



AVANTI PARK
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The Avanti Park Post

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Dear parent and carers,

Thank you once again for your support this term. All the small thankyou's mean so much to staff and can make someone's day. Teaching is not an easy career but your wonderful children make it worth the effort every day.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents who have attended one or more of our parent information sessions this term. We work hard to involve you in your child's education and the parent information sessions and open classroom events are a way of sharing with you what we do at school. So far this year we have held the following sessions:

•Welcome to Year 7, Welcome to EYFS, Phonics information, Reading workshops, Mathematics workshops, An introduction to KS3 for Year 6, Open Classrooms.

Next term the following are planned:

2/11 – Rights Respecting Schools Award, 17/11 - EYFS writing through play, 23/11 - Year 6 SATs information, 1/12 - Open Classrooms

There is always a reminder on the weekly family bulletin, and you can book your space through the Eventbrite links.

Communication with school staff

It is important that any communication with the school goes through the correct channels so that the correct staff are responding to your queries. You will find a reminder of the correct communication routes later in this bulletin.

Lastly, have a wonderful half-term break whatever you are doing. A week in Cornwall for me for walking by the sea and maybe some sunshine (more likely rain I suspect!). We return to school on Monday 31st of October and so I'll see you all bright and early then.

With best wishes. Abby Atkins

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Maple:
Sky
Eddie
Celine

Pine:
Marley
George
Logan

Rowan:
Luna
Andrea
Bridie

Holly:
Alice
Casper
Rosie

Hawthorn
Will
Cosmo B
TBC

Willow:
Isy
Flynn
Django

Oak:
Tinashe
Aidan
Chaska

Ash:
Ezra
Mollie
Theo

Year 8
Lylah
Bella &
Tallis &
Filip &
Rishi

Elder:
Annie

Sycamore:
Roman
Yolanda
Eva

Hazel
Tias
Moe
David

Hazel:
Luca
Livvy

Cherry:
Albie
Etta
Hector

Beech:
Mylo
Leo
Rita

Cedar:
Jayden
Keyla
Mabel

Chestnut:
Amelie
Eliza
Aylin

Birch:
Deki
Shalin
Reuben


Star of the Week

30/09/2022

07/10/2022

14/10/2022

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EYFS/KS1 Art:
Florence B-B
Joni M-A

EYFS/KS1
Yoga:
Rosa B-C
Breya
Florence D

KS2 Art:
Beatrix
Edie
Harriett

KS2 Yoga:
Enki-Du
Nancy
Auri

EYFS/KS1 PE:
Grace
Sorrell
Jasper R

KS2 PE:
Max H-S
Andrea
Jasper J

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Principals Award



Hawthorn
TBC

Year 8
Lula

Maple
Taubah

Pine
Ruby

Oak
Joni M-A

Elder
TBC

Awarded to
pupils who
consistently
display Avanti
Park's core
values



Ash
Jasmine

Beech
Lorea

Cherry
Theo

Birch
Poppy

Hazel
Ana

Willow
Ella M

Holly
Nancy

Cedar
Sophie P-B

Sycamore
Marco

Chestnut
Amelia

Notices



School Photo Day:
Tuesday 8th November.
Avanti Park will be welcoming a school photographer to take individual pictures of the children for you to purchase and for their school profiles.

New Clubs

We are increasing our offering of after school clubs and activities commencing when we return after half term. Please see the document attached with the Avanti Park Post email for full details.

RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 31st
October

NEXT INSET DAY
Monday 14th
November

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Lost property will be laid out at the end of each week. Please only take what belongs to you.

Year 5 Swimming Lessons commence on Tuesday 8th November. Please provide your consent via the Arbor App by the 4th November.

Communication



COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

AVANTI PARK SCHOOL

Appendix 1 – Communication Flowchart



Avanti Park School

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Curriculum Vision



AVANTI PARK SCHOOL OUR CURRICULUM

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

CHARACTER FORMATION

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We believe that all learners are entitled to an education that equips them with the knowledge, skills and values they need and teaches them how they can contribute to a future that they want to live in.

