

# EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



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## Reception- Start Class

We have had such a lovely week learning about Vincent Van Gogh. He is one of the artists in our focus story, 'Luna Loves Art' so we focussed on who he was, when he was alive, and what his artwork looks like.

### PHONICS FOCUS:

reading and writing words  
with letters:  
m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u,  
b, f, e, l, h, r, w, y



As we focussed on Van Gogh, we looked closely at his painting 'Sunflowers' before learning more about sunflowers and how they grow. We used a hydroponic growing system to grow different herbs so that we can compare this to the growth of newly planted flowers outside.

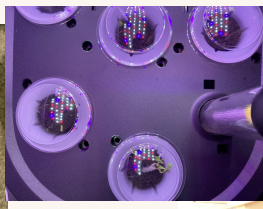
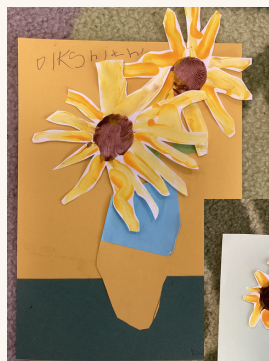
The children created this beautiful sunflower art for Mother's Day. They also learnt about the life cycle of a sunflower and took home their own sunflower seeds for their home learning project.

### OUR MATHS FOCUS:

### 3D SHAPES



In Maths, the children worked more on number bonds to 10 as well as learning about 3D shapes. They explored how many sides a shape has and looked for the 2D shapes within the 3D shapes.



Phonics Home Learning  
Here are some links to Fred Talk games to play: [Fred Says Body Parts](#), [Garden](#)  
Here are 10 things to think about when reading with your child: [Click here](#)



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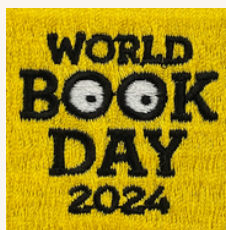
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## Pre-School- Lea Class



This week's focus book is called 'Enrolls Garden', written by Gillian Hobbs. It is about a boy who longs for a garden of his very own but he lives in a block of flats. He problem solves and creates a clever plan involving the community in creating a roof garden on top of the tower block. Vocabulary discussed was: flats, noticed, growing, dreamed, garden, roof, plan, luckily and changed.

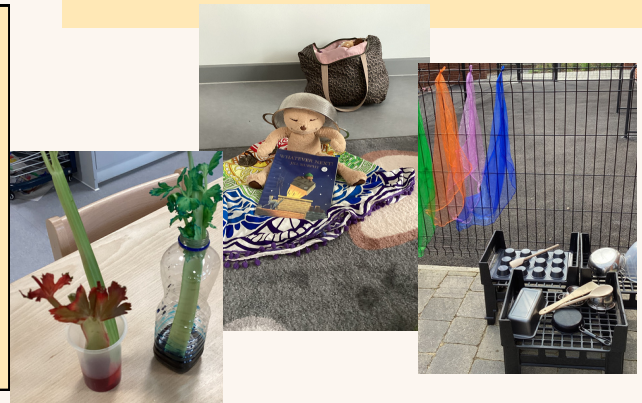


The children have been very busy learning about a very special day on Sunday: Mothering Sunday/ Mother's Day! The children have been very busy indeed in the craft area, making artwork or cards for you. They have been completed independently and are unique for each special Mummy or mother figure.



In Yoga, linked to World Book Day, the children had a noise creating focus story of Whatever Next!

On Friday the children completed a celery challenge. They added food colouring to the water and watched the leaves turn from green to red or blue. This led to conversations about plants needing water to continue to be healthy. The children were VERY excited to see it had changed over lunchtime, then on Monday how bright the colours were. They observed the changes through this week.



# School News and Updates

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday each week**– Reception children will have PE in the hall each Monday. Please ensure they come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers.

**Tuesday each week**– Pre-school children complete their PE lesson in the hall during the afternoon. They will wear their normal tracksuit school uniform.

**Wednesday each week** – please be reminded this is the weekly cut off day for school meal selection, please be reminded to make your school meal choices in time. If selections have not been made children will be given the jacket potato option.

**Thursday each week** – Yoga sessions for both Pre-School and Reception. Please ensure Reception children come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers and Pre-School children wearing their regular tracksuit bottoms and polo shirts.

**Tuesday 12th March** – Parent Consultations – Stort (Reception) class parents.

**Thursday 13th March**– special art lesson with Mrs Higley at Avanti Grange for Reception children.

**Friday 15 March** – Red Nose Day – please can the children come into school wearing their uniform and something red, for example a red hair accessory, red socks, a red nose, a red t-shirt or sweatshirt over their uniform. We kindly request a donation of £1 and this can be made by clicking here [ParentPay Donations Page](#).

**Tuesday 19th March** – Parent Consultations – Lea (Pre-School) class parents..

**Tuesday 26th March** – Reception class trip to Church Farm, Ardeley (please ensure payments are made via ParentPay **by Friday 22nd March**).

