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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

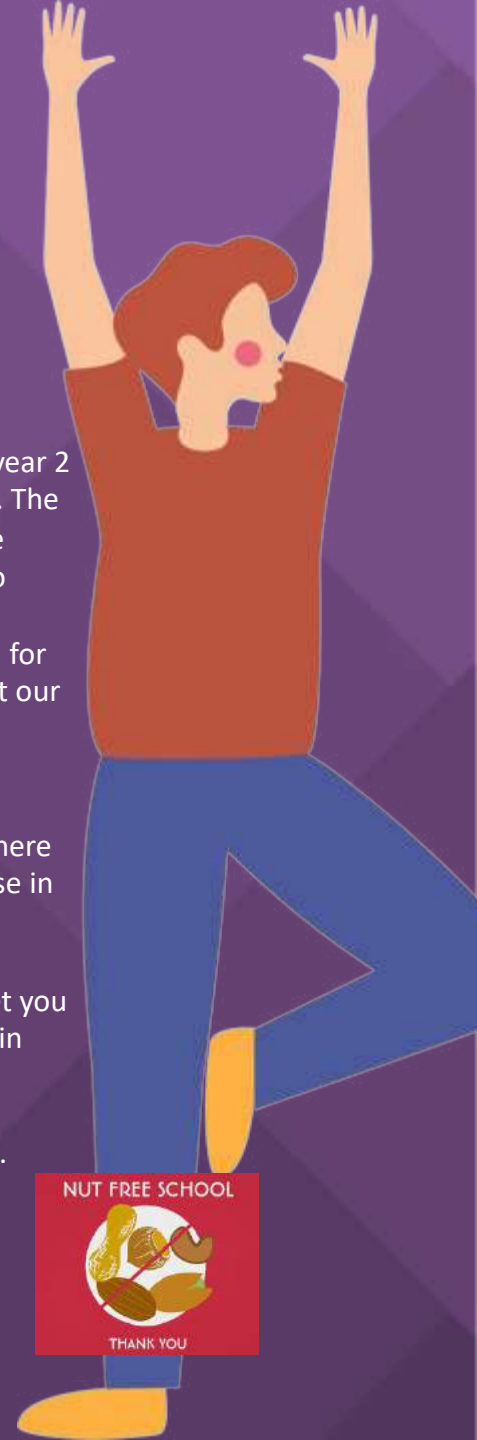
I'm not sure about you but it feels like ages since the Easter holidays! We have been incredibly proud of our year 2 pupils who started their KS1 SATs assessments last week. They have been really brave and have done so well. The teachers have been great at making these assessments low key and not adding any unnecessary stress to the children. Year 6 have their SATs this week and they are being treated to a delicious breakfast each morning to prepare them for the hard work ahead. The pupils have worked hard to prepare and even though they will inevitably be a little bit nervous they have all done themselves proud already. The results will be really useful for us to help ensure the transition to year 7 is smooth and the curriculum can be planned in KS3 to best support our pupils.

Staffing and classes update

You will no doubt have noticed how many new families we have welcomed to the school since September. There have been over 100 new children join us and our Avanti Family is getting bigger week by week. Due to this rise in pupil numbers, we are delighted to let you know that all our classes will be single year group next year, two classes in each year. This means we will be expanding by three classes in primary and so we are currently recruiting three new primary teachers for September and two new subject teachers for secondary. We will let you know your child's teacher for September at the beginning of July. Most children will have a different teacher in September but will be able to choose friends they would like to be with. On the 6th of July there will be an opportunity for children to spend time in their new class and for you to meet the class teacher too. This is a transition day for all Frome schools and so our year 8's will spend a day at Frome College on this date as well.

Have a wonderful week.