The Early Years Framework and National Curriculum lie at the heart of what is taught at Avanti park School. Our curriculum ensures all children make good progress as they know and remember more over time. It is ambitious for children with SEND and those that are vulnerable in order to close any attainment gap.

We understand what children need to know and learn, and our curriculum ensures that every child achieves this and more. Learning has been sequenced in such a way to reduce cognitive load, link to prior learning and enable children to master new concepts.

When we teach the curriculum, we ensure that:

- Key concepts are repeated throughout the children's learning journey so that all children revisit and develop a deeper understanding of their learning.
- Knowledge organisers and notes are used in each unit so that it is clear what knowledge and understanding will be gained at each stage of learning.
- Subjects are taught discretely but links are made where appropriate to interconnect knowledge.
- Low stakes quizzes and end-of unit writing tasks are used to assess whether knowledge has been committed to the long term memory.



The Avanti Way

Our curriculum is underpinned by the Avanti Way: Educational Excellence, Spiritual Insight and Character Formation.

These values promote thinking as a global citizen and help to develop skills for young people to make meaningful contributions to society.

We enhance children's social, moral and character development with a variety of opportunities including being part of the school council, the eco committee, and becoming play leaders for younger children.

We promote a spiritual connection with themselves and the world around them with yoga and mindfulness, Winter and Spring Festival days, a dedicated art and design space and opportunities to learn outdoors in Forest School.



Avanti Park's new House Captains:
Tallis: Harptree
Bella: Thurlbear
Arwen: Blackdown
Millie: Dommett

Key Stage 1



At the end of last year children were given sunflower seeds to grow at home. Here is another picture that we have received from Cas in Oak Class with his fabulous Sunflower! Very impressive!



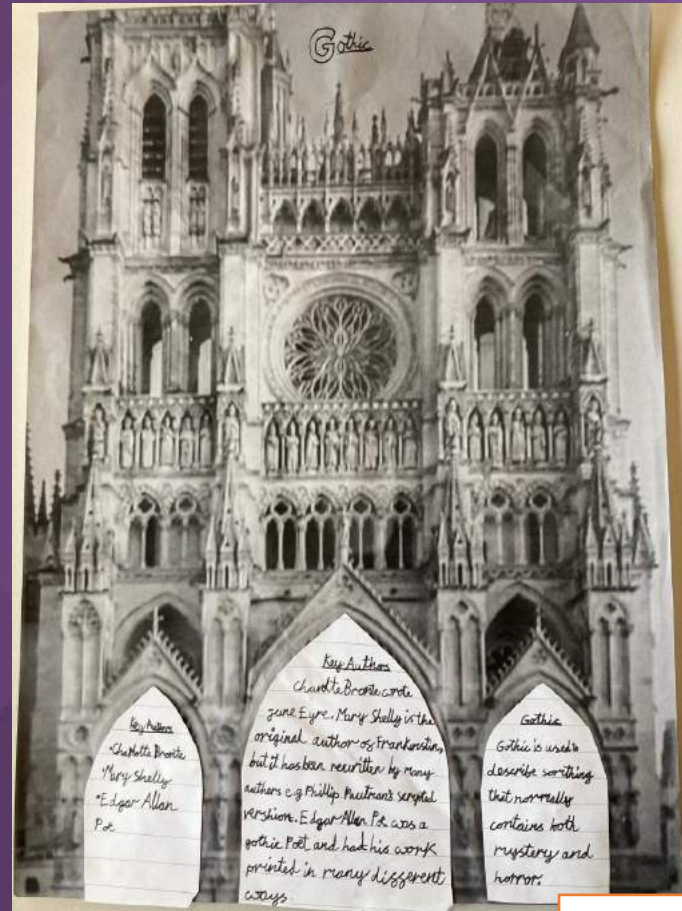
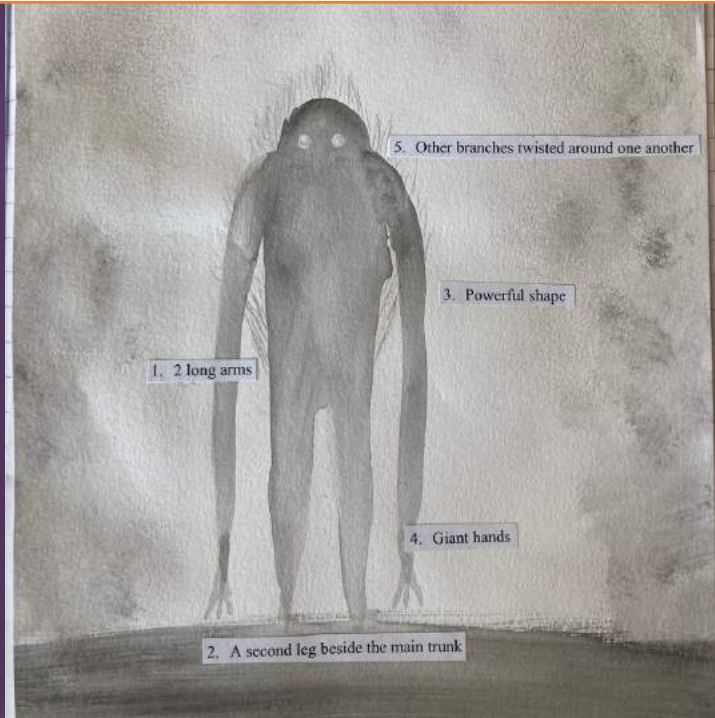
Pupils visiting Barney our School Dog

