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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parent and carers,

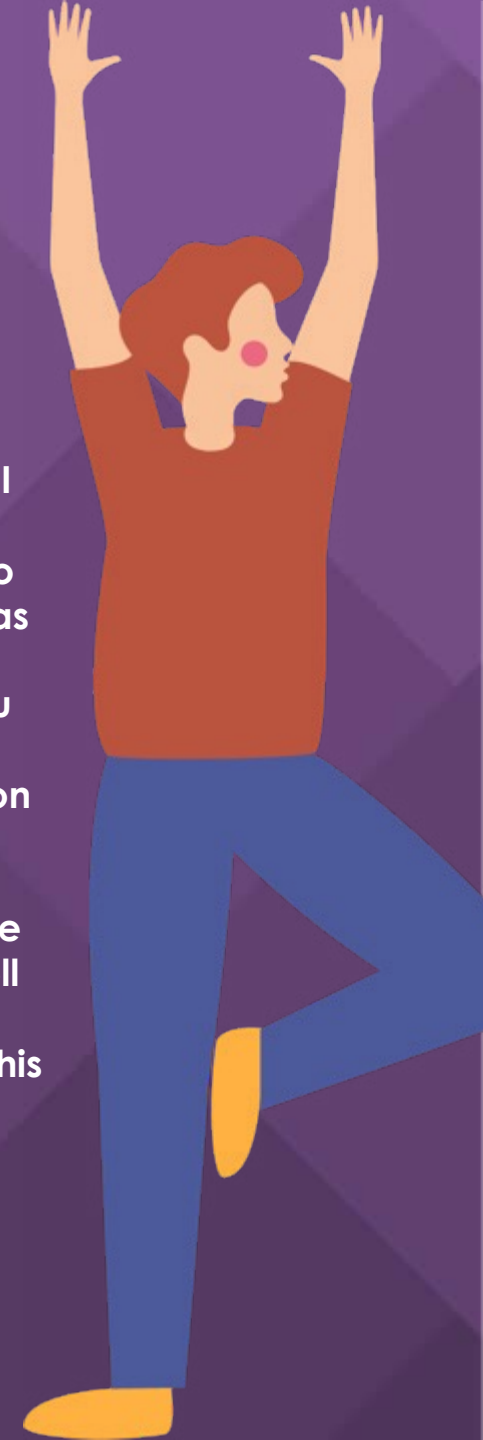
A belated happy new year and welcome to the first Avanti Park Post of 2024! I hope you all had a good break over Christmas. It has been a pleasure to be back at school these last two weeks. One of the perks of my job is that I get to spend time in every class. I have been so impressed in how well everyone has come back to school and slipped back in as if they didn't have a break! The quality of teaching and learning is exceptional in all classes and so thank you for supporting your children with their learning and also for being so positive with your children about coming to school. This positivity has a huge impact on how your children approach school and their learning.

As you know we take safeguarding incredibly seriously. Last week I sent home a 'safeguarding newsletter' which updates you with staffing information as well as giving you links to important information about how to keep your children safe on line. If you missed it, you can find a copy on our website by clicking this link:

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/safeguarding-newsletters/>

Have a wonderful weekend

Abby Atkins



Maple:
Olivia
Marnie

Pine:
Freya
Herbie

Sycamore:
Jasper J
Murphy W

Rowan:
Ivy H
Murphy W

Chestnut:
Indigo

Oak:
Thomas J
Marlow E

Ash:
Sasha
Zach

Cherry:
Rona
Lilah

Cedar:
Jasper R
Axel C

Willow:
Matilda P
Bridie FDW

Star of the Week W/C
08/01/2024
15/01/2024

Beech:
Lochlain

Hazel:
Lyla T
Dante

Holly:
Arthur C
-

Birch:
Indi Y
Madison D

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EYFS/KS1 Art:
Solomon H
Isabel R

EYFS/KS1
Yoga:
Jasmine H
Henry L

Walnut:
-

House points so far this
year....

1st Harptree 10,431
2nd Thurlbear 9,825
3rd Blackdown 9,773
4th Dommett 9,339

Hawthorn:
Max L
Kai S

KS2 Yoga:
Finley K
Leo G

KS2 Art/DT:
Koji B
Ellie H

Star of the Week W/C
08/01/2024
15/01/2024

EYFS/KS1 PE:
-
Elska W

Elder:
Isla H
Annie C

KS2 PE:
Rosa B-C
Rupert C

Aspen
Georgia A

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Notices



29th January online safety for
parents 6-7.30 (run by
Lindsey Hopkinson-Scott)
**Please note the change of
date** [https://www.eventbrite
.co.uk/e/770196447307?aff=
oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/770196447307?aff=oddtcreator)

Dr's appointments.