With best wishes, Abby Atkins, Principal



Maple:
Jesse
Theo

Pine:
Ayla
Elodie

Rowan:
Whole
Class
Sophia

Holly:
Lilly A
Islarose

Year 7:
Bella & Filip
Freddie

Ash:
Teddy &
Eva.
Whole
Class

Oak:
Toby
Evie G

Chestnut:
Jasmine
Poppy

Cedar:
Kai B
Loki

Star of the Week
W/C

25/04/2022

02/05/2022

Avanti Park School

Beech:
Xavi
Max T

Cherry:
Herbie
Thea

Sycamore:
Sylva
Otto

Year 8

EYFS/KS1
Craft:
Ava W
Emmeya

EYFS/KS1
Yoga:
Frida
Lila C

KS2 Craft:
Sam G
Zac Z

KS2 Yoga:
Thea C B
Sam R

EYFS/KS1 PE:
Iris M
Maalu

KS2 PE:
Fin G
Orla O

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Avanti Park School

Notices



WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined Avanti Park over the last couple of weeks: Megan, Bella, Filip, Eva, Teddy, Miller, Primrose and Ayla-Kaiya

Please do not drive-up Park Road or use the school car park unless you have a pre- arranged agreement with the school. Parents who need to drive up Park Road for any other reason please can we ask you to drive slowly and with care and consideration of children and Park Road residents.

PGL Parent Meeting

Meeting for those with children in years 6,7 & 8 who are going on the PGL trip in June.

Meeting on Wednesday 11th May at 4.30pm in the main hall. Students are welcome to attend

Monday 16th May – Class Photo Day and School Photos (available for purchase) for new Pupils and Leavers photos for Year 8

In the classroom



In Key Stage One we have begun our outdoor learning curriculum. This term we are focusing on RE and PSHE. Each week your child will go out in group to explore and learn outdoors. Last week we explored our emotions and how we feel at different times. We made emotion wands using clay. This week our focus was how nature makes us feel. The children got to spend some mindfulness time outside. As the sun was shining this week, we also took our maths lesson outside as well! This week we have been learning our x5 and x3 times tables. We used loose parts and chalk to make equal groups to find the total for our sums. We have had so much fun learning, exploring and playing outside this week.



In the classroom



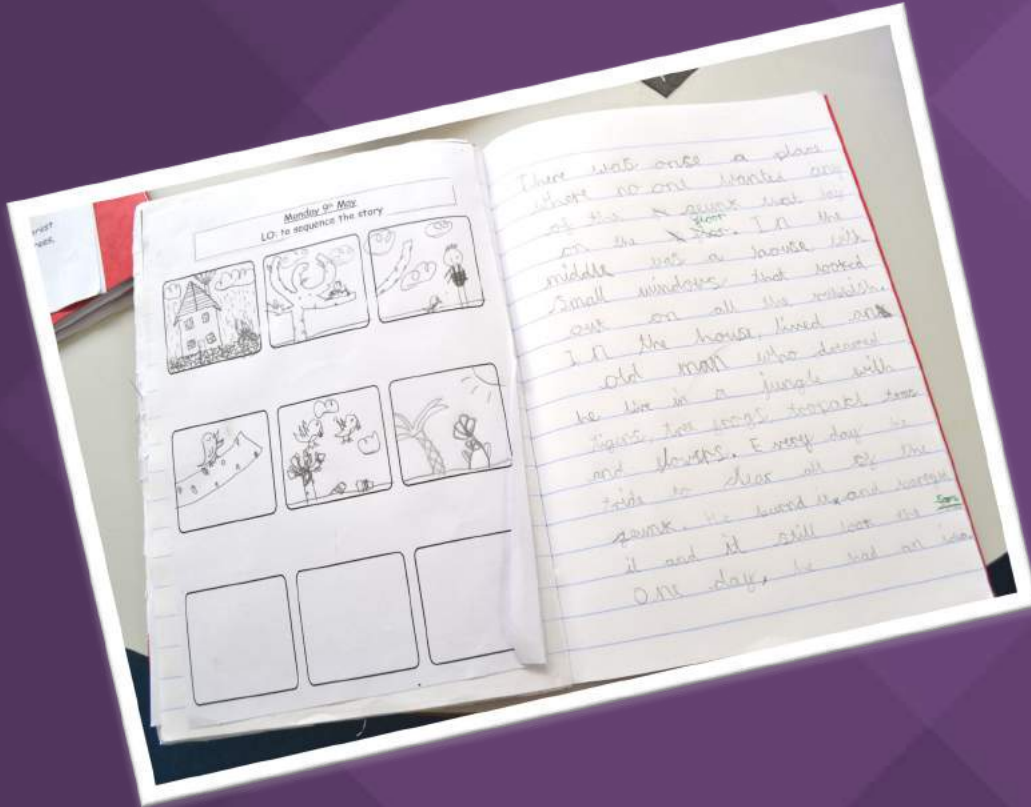
In the classroom



Here are some children from Beech, Oak and Ash classes enjoying their outdoor learning lessons which started this term.