**Thursday 28 March** – End of term – Reception finish at 1.30pm with Pre-School finishing at 3.30pm (No Late Play provision provided)

## REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

**Junk Modelling**– We are using all your junk modelling materials each day so please do keep them coming! We are still in need of large sheets or material so if you could have a look around the house for any old sheets, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you for your help.

**Large sheets**– We are still in need to large pieces of fabric or bedsheets. We would love to do some large-scale painting with the children.

**Updates to our Late Play Provision** – Our catering suppliers Govinda's is now providing the meals at our Late Play sessions. We request that your sessions are pre-booked, 2 weeks in advance and we have a 2 week notice period for any changes to your child's Late Play sessions with notification made via email: [avantibrook@avanti.org.uk](mailto:avantibrook@avanti.org.uk) Failure to cancel within the notice period will result in charges for care still applying. If you are interested in a Late Play place please contact the school office.

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## Golden Certificate Award:

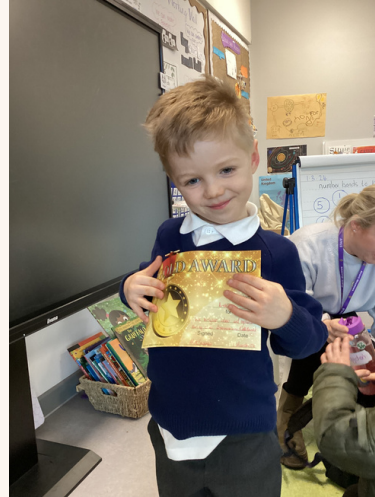
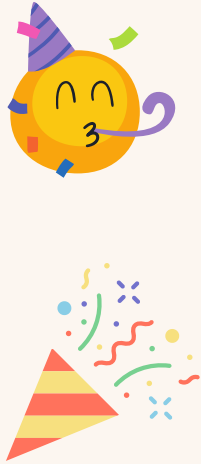
Pre-School: Joshua  
Reception: All pupils in Stort Class for giving us 100 days of joy since opening Avanti Brook

Last week's certificate winner in Reception:

## Golden Expectations

1. Be kind: think of others and help them
2. Be safe: look after yourself and others
3. Be respectful: listen carefully and act politely
4. Be honest: think before you speak or act
5. Be courageous: keep on trying your best
6. Be grateful: say 'thank you'

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## Educational Visits and Enrichments

**Stort Class had a wonderful visit to Avanti Grange on World Book Day! We were treated to two drama performances, a buddy reading session in the library, and finally a school tour with helper students and senior leaders at Avanti Grange. We are so lucky to work closely with our secondary neighbours down the road and our primary sister school (Avanti Meadows) just across Stortord!**

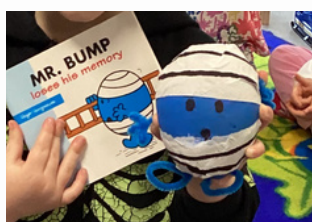


# World Book Day

Thank you to everyone that came to support our Bedtime Stories event this week! It was a great success with the entire small hall being filled with families and every bit of cake getting consumed! It was wonderful seeing so many of you and getting share our love of reading with our school community.

The book character vegetables were some of the most imaginative creations we have come across! Well done to our families for supporting this challenge and sharing in a bit of magic with your children. Everyone who participated was awarded a certificate of participation.

Our 'Best Dressed Veg' winners from each class are:



Pre-School: Freddie  
Reception: Hanna



These two winners will be awarded a £10 book voucher courtesy of the PTA. Bravo!



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**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**  
**Saturday 23 March 12-3pm**

We are hosting our first ever easter event, packed full with lots of fun and creative activities for you and your family to enjoy! Non-avanti siblings are welcome to attend under 2s are free but will not be able to claim an egg and only the children attending will require a ticket this will give them access to all the games and activities and our exclusive egg hunt! We shall also be holding a RAFFLE at the event with prizes such as:

Easter goodies  
Basket of McMullen beer  
Giftboxes  
£15 voucher for Little Monsters soft-play  
Escape room voucher  
And much more...

Raffle tickets may only be purchased at the event!

**YOU MUST PRE-BOOK your tickets on our PTA EVENTS WEBSITE! SALES OPEN TODAY AT 3pm!**

We are closing sales at 23:55 on Monday 18 March in order to organise the egg purchases. We cannot take bookings after this date or accept on the day arrivals. If you have trouble booking please do contact us for assistance be emailing [avantimeadowspta@gmail.com](mailto:avantimeadowspta@gmail.com)

To ensure this event goes ahead safely and smoothly we will require a large number of volunteers at least 12 so if you can help out please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



# **EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH  
12-3PM**

**AT AVANTI MEADOWS SCHOOL**

**FEATURING**

**EGG HUNT, EASTER CRAFTS, COOKIE  
DECORATING, GAMES, BOUNCY  
CASTLE, EASTER TREATS SALE & RAFFLE**

**\*\*\* MUST BE PRE-BOOKED TO TAKE PART \*\*\***

**EGG HUNT**

**£7 PP**

**SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**£4**

**UNLIMITED JUMP**



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