Key Stage 3

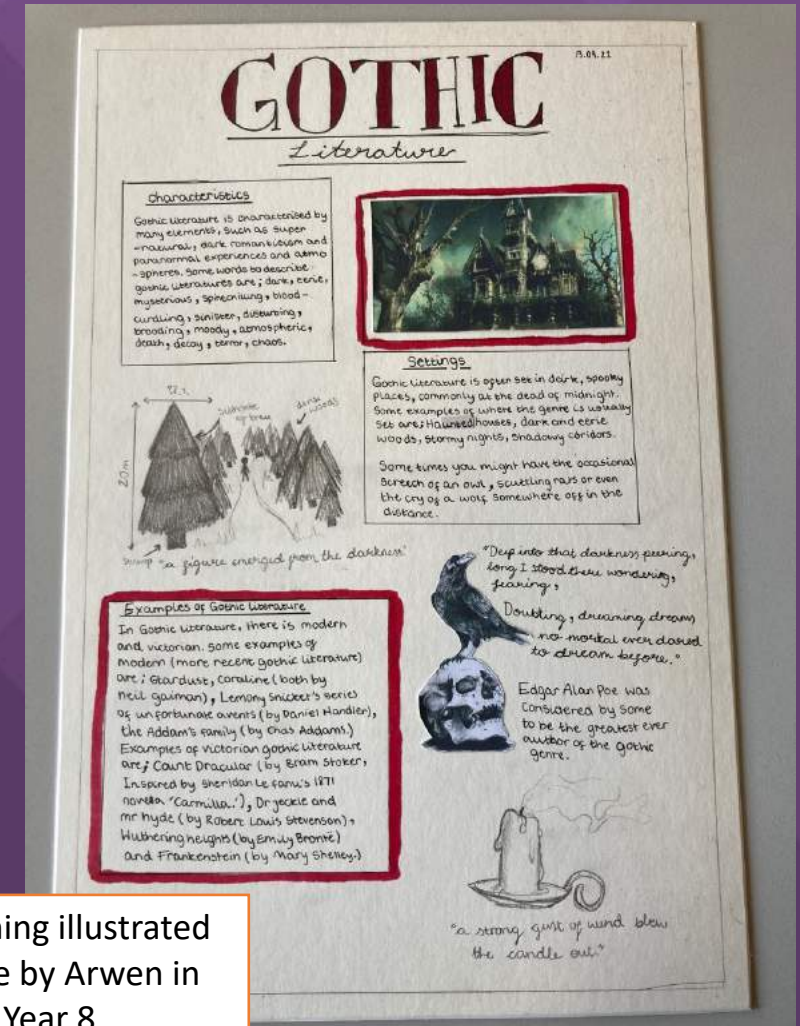


Year 8 have been studying a play version of 'Frankenstein' this half-term and learning all about the Gothic genre.

Below is a drawing by Maya in Year 7. This year group have been studying the novel 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness and were asked to draw the mysterious, intimidating and wise monster based on descriptions from the novel.



By Lylah M in Year 8



A stunning illustrated fact file by Arwen in Year 8

Notices and Events



Place2Be Parent Resources

We have a free online course for parents and other family wellbeing resources. Links and a flyer are attached if you would like to send them out to your parents.

Attached are the flyer and the link to the web page with sign up details for the free Parent Smart On-line starting on 1 November, register by 24 October.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/parenting-smart-online-course/>

There are also more resources on the main parent and carer page including creative wellbeing ideas and activities: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/wellbeing-resources-for-families/>



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
parentingsmart.org.uk



Exclusive to Place2Be schools

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with extra tools to deal with **everyday parenting challenges**.

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child** and **respond helpfully to challenging behaviour**. You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 6-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/family
or talk to the Place2Be staff member in your school.



Notices and Events



October half-term Felting Workshops