In the Classroom



A great example of English work by Bonnie in Oak Class

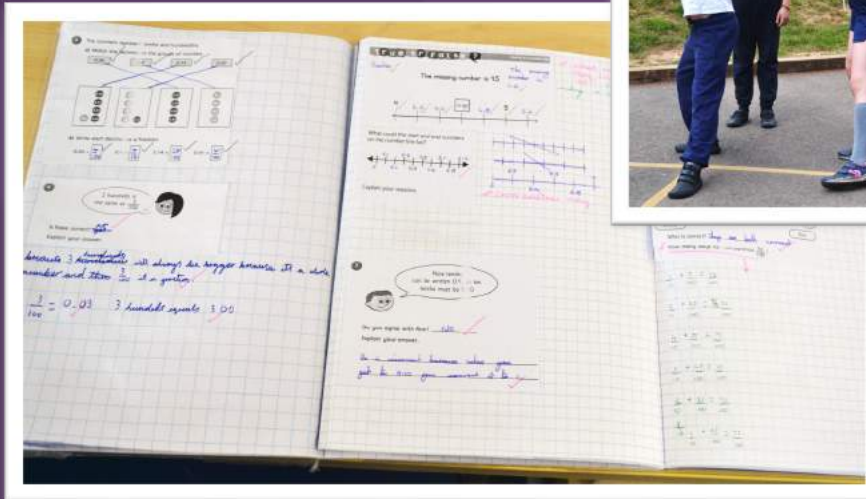


Jasmin in Pine with her wonderful piece of independent writing

Maple Class during their Art lesson



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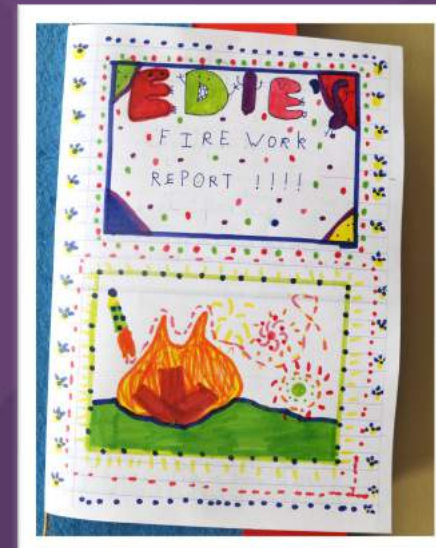
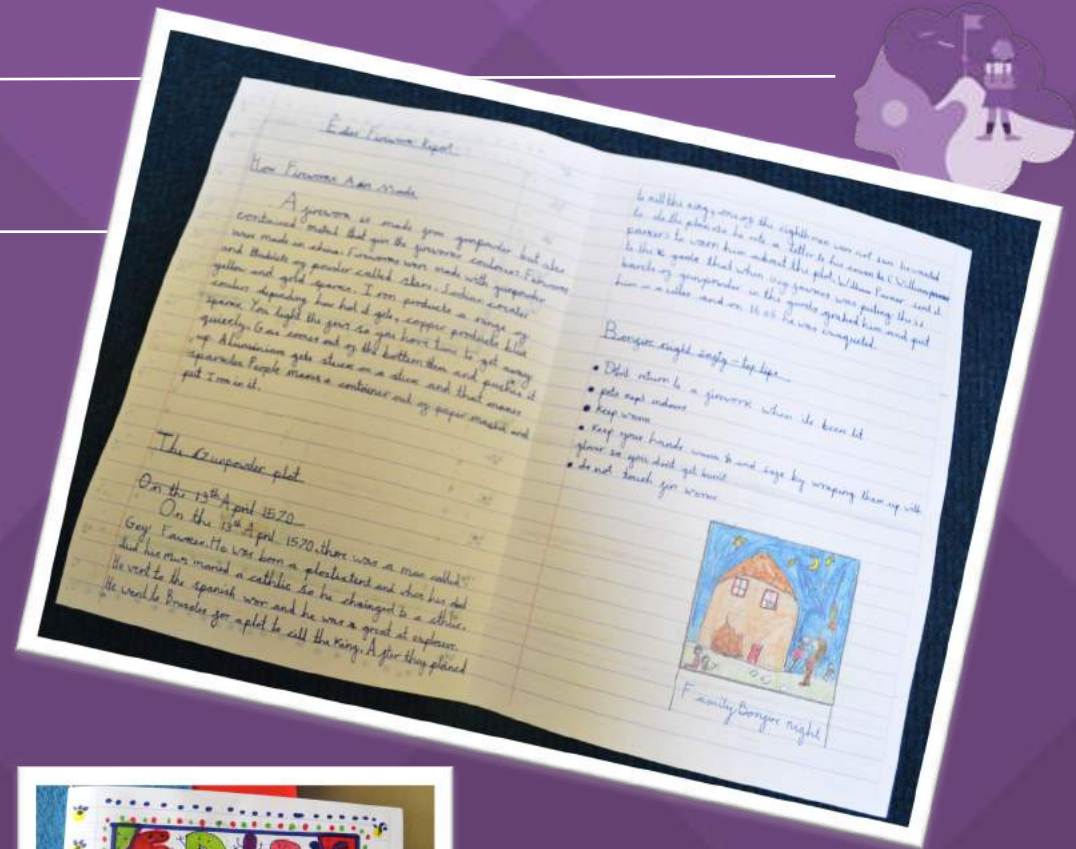