There has been an increase in
children being taken out of school
for Dr's/Dentist/other appointments.
Please can we ask that wherever
possible appointments that are
made in advance are
schedule outside of school time .

You are warmly invited to a short
presentation on the Avanti Way on
Wednesday 7th February at 5pm. Come
along and find out more about the ethos
that underpins everything that we do
here at Avanti Park.

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/79845721
6027?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/798457216027?aff=oddtcreator)

PTFA AGM

The date of the PTFA
AGM is 25th
January, everyone
welcome. 8.00 –
9.30pm Online
meeting Link: [Click
here to join](#)

Bird Watching



This week and next week all the children have a chance to be in a 'hide' and take part in bird watching. Avanti Park are taking part in the RSPB national bird watch. Thank you to Miss Clarke and Mr Foale for organising this. We would love our families to take part 26th to 28th January. See for more info: [RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

Reading Champions



This term, our Year 8 Reading Champions started their roles; students were trained in listening to readers effectively, were paired up with a child in the primary phase and have started listening to them read twice a week during registration. It was wonderful to see children sharing their love of reading!



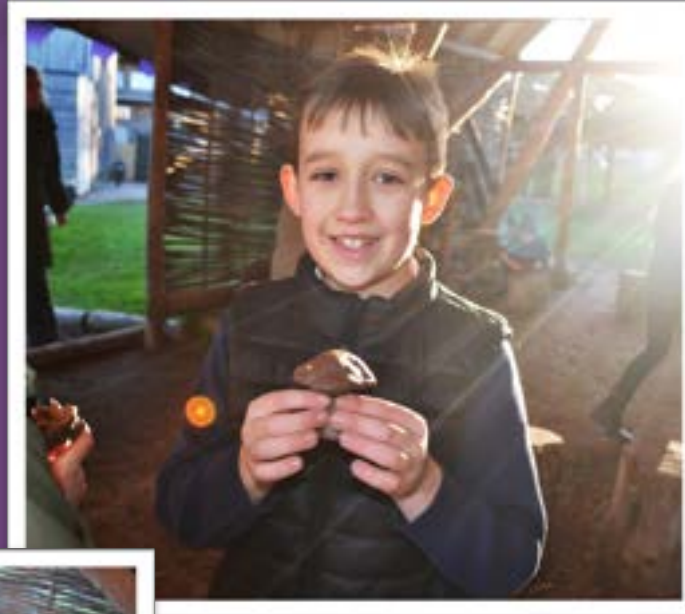
EYFS Yoga



Reception
class Yoga
lesson

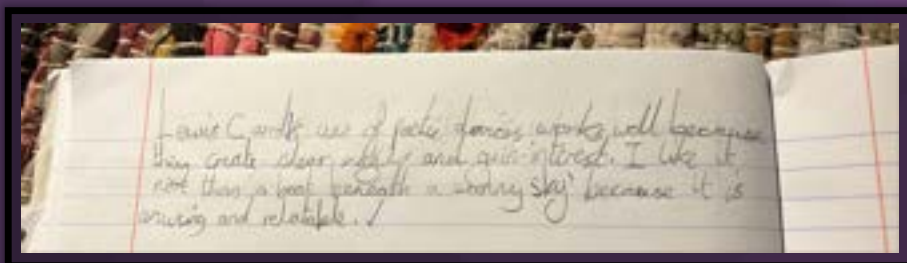


Forest school

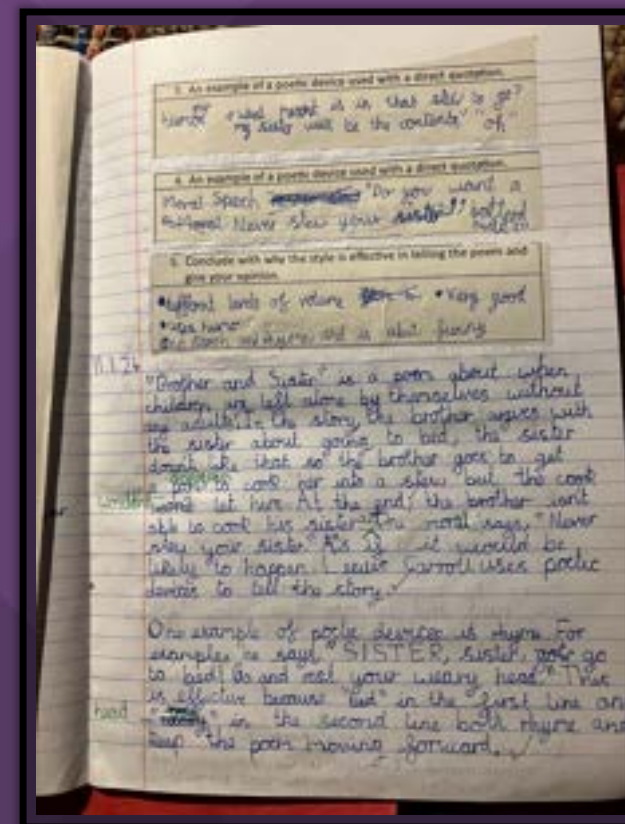
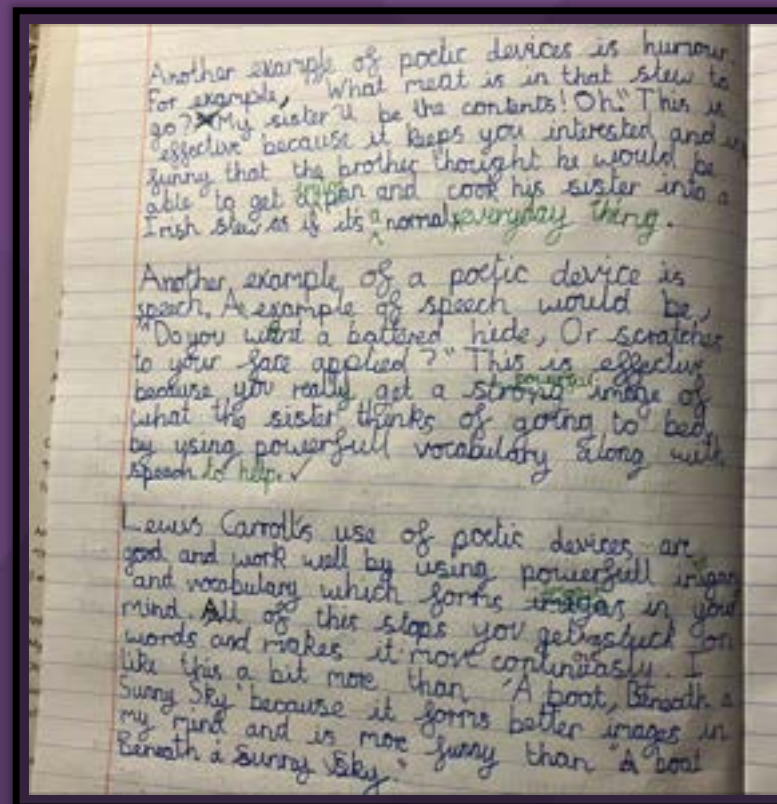
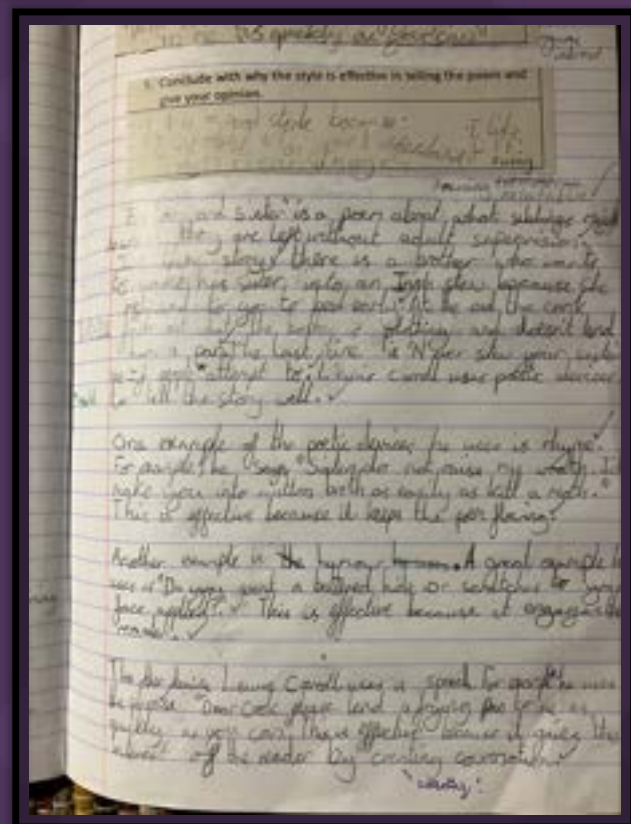


In forest school lessons
this week, students have
enjoyed making clay
models.

In the Classrooms: Year 4



Year 4 have been working hard on analysing narrative poetry, understanding which poetic devices the poet has used and how/whether they are effective. We have been looking at two poems by Lewis Carroll: 'A Boat Beneath A Sunny Sky' and 'Brother Sister', with some incredibly articulate and insightful outcomes.



