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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL



The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

The end of this term also brings the end of my first year of Principal at Avanti Park School. I don't think I could have picked a more challenging and unusual way to start at a school. The pandemic has brought a unique set of challenges, however, through these we have worked together as a school community and have become stronger. Every morning I come to the school gates to be greeted by happy children who run into school with joy. I am so privileged to be able to share time with your children every day and see their enthusiasm for learning. We are looking forward to the Covid restrictions being lifted so that you can come into school and see the wonderful work that your children are doing every day.

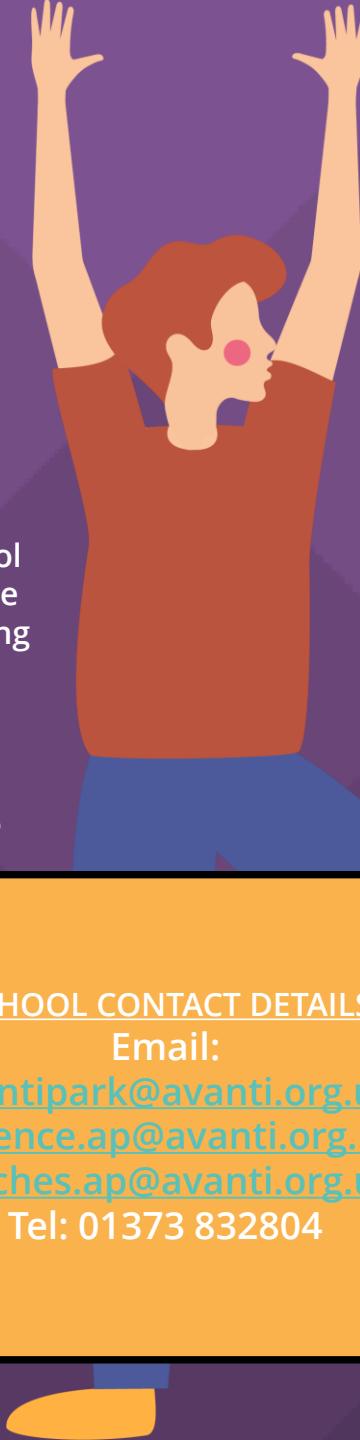
Parents often have to contact the school with a concern, but I know that there are many occasions when you would also like to thank a member of staff. Sharing gratitude can often be the thing we never get round to in our busy lives but when parents do contact the school to say thank you it means a huge amount to staff. To make this easier for you to do this we have created an electronic link for you to use:

[Staff Nomination for Special Thanks](#)

Finally, I would like to wish you a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing your children back at school on Monday 19th April.

With best wishes

Abby Atkins
Principal



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Primary School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the entire Avanti Park School community for the support our school has received over the last term. A term filled with challenges but also a term filled with hope and enthusiasm for new beginnings and a return to children back in school.

We started the term with a workshop discussing our recovery curriculum and immediate next steps, and to this end I am delighted that we are able to share some of the wonderful creative expressions designed and made by our pupils in response to Charlie Mackesy's book and the life and achievements of Captain Sir Tom Moore. It has been lovely to see how the children have engaged with these texts and how the concepts have resonated across the classes.

As we look forward to the next term and the subsequent months, we will continue our work supporting all of our pupils as we understand that the impacts of the last term require a long-term plan and new ways of working.

Finally, on a personal note I would like to share my appreciation for all of the support I have received to date. Easter will mark a year since I joined Avanti School's Trust and Avanti. Avanti Park School is a truly unique setting and I feel privileged to be able to support the development of our school's provision.