Maths work by Dylan and Josh in Chestnut club



Learning how to use the dictionary in Sycamore Class

In the Classroom



Cherry Class English work

PE



Year 6 enjoying athletics in PE



Year 7 & 8 PE

We have been enjoying the lovely weather and the opportunity to use the field in Victoria Park to learn Touch Rugby this term. Both groups have picked this game up well, considering it is the first time they have played it.

Touch Rugby is a great game for fitness, teamwork and ball handling skills. It is fast and requires quick decision-making skills. It is a great game to play in a mixed gender group. We hope to culminate the block of lessons with a Touch Rugby Tournament.
Rachael Cornish, KS3 PE Teacher

Avanti Park Sunflower Project



Avanti Park Eco Council

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As part of our Eco Schools application, our school Eco Committee are running an exciting project for all children to complete at home if they would like to. Each child will be given a sunflower seed to grow at home. Please see the short video which shows you how to make a newspaper seedling pot!

[How to make Newspaper Plant Pots - Easy Paper Seedling Pots in Minutes - only 2 minutes! - Bing video](#)

The Eco Committee will be sending ideas home over the next few weeks about different types of learning that can be done with a growing sunflower. You might also like to keep a diary about your sunflower. At the end of term, you will have an opportunity to share anything that you have done at home with the rest of your class.

Good luck with your planting!

[Growing Sunflower Time Lapse - Seed To Flower In 83 Days - YouTube](#)

Mojo Moves



The fabulous Mojo Moves visited our children for some lunch time dance fun.



EYFS Fundraising



Last year's Pine & Maple Class raised money by walking 'well over a 100 steps each' as one of the children said! The money raised helped to buy a bench.

Charlotte Carson, Frome Medical Practice's Green Health Connector said, 'sharing our Wellbeing Garden space with the children was such a joy and bought the garden alive when the children from Avanti visited. The staff here are really grateful and regularly enjoy using the new bench for lunch breaks and mini meetings. Thank you to all the Avanti park pupils who raised the donation money last year, contributing to this valuable, calm and quiet area for all staff.'

Many thanks, Charlotte.



Student Fundraising Effort



Rory Jones from Sycamore Class is walking 50 kilometres in May. Rory is also being accompanied by his sister Rosalie from Oak class.

Rory is walking to raise awareness for hearing loss in children and to raise money for The National Deaf Children's society. So far Rory has already raised £175! And he has walked 14 kilometres.

If anyone wants the details of how to donate here are the links. I have set up a justgiving page alongside the Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/donate/1493491424454108/?fundraiser_source=external_url

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophie-jones110>



Lula and Poppy raised £515

They love animals, in particular, owls and vultures. They've had great times at the Hawk Conservancy, near Andover and we encourage you to go there! It's a great project that helps conserve endangered birds. We want to raise money for the Hawk Conservancy because, like many people and organisations, they struggled through lockdown, so we want to help. Throughout February, Lula is drawing a picture of a bird every day and Poppy is running a mile every day.