with Felt Artist Bessie Bidder

Felt picture. Tuesday 25th 1030am-12 noon



Suitable for young children with parent/carer or children over 8 years alone. Cost £12

Hand puppets. Wednesday 27th 2-4pm



Suitable for 8+ without an adult cost £20

Needle-felted dog finger puppet. Thursday 28th 1030am-1230



Suitable for adults or children 9+ without an adult. £20

Venue: Room 1, Cheese and Grain,
Frome BA11 1BE

For info and to book contact Bessie Bidder
bessiessage@googlemail.com

Instagram: bessiebidder Facebook: Bessietextilesfrome
Bessie is DBS checked and works in schools and with children.

Cost
includes materials
Concessions available. and
discounts for families and
groups please ask

MENDIP ROCKS! 2022



A festival of events running during October 2022 to celebrate the awe-inspiring
450-million-year geology of the Mendip Hills!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Saturday 1st October at Westbury Quarry
10.30am - 3.30pm

NIGHT TOUR OF WOOKEY HOLE CAVERNS

Wednesday 5th October at Wookey Hole Caves
7 - 8pm

GEOLOGICAL SECRETS OF HAPSFORD BRIDGE AND VALLIS VALE GEO WALK

Thursday 6th October
10am - 1pm Meet at the Somerset Earth Science Centre

TROPICAL CORAL SEAS AND VOLCANOES GEO WALK

Saturday 8th October at Sand Point, Kewstoke
10am - 2pm

BATT'S COMBE QUARRY TOURS

Wednesday 12th October
10am & 2pm

HALECOMBE QUARRY TOURS

Friday 14th October
10am & 2pm. Meet at the Somerset Earth Science Centre.

GEO LECTURE DAY

Saturday 15th October at the Somerset Earth
Science Centre,
2pm - 5pm.

WHATLEY QUARRY TOURS

Thursday 20th October - Tours at 10am & 2pm. Meet at
the Somerset Earth Science Centre

THE BUILDING STONES OF WELLS GEO WALK

Friday 21st October at Wells
10am to 12.30pm.