Have a lovely Easter break. Mr McKinley



Student Work

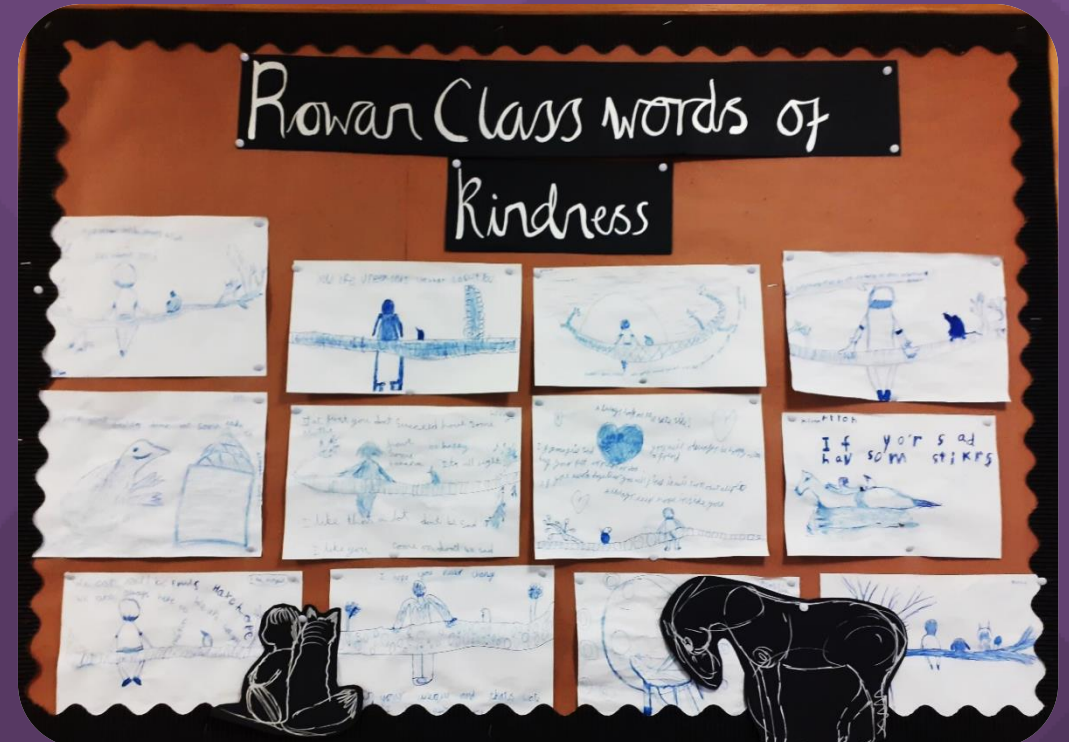
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Secondary School Update



Mocks: Firstly I would like to say a massive well done to the year 11s who have worked so hard over the last fortnight during their mock exams, it has been an incredibly intense couple of weeks and they have managed to keep up their spirits and give it their best shot, so well done!!

Thanks also to all the teachers, TAs, support staff and volunteers who have helped out with invigilation, we couldn't have done it without you!

Religious Studies Teacher: It is with regret that I have to let you know that Gabriella has moved on but we have found a replacement RS teacher who has also been an examiner for Religious Studies with experience teaching A-Level. Her name is Liz Barrett and we will be welcoming her in after Easter. Liz will be well placed to support the students get the grades they deserve as she has a good knowledge of what examiners are looking for.

GCSEs: The exam boards have released new assessment material for each subject and teachers will be reviewing these over the Easter and we will be using these in class to build up more evidence for the Centre Assessed Grades. Teachers will make it very clear which activities will be counted in the evidence for Centre Assessed Grades and will be preparing the pupils for each assessment as they move forward.

Science and geography: Due to personal reasons, Andrew Naod is stepping back to 2 days per week after Easter. He will retain each of his classes for those days and we have hired a new Science and Geography teacher to pick up the other 5 days a fortnight. She is called Kurshid Normanhomed and we will be welcoming her after Easter for a handover.

KS3 House Point Challenge:

The numbers are in and this is where we are with the House Points in KS3:
As you can see, Year 7 have had a great week and are in the lead, but when you break the term total down as an average, they are not as far ahead as it looks!

	Group Size	Week	Term	Average per pupil
Year 7	18	148	817	45
Year 8	14	74	595	43

I think everyone deserves a very restful Easter break after such a busy term! Good luck everyone and have fun!

Mr Bayew

PTFA News



How welcome was the warmth of the sun this week? Spring has truly sprung!

We are delighted to announce our first donations as a PTFA to the school. We have donated £2,000 towards purchasing books for the new Primary Library, and we donated £500 towards outdoor play equipment when the school re-opened, which has proved to be very popular with the children!

We have also been busy organising some fun activities for you to do over the Easter holidays:

Follow a set of clues around Frome showcasing the quirky culture and history of our town on our 'Fascinating Frome Trail'. Get messy and creative making handprints for our PTFA logo.

See the flyers on the next page for more [details](#).

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude. Firstly, to parents who have volunteered to be Class Reps for the remainder of this academic year, we are really looking forward to working with you all. Secondly, to all of the parents who took the time to complete the Festival Survey at the beginning of this term. We have reviewed your responses, shared these with the school, and we will update you on festival plans as soon as we can.