Our PTFA Needs You!!



Hi everyone - here's a quick google form: <https://forms.gle/JpZh1J1qoMdW7vrL8> for anyone who might be interested in getting involved in the PTFA, at some point!

Basically most fun events are run by the PTFA but it needs more people! Lots of parents/ carers talked about wanting the Summer/ Winter fairs/ disco etc. to happen and maybe be involved, but there's not been a big enough organising group.. so hopefully this will help connect people together so more can happen!

It's a very short form and just an expression of potential interests/ skills/ time, no commitment!

In terms of offering help, it could be a tiny or more regular amount of help behind the scenes or at the school - from setting up a jumble sale, making a poster, sourcing garden/ play materials or equipment, checking emails, supporting with the Summer Arts Festival or...

..bringing your own ideas for ways to support the school community of kids, parents/ carers, teachers..

Avanti Park PTFA email: avantiparkptfa@gmail.com

Avanti Park PTFA WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EY6Hq0H0e54A2HOBxFV4lq...>

Avanti Park PTFA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/avantiparkptfa>

Dorothy House Fundraising



Before the Christmas break, students from all year groups took part in a Charity Elf run. The children were given the opportunity to choose a charity in which to donate the money raised. The vote was taken, and the Charity of choice was Dorothy House. Shula Dennard, an events representative of Dorothy House, visited the school this week and spoke to KS2 children about the wonderful work that Dorothy House do within t's hospice care and also in the community. She was delighted to receive a cheque on behalf of Dorothy House for the sum £277.76. The Cheque was presented to Shula by students in year 6 and year. Well done to all who took park and thanks to those who donated to this very worthy cause.

Events



SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP SALE



WHEN

Wednesday 31st Jan
3pm - 4pm

WHERE

Outside main gate

**Some nearly new branded Avanti
Uniform will be for sale for £2-£6
per item.**

**ANY AVANTI
UNIFORM ITEMS
ACCEPTED -
DONATIONS
WELCOME
BRING TO PTFA
ROOM**

BLUE TOKENS

**For swapping branded
uniform items**

PINK TOKENS

**For swapping everything
else!**

**1 token = 1
item to swap**

**ALL FUNDS TO
THE PTFA**

**Swap for free
or buy for £1/
£2**

Notices



Chill Out & Have Fun

Aged between 8 and 16 years old,
and have a brother or sister with additional needs?
Do you help to look after someone at home?
Come to the Zone and meet new friends!



Wednesday 6-8pm (fortnightly)
Routes, 1A Palmer Street, BA11 1DS

Please contact us to discuss a place, as places are limited
07736 470328
info@thepodcharity.org.uk

The Pod is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity number 1401215

Somerset Youth Singers has been helping develop not just the vocal skills of young people, but also boosting their mental health and wellbeing through singing together. We're keen to see numbers grow and see more young people in Somerset benefit from all that singing can offer. [SYS Spring Term 2024 Booking form](https://youtu.be/5eqBG-p-6pl?si=fGR9Y4fZ2IEfNzQC)
<https://youtu.be/5eqBG-p-6pl?si=fGR9Y4fZ2IEfNzQC>

Somerset Youth Singers is open to young people aged 8 - 21.

There is no audition, you just need an enthusiasm to learn mixed with a love of singing! Being a member of SYS gives you the opportunity to broaden your singing technique and challenge your musical creativity. You will sing a wide range of repertoire and work with vocal experts.

We perform regularly at large and small scale events across the county.

SYS Seniors (age 12-21)
SYS Training (age 8-12)



Contact Sarah Alsop
Choir Manager
07976 696562
sarah.alsop@somerset.gov.uk



Inclusion Calander



The Community Inclusion and Activity Team's calendar for February Half Term is now live. The calendar is full of fun activities for children and young people who have a disability and/or additional need. These include: a film making workshop, multi-sports, hydrotherapy, inclusive family roller skating, dance and drama workshops and nature activities. There's something fun for everyone!

The CIA Team have a family day planned at Polden Bower School, with a science and magic workshop from the fabulous Strawberry Jam! They're also holding a family activity day at Ocean Adventurers, where children and young people can have exclusive use of the soft play facilities and parent carers can enjoy the café.

The calendar, and more information about the Community Inclusion Activity Team, can be found under the Local Offer at [Activities for families \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/activities-for-families)

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 and anyone wishing to use this entrance will need to complete the 'Use of Car Park Form' available from the office.

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



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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

Children can join or set up groups or organisations, and they can meet with others, as long as this does not harm other people.

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