

Ambassador Core Meeting Minutes

Thursday 21st October 2021

In attendance:

Virat-Harit
Nayan -Zielony
Diya -Verdi
Arya-Rajat
Nandini-Srebro
Anisha-Plata
Avani-Silver
Reet-Bronze
Atiksh-Bronce
Diya-Kamsya
Kavya-Braz
Arjan-Oro
Viyana- Suvanam
Yash-Zloto
Ashutosh-Gold

Ambassadors began their first meeting of 2021 discussing the qualities of great leaders. They recognised that we are all leaders as well as learners, and we all have the power to guide others in the small things that we do and say, every day.

Elections: Your voice matters!

We discussed the importance of the candidate's manifestos, their aims and intentions and how the school community had entrusted them to Make the World a Better Place.

Inauguration Ceremony:

We were delighted to be joined by our esteemed guest: Mr Gopinath Bloch, Culture Lead for Avanti Trust. Mrs Walters and I joined the celebration, in which we welcomed our elected Core Principal Ambassadors into their new role in front of an audience of the children they would now represent, as well as their parents. It was a very spiritual occasion, as we discussed the qualities and attributes of the leaders that our school is founded on, including the great Srila Prabhupada, and offered a prayer for people around the world. Children received their certificates to hearty cheers, and we recapped some of the important points outlined in the manifestos – Virat in Year 2 even recited his excellent work from memory!

First meeting: the journey begins

Following the inauguration Ceremony, our new Ambassadors wasted no time in getting to work! As each Ambassador introduced themselves and their qualities and attributes, their Avanti values shone through. Evani, Ambassador for Year 6 explained: 'I will bring courage to my role. I will be brave and stand up for what is right.' Reet, Ambassador for Year 4 added: 'I will support other children to develop high self-esteem, because if they believe in themselves, they can achieve their full potential.'

Vision: How can we make the world the world a better place?

The Core Ambassadors then worked together to create their vision for the coming year. Of course, the children's ideas were centered around helping others because that is the Avanti Way! They considered how they can support children and staff to become more aware of their rights and to advocate for the rights of others. They talked about the Pupil Charter and how they can use it as a

vehicle to help others to understand the Avanti Way. They also thought about how our school community can reach out to people affected by adverse situations such as poverty, disability, mental illness, and homelessness.

Implementing our vision: What will we do?

Ambassadors discussed how they could bring their vision to life and mapped out their action plan, outlining what they will do and when, how they will achieve it and who they will collaborate with to make it happen. The Ambassadors spoke with such passion: for example, they persuaded us that a small vegetable patch on Avanti grounds can be used to feed food bank customers in the community, help change attitudes towards food production and contribute to the healing of our planet. Adults had so much to learn from listening to the presentations. We were reminded that a tiny seed has the potential to grow into a mighty oak, and that our ability to make positive change is limitless when we all stand as one. How inspiring! With this team, it certainly is going to be an unforgettable year of leadership and achievement!

A super Avanti congratulations to all the candidates that took part, and their voters! You are all ***making the world a better place!***

Miss Vincent, Avanti Core Ambassador Lead.