Wishing you all a fantastic time over Easter,

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Easter Holiday

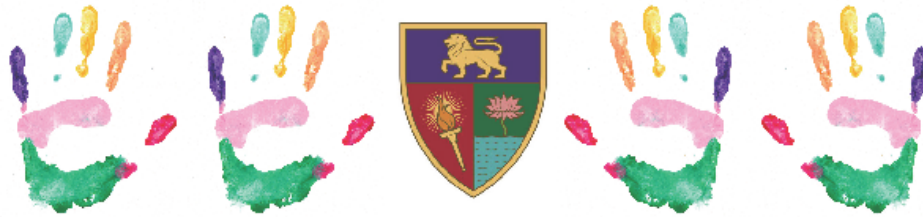


Handprint Fun!

We need a hand... or two... or three...

Help us create a logo for the Avanti Park PTFA and have some hand painting fun over the Easter Holiday.

We need a range of handprints, of different shapes and sizes, made with the colours of the Avanti Park crest:



LEFT AND RIGHT HANDS AT THE READY!

Get out your paint pots, cover your work surface with a protective layer, set out some sheets of A4 white paper, and get creative with all those wonderful colours!

Single-colour handprints and multi-colour handprints welcomed!



Please email us a photo or scan of your handprints by Friday 23rd April to: avantiparkptfa@gmail.com



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AVANTI PARK PTFA PRESENTS



FASCINATING FROME TRAIL

Only £3 per family



Follow a family-friendly trail,
hunt for clues, and discover some of
Frome's hidden gems.



Prize draw for all entries



Email: AvantiParkPTFA@Gmail.com to order a digital
copy or collect a paper copy from **Frama Coffee**,
Cheap Street Frome

When does my child do PE or Yoga?

PE/Yoga Time Table 2021

Year Group	Class	Week A	Week B
Reception	Maple	PE Thurs Yoga Mon	PE Tues Yoga Mon
Reception	Pine	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Mon
Year 1	Ash	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Weds
Year 1	Oak	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Weds
Year 2	Cherry	PE Tues Yoga Weds	PE Tues Yoga Tues
Year 3 & 4	Chestnut	PE Weds Yoga Fri	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 3 & 4	Sycamore	PE Mon Yoga Weds	PE Tues Yoga Tues
Year 3 & 4	Rowan	PE Tues Yoga Mon	PE Weds Yoga Tues
Year 5	Cedar	PE Weds Yoga Fri	PE Weds Yoga Fri
Year 5	Holly	PE Thurs Yoga Weds	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 6	Hazel	PE Thurs Yoga Mon	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 7	7	PE Mon Yoga Fri	PE Mon Yoga Fri
Year 8	8	PE Tues Yoga X	PE Tues Yoga Weds & Fri
Year 11	9	PE Weds & Fri	PE Fri

We are holding a Virtual Open Day for prospective parents on April 26th.

Bookable on the Avanti Park Website.

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/virtual-open-day/>

Dates for your Diary

April 2021	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A				1 st Apr Last Day at school	2 nd GOOD FRIDAY	3 rd	4 th
Week B	5 th HALF TERM	6 th HALF TERM	7 th HALF TERM	8 th HALF TERM	9 th HALF TERM	10 th HALF TERM	11 th HALF TERM
Week A	12 th HALF TERM	13 th HALF TERM	14 th HALF TERM	15 th HALF TERM	16 th HALF TERM	17 th HALF TERM	18 th HALF TERM
Week B	19 th BACK TO SCHOOL Tennis trip yr 7	20 th Geography Trip Yr 11 Tennis trip yr 8	21 st Geography Trip Yr 11	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
Week A	26 th Virtual Open Day	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	1 st May	2 nd

*Correction notice: We Return on Week B!!

Notices

We are hiring.....

Avanti Park are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Midday Supervisor to start as soon as possible.

The advert is now live on our careers page:

<https://avanti.org.uk/careers/2020/08/17/midday-supervisor-aps/>

Completed applications, equal opportunities and the GDPR Forms must be submitted to careers@avanti.org.uk



Community Lunch For Families

easter 2021

A complimentary hot meal for local families with children this Easter term break on Thursdays and Fridays, with friendly, covid secure activities for the whole family. Activities available include dance, cooking, creative wellbeing, trip to a market garden and nature walks!

Next Serving
8th, 9th, 15th, 16th April 2021
from 10am - 2pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SIGN UP PLEASE VISIT
WWW.CONNECT-CENTRE.ORG.UK
OR CALL 01749 677097

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sasp Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership
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Staff nomination for special Thanks

We are delighted to introduce a new scheme called "Special Thanks" whereby parents, guardians, and carers are able to nominate and recognise staff for their efforts for supporting members in our Avanti community.

