



A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thought of the Week

*'Giving to others,
gives us everything!'*

HH Sivarama Swami

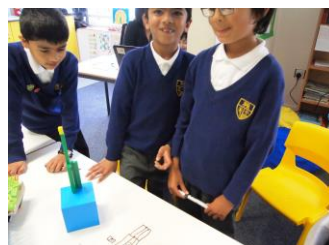
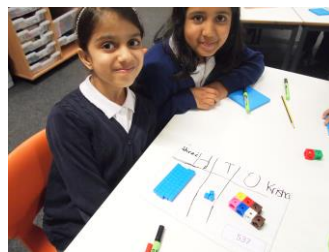
Year 3 visit to the Science Museum.

In March we went to the Science Museum. We travelled by coach. When we got there, we got our lunch bags and swiftly went into the museum. As we entered the museum, we headed straight towards the first show. It was all about Isaac Newton, the scientist who discovered gravity. I was quite excited and I learnt that friction stops a ball from rolling. Next we had lunch, then we re-united with our groups and went upstairs to do an information hunt, it was really good fun. Finally we went to the last workshop about forces. We learnt about magnets attracting and repelling. The host was hilarious; he used a toy frog called 'Phil the Stunt' to demonstrate forces, he also used a rocket, a bike and a skateboard. I would definitely go again!

By Freya Mehta 3GG

What's happening in Maths Year 3!

Year 3 are currently looking at Place Value and Number and this week we have had fun exploring how even a single 3 digit number can not only be written, but how it can be represented in different ways. They have been converting the same number; using money, time, drawing lines in mm, tally, using mathematical resources and even drawing the passengers of different modes of transport! By showing one number in different contexts the children are developing a real depth of what numbers are and could be.



Year 5 3FF

On Thursday 22nd April, Year 5 pupils welcomed pupils from Central Primary School, Watford. This was a very much anticipated return visit as part of the Three Faiths forum (3FF) programme. Avanti House are fortunate to be involved with 3FF who work to build good relations between different faith, beliefs and identities. The theme for the day was, **'what is a community?'** Once our guests arrived we assembled in the main hall where everyone was greeted to the rhythmic beat of the Kirtan club drummers. Friends were re-united (from our visit to Central Primary) as the air was filled with excitement of what was to come. Then it was time for the first activity.

Maps of continents had been placed around the hall and pupils were asked to go to the continent which they felt they belonged. This proved to be not so easy for some pupils, as they were born in one continent but lived in another – where do I belong? Next, pupils were put into groups and escorted to different classrooms.

Year 5 3FF continued...

Here, pupils gave a prepared talk using an object they had brought with them. Some talked about their favourite hobby like cubs and brownies, some talked about their religion and some talked about their families – different communities but the same person. Once everyone had finished giving their talk they were treated to a delicious lunch in the hall. Some pupils had not tasted vegetarian food before – but they were pleasantly surprised by the delicious offerings.

Sadly, the fun had come to an end and it was time to wave goodbye to our visitors, who were about to start their journey back to Watford (on the bus!) There were more hugs and promises of staying in touch. The experience was amazing and a lot was learnt about the different communities we belong to depending on things like our hobbies, beliefs and families.

Year 5 Teaching Team.

★ Stars of the week ★

Each week children are awarded a Star of the Week certificate in recognition of exceptional work in the classroom.

This week's stars are:

Busy Bees: Chidakash Patel and Danya Lodhiya

Laughing Ladybirds: Aarav Pujara and Mayan

1DD: Nikita Mendes and Yana Patel

1TT: Aayush Vekaria and Devam Patel

2FF: Rudra Zalawadiya and Mahek Gothadiya

2PP: Rishabh Haria and Naya Patel

3KK: Arian Halai and Smit Malvankar

3GG: Dhruv Joshi and Aum Vaghani

4RR: Riya Gadhia and Veer Dadia

4HH: Ramya Jani and Isha Savadia

5SS: Maan Mojaria and Aahee Patel

5JJ: Dhru Patel and Aneya Malde



Attendance trophy

The school is working on further improving attendance, overall it currently stands at 97.3% which is above national standards, however we recognise that good attendance results in better progress. Mr Halliday has introduced an attendance trophy which is presented, weekly, to the class with the highest attendance.

Well-done to 2FF and 5JJ, for 100% attendance last week.



School Council Update!

The school has now subscribed to paper recycling bins and will ensure that we are recycling our paper!

School council members had an in depth discussion with our Chef regarding school meals, the majority of our children are very happy with the quality and diversity of meals however they had a few concerns they wanted to share with the chef. Chef talked about the options available and talked about the nutrition content of each meal, he also talked about his responsibility to provide a balanced meal.