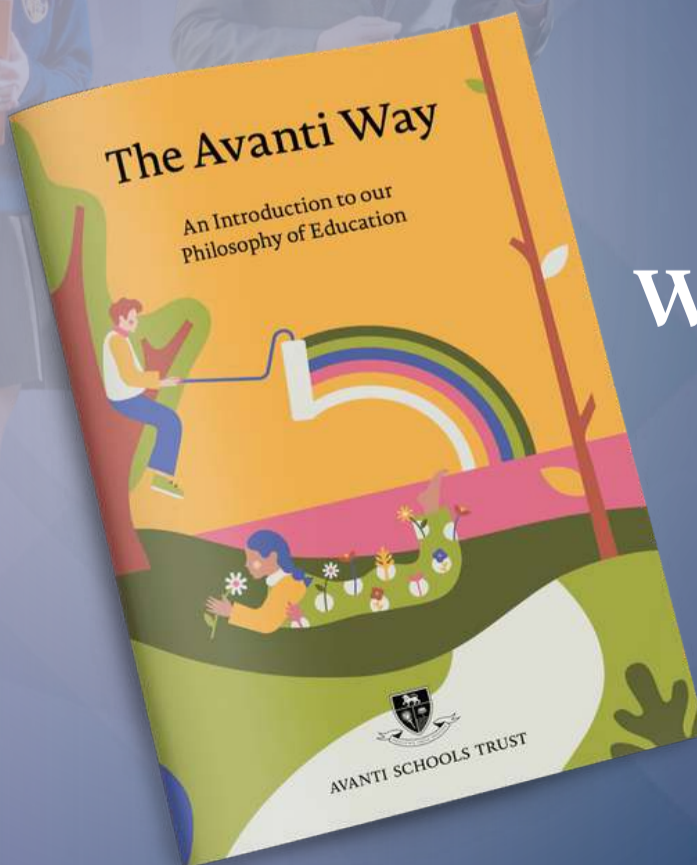
Avanti's unique ethos places a key emphasis on each individual's wellbeing. This event has been created to help improve and maintain your wellbeing, especially as we emerge out of Lockdown.

Join KalKey, a former trader turned life & meditation-coach as he offers us practical keys to assist during the upcoming transition, with inner-peace and mindfulness.

**Click [HERE](#) to join the event on the 3rd March at 5.30pm**

The symptom of an educated person is good character, which includes empathy, gratitude, courage, integrity, self-discipline and respect.

This requires helping students practise ethical and compassionate acts based upon their psycho-social nature, while keeping life's ultimate goal in sight.