If you feel a particular member of staff, whether it be a Teacher, Senior Leader, Teaching Assistant, Admin Team, Catering staff, Cleaning staff, Site staff or anyone else you feel deserves recognition, then you can nominate them using the following link: [Staff Nomination for Special Thanks](#)

Or visit our website (look under the parents tab).



Year 11
Geography field
trips are
happening on the
21st and 22nd April.
Consent forms for
this will be coming
home today!!
Parents please
keep an eye out
for these

YEAR 7 & 8 PERMISSIONS NEEDED!!

Tennis lessons will be commencing after Easter year 7 and 8 students. These will be held after Easter at Selwood Tennis Club (in Victoria Park). We need parental consent in order for your child to take part. Please add your consent on the Parent Arbor App or email the school office.

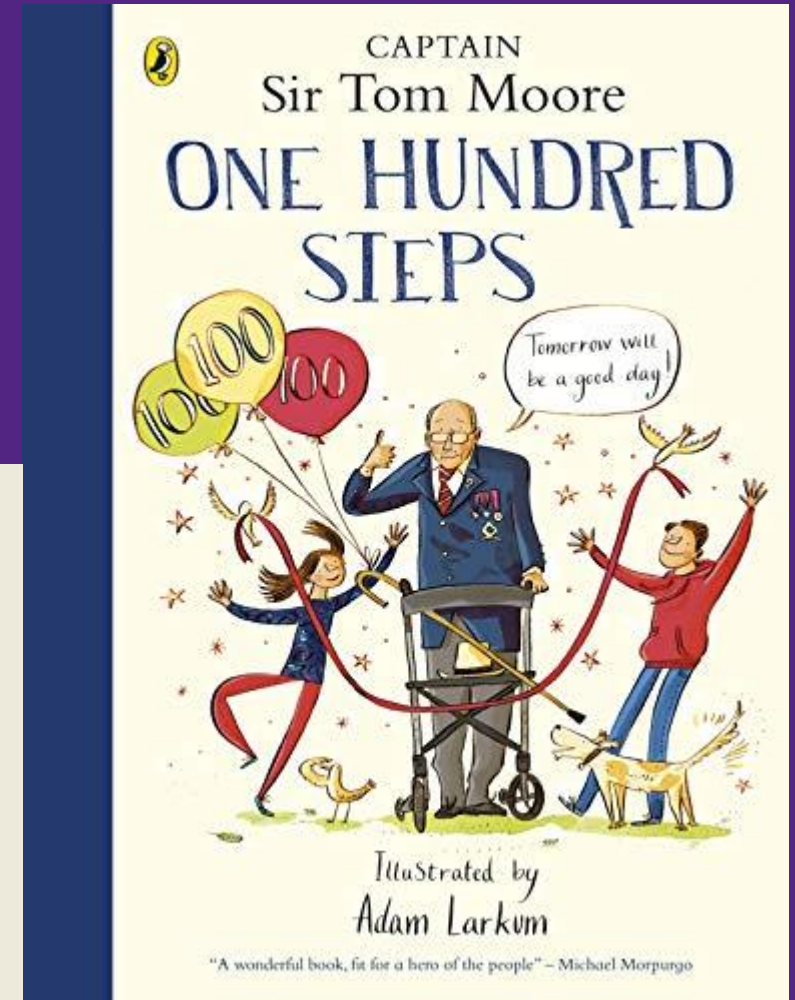
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Well done Maple Class

Maple class were inspired by the story of Sir Captain Tom Moore and decided that they would like to see if they could walk 100 steps to raise money for their local doctors at the Frome Medical Practice.



They began by walking 100 steps around their classroom to see how far it was. It was 8 laps of their classroom! Then, all together they walked an amazing 100 steps around the reception garden! They learnt all about fundraising and sent sponsorship forms home to their families and have raised an incredible £132.11p!!! Well done Magnificent Maples and Fantastic Pines 🍁 🌲 ⭐



Forest School

This week at forest school we are celebrating wellbeing and improved mental health, and having fun. At forest school, we are supporting children to build confidence and self-esteem. It is wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and resilience, enjoy the winter season and have a nature-connection. The children thrive in the small group work, finding their voice in storytelling and exploring in nature.

Forest School: 9 ways children benefit from learning and playing outside

- Building confidence and independence.
- Feeling **empathy** for others and nature.
- Physical fitness.
- **Health benefits.**
- Improved **mental health**
- **Learning** by experience
- Exposure to manageable risk.
- Better sleep and mood



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Happy Easter. Stay Safe, be well.



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