SOMERSET EARTH SCIENCE CENTRE MUSEUM AND OPEN DAY

Saturday 22nd October
10am until 3.30pm.

HAYDON COLLIERY GEO WALK

Sunday 23rd October at Radstock
1pm - 4pm.

GORGE-OUS CHEDDAR!

Saturday 29th October at Cheddar Gorge
12pm - 5pm



Please visit the Mendip Hills AONB website for more information and to book onto an event:
www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/events



Brought to you by:



Notices and Events



Very happy to announce that we will be hosting the new Pumpkin Day and Halloween Harvest Swap on Sunday 30th October at the Cheese and Grain. 10am until 2pm £3/adult. This is an Autumn version of the much loved Potato Day and Seed Swap... with everything you need to get gardening over the Autumn and Winter and some tasty examples of locally produced food. A Gardeners Market, plants, seeds, local foods and workshops to feed the mind (more info to follow), Pumpkin Carving (donation for the pumpkin) and Halloween Activities for the kids and adults... and an opportunity to bring your excess harvest to swap or share with our growing community.

An Autumn version of the Potato Day and Seed Swap...

PUMPKIN DAY & HALLOWEEN HARVEST SWAP

SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER
@ THE CHEESE AND GRAIN
10AM-2PM £3/ADULT

GARDENERS MARKET
PUMPKIN CARVING, HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES
COMMUNITY HARVEST SWAP
Bring your excess to swap and share...

Fruits	Veggies	Pickles & Preserves
Jams	Plants	Saved Seeds
Nuts	Herbs	Flowers

Frome Field 2 Fork
Plants, Seeds, Local Food, Community Stalls and Workshops

What you can bring to the Harvest Swap...

Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Dried Fruit and Veggies
Jams
Preserves and Pickles
Saved Seeds

Plants
Flowers
Herbs
Recipes
Plant Wisdom and Stories

Parking Notice from our Neighbours



A gentle reminder for our parents during school mornings and afternoons drop. It has come to the attention within the Town Council that there is unauthorised use of their car park at these peak times and especially during the morning drop off, many staff from the Council are unable to park for work. They also pay for the spaces on the left-hand side, and the very limited visitor spaces on the right-hand side are purely for use to visitors to the food bank and town hall.

Please can we remind parents not to drive up Park Road at all during drop off and pick up unless you have a pre-arranged agreement at the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



PTFA Bake Sale + AGM



A huge thank you to all of the amazing bakers who donated delicious baked goodies and cakes to the PTFA bake sale. We had a fantastic turnout. Thanks also to the wonderful volunteers who helped with the running of the event.

Save the date!

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Friday 11th November, 8pm
Bingo & Bites

All are invited to our annual meeting where we'll celebrate all we've achieved together, have a laugh, and hopefully meet some new faces too.

Details to follow...

PTFA Update

Avanti Park Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Thanks so much to everyone who came out for our Social & Quiz Night – you made it such a great time!



Our next in-person event is...

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday 11th November, 8pm

The Crown Inn, Keyford - Frome

Bingo & Bites

Come along for to our big annual meeting where we'll:

- Play musical bingo!
- Celebrate all we've achieved
- Have a laugh
- Meet some new faces too

PTFA : the search for class reps

Could you be a class rep?

We are on the hunt for a PTFA representative from each class. The Class Rep the PTFA's main communication link to parents: sharing what events are coming up; rallying the class to pitch in at sales, festivals, and events & also having a say in how funds are raised. It can be quite simple - just passing on messages or more if you want to get more involved.



We currently have NO reps for:

- * Cherry
- * Hazel
- * Rowan
- * Elder

Many classes have two reps and **Holly** is also looking for a co-rep.

Do get in
touch!

AvantiParkPTFA@Gmail.com

[@AvantiParkPTFA](https://www.facebook.com/AvantiParkPTFA)



♥ Tamsin, one of our brilliant
reps from last year ♥

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 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



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