**Wisdom from  
The Avanti  
Way**

# Avanti House Secondary School: Student GCSE Mandarin Success

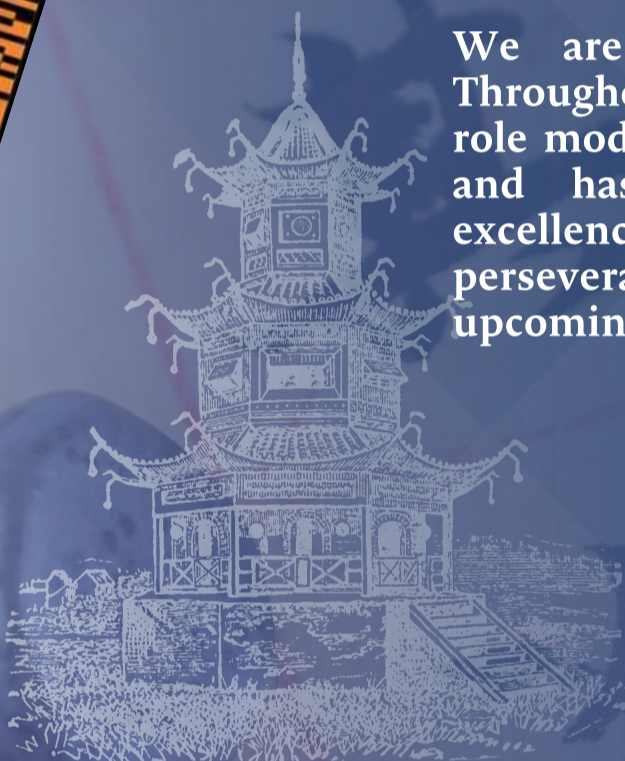


Shivane Popat is currently in Year 11 at Avanti House Secondary School and at age 4 she started to learn Mandarin. She has continued to learn this independently and has now completed the GCSE examination achieving a Grade 7. This is a fantastic achievement and is made even more impressive considering that she was preparing for the exams through the national lockdowns.

When asked about her achievement, Shivane said “I just feel like it’s so inspiring and empowering to learn a whole different language from scratch. This achievement has made me reflect on the past year and having studied for this GCSE during a global pandemic it has really made me grateful for my education!”

We are all very proud of Shivane. Throughout this difficult time she has been a role model to the rest of the Avanti family and has demonstrated that academic excellence is within your grasp through perseverance. We wish her luck with the upcoming GCSEs.

- Mr Domine



## Celebrating Chinese New Year!

Children at Avanti Park celebrated the Chinese New Year by wearing red and performing a Dragon Dance. The staff enjoyed the energetic performance and the children had a wonderful day.

Chinese New Year is celebrated by more than 20% of the world, and is the most important holiday in China. 2021, is the year of the Ox!





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**Visit our Youtube channel to watch our latest videos!**



# Art Competition Assignment

Avanti House Primary School's Art Competition led by Mrs Hardiki, gave children the opportunity to spend some time reflecting on the beautiful world that around us consisting of beautiful animals, birds, insects, plants, oceans, rivers, mountains etc.

Children explored which aspect of nature they could connect to or that they felt reflected them.



UKS2 winner, Ishika Raghwani (Year 6 child)





# Avanti Journey

2003



**Idea of Avanti Formed**



**Avanti opens first state-funded Hindu school in UK history**

**Parliament Status**

Parliament grants status of 'religious authority' for Hindu faith schools.



2005



**Funding Granted**

The UK Government grants £11.6m for the Krishna Avanti Primary School (KAPS) in Harrow, leaving just £1.9m to raise from donors.

2009



**Ofsted Report**

Krishna Avanti Primary School building construction completed on time. The school Officially opens for students.

2011



**Queen Visit**

The queen visits Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow for the first day of her Diamond Jubilee tour. The school welcomes Her Majesty and Prince Philip by hosting a spectacular community event.

**KAPS Leicester**

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**Avanti Court Opens**



2015



**Downing Street**

Students from KAPS and Avanti House Harrow perform traditional songs during Diwali event at Downing Street hosted by the Prime Minister.



**Royal Festival Hall Performance**

Avanti have the first of two performances at the Southbank Centre and Royal Festival Hall. The Royal Festival Hall opened in 1951 and is one of the world's leading performance venues.



**Formation of Central Services Team**

Avanti Schools Trust, now employing over 80 people, hosts the first of its annual conferences.



**Avanti House School opens**

Avanti House opens, an all-through school for pupils aged 4-18. Year 7 located temporarily at a teacher's centre in Harrow and Reception occupies classrooms in KAPS Harrow.



2012

2016



**First KS2 SATS results**

At Krishna Avanti Primary School

**Performance at Wembley Stadium**

Children's performance for PM Narendra Modi & PM David Cameron at Wembley Stadium.



**KAPS Croydon**

Opening of the first Hindu state school south of the Thames.

2017



**First GCSE Results**

At Avanti House Secondary School.

**School Openings**



2019



**Hertfordshire County Council select Avanti to open a Learning Village**

HCC choose the Trust to open three schools in 3 years in Bishops Stortford.



2020

**Avanti South-West Hub**

3 schools in the South-West (Bristol, Frome and Exeter) join the Trust.



**AST Office**

Opening of the brand new central team office for the Avanti Schools' Trust.



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