PTFA Happenings



Survey time – Have your say in the PTFA!

As a registered charity, it is vital that PTFA activities and goals represent the needs of our school community as a whole.

Last year we surveyed many of you, but since then our community has grown and the PTFA team has evolved. We'd love to hear from all of you (again) by answering a *very short* survey (**less than 5 minutes**).

Please complete the survey, even if you did so last year:

<https://forms.gle/7XmMGskiap1cbT5v9>

Your answers will help us focus our efforts and work towards goals important to you and your child!



PTFA Happenings

Get ready for your . . .

Summer Fair

Saturday 2nd July: 11am -3pm

🌸 Each class can own a certain Fair 'area/activity'.

Hoping for lots of volunteers on the day – 1hr is all that's expected (where possible). Your PTFA Class Rep will be in touch with more info soon!

🌸 **Thursday weekly catch-up calls via Teams: 8-9pm**

Anyone can join at any time, for any duration.

Link to join Teams on Thursday eves:

<https://tinyurl.com/APPTFA-Summer22>



Free entry & everyone welcome !

- 🌸 Pre-loved & uniform sale
- 🌸 Crafts & activities
- 🌸 Live music & performances
- 🌸 Market stalls (£10 per table)
- 🌸 Food & drinks
- 🌸 Raffle

Email us: AvantiParkPTFA@Gmail.com



The Big Walk - Results



Dear Parents and Carers,
We have received final confirmation of our placing for this year's Big Walk and Wheel. Thank you for taking part and helping to educate our children about sustainable travel.

Over 2,000 schools took part so we did very well. Please continue to make sustainable journeys when you can!

Alison



Challenge Leaderboard

Position	School	Daily Score Average
321	Old Park Primary School	63.71%
322	Dobcroft Junior School	63.70%
323	Avanti Park School	63.67%
324	Stockwell Primary school	63.63%
325	Oaklands Junior School	63.59%
325	West Jesmond Primary School	63.59%

Overall position based on your daily score average

Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan

Please see below a copy of the school *Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan* details of which have been in place since the school first opened in Frome in September 2014. Please can we ask all parents to read this carefully. Many thanks, the Avanti Park Health & Safety Team.

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pedestrian Movement:

We ask all parents to ensure their children walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible.

Parents, pupils, and staff are asked to use the pavements and to be thoughtful about other pedestrians' using Park Road.

Pupils on scooters and bikes are requested to walk their bikes once they reach the boundaries of the school, at the main school entrance and down the school road to the pond gate.

There are several stone and brick walls bordering the school grounds including a low wall on the edge of the neighbouring Christchurch Parish Hall. We request that parents do not let their children walk along these walls as we cannot guarantee their safety.

No pedestrians to walk to or from the pond gate through the car park

Vehicle Movement:

As a school community our aim is to limit vehicles entering Park Road as it is a no through road and there is very limited parking on the road. We request that parents driving from a distance to the school park in one of the local car parks or in the surrounding area and walk their children into school.

Limiting vehicle movement is important for:

- Safety of pupils and parents
- Safety of other pedestrians and Park users
- Being good neighbours to people who live and work on Park Road
- Vehicle use of the Car Park:

There is no drop off parking at the school site for parents except by special arrangement.

There are four drop off spaces and three disabled spaces that are for the use of pupils with access needs and these spaces need to be arranged with either the school Business manager or the school SENDCo

There is a one-way system in place in the car park and all vehicles will enter via the top entrance

All vehicles to drive at a maximum speed of 5mph

The car park will be assessed for safety in conditions of ice and snow and may on occasion be closed by the Health & Safety team in order to keep staff, pupils, and parents safe.

No vehicles will be allowed on site during the school day unless accompanied by two members of the Site and Health & Safety Team.



Special Thanks

We are continuing our “Special Thanks” scheme in to the new year whereby parents, guardians, and carers are able to nominate and recognise staff for their efforts for supporting members in our Avanti community. This scheme was piloted at Avanti Park last year and made a real difference to our staff and their wellbeing.

To nominate a member of staff, please click on the following link:

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/parents/staff-nominations-for-special-thanks/>



Stay Safe, Be Well



Right of the week

Article 6 (survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and grow up healthy.



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