

Avanti Fields Newsletter July 2022 Principal's Headline

As we come to the close of this academic year, I can only look back on the year with gratitude and love. Since joining Avanti Fields just before the October half-term I have been privileged to see the continued growth of the school as it has settled into its forever home in Hamilton. I want to personally thank the leadership team of the school for making my transition to the school so smooth and welcoming. They have been a steady and constant force within the school and have ensured that even in times of transition our students have been provided with an excellent provision.

The staff at Avanti Fields also deserve a special recognition. They have been open, honest and willing to implement changes when needed for the benefit of the students they teach. Through their hard work this year, we have been able to enter national competitions, host guest speakers, send students on residentials and extra-curricular visits, complete in local sporting fixtures, showcase performance work, have artwork displayed in city galleries and have students complete work experience. All of this alongside of a difficult year of "coming out of Covid" and teaching any catch-up curriculum before completing our planned curriculum. They have been truly exceptional.

I would like to thank our PTFA and SSC members, and in particular Dipak Patel as Chair of the SSC. The support given to myself, and the school, is a source of pride. The support of the community has meant that fundraising for school projects has continued, we've enriched our school environment through tree planting and offered a range of unique events for our community, such as the recent Health and Wellbeing day.

And finally, I want to thank both our students and their families for your continued support of the school. Student attendance has remained above national average and polite and courteous behaviour around the school is still a strength of our school. Our students have demonstrated the Avanti Way in their participation of all that is on offer, including our house competitions, and are constantly praised by external visitors for their manners and conduct.

Next year we look forward to welcoming the first students within our primary phase as we open two classes at nursery and two classes at reception. Our trail-blazing first cohort will sit their GCSE examinations and begin the prepare for the next phase of their educational journey.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Vanessa Bardsley Acting Principal Avanti Fields School



Message from the SSC Chair

Dear Parents, Staff, Pupils & Friends

As our first year in our permanent home is coming to an end, I reflect on what has been a very successful year for the school. We started the year with uncertainty regrading our leadership team and have ended it with what I truly believe is a very strong SLT which I am confident will lead the school to our vision of being one of the best schools in Leicester in the coming years with results that match this vision. As always, I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication that all our school staff give to us, SLT, Teachers, Support & Admin Staff, Premises, Catering and Cleaners all play their part in making our school the best environment in which our pupils can flourish.

Our pupils never fail to amaze me, I am fortunate that I get the opportunity to see them display our values both in and out of school on a regular basis. I have watched them test their physical skills at Ninja warriors, they have served the community by giving up their time on a Saturday to support Tesco and collect food for Fairshare and they have helped at many events and open days at school, always well behaved and shining ambassadors of our school. The amazing sports awards recently, highlighted their efforts and successes, the energy in the auditorium was electric. To top it all, a group of our students have won a national science competition, what a fantastic achievement and accolade for the pupil's themselves and our school, a huge well done from us all!

As a trustee of our PTFA, I am also very proud and grateful for the hard work and dedication the committee and volunteers put in to organise and execute their many events, giving up their time for the benefit of the school and our pupils. The £7,500 they have donated to the school this year has made a real difference and paid for items that departments didn't have the budget for, the extra items on their wish list. I would encourage you to join them and help them with their many plans for next year and of course to continue to support their efforts.

For the first time as well as welcoming our new cohort of year 7's, we will see the start of our nursery and primary phase. Miss Thakore (Head of Primary) has done an amazing job preparing for their arrival, the atmosphere in the school will be very different with our youngest pupils joining us. We warmly welcome our new pupils, their families and our new staff members into our 'Avanti Fields Family'.

I wish you all a well-deserved summer break and look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Many Thanks	
Dipak Patel	
SSC Chair	
Avanti Fields School	

Reading Ambassadors



Well done and thank you to all the Year 10 Reading Ambassadors who helped weekly to read with younger students this term. It was a massive success and a really valuable experience for many of the Year 7 and 8 students involved. When the Year 7 and 8 students involved were asked what they enjoyed about Reading Ambassadors, they said:

"They helped me read hard words and it was fun." (Arius, Year 8)

"I enjoy reading and have got more confident now." (Khushi, Year 8)

"I enjoyed reading new books that I've never read before" (Viraj, Year 7)

"It's improved my reading skills and my vocabulary skills." (Harsajun, Year 7)

"I have enjoyed how the year 10 boy has helped me with a word when I have struggled to read it. I have improved my reading. I don't enjoy that it is only one day. I would like if it can be 2 or 3 days in a week" (Nathan, Year 7)

"We would talk about the book and summarise. If I got something wrong, she helped me. At the end we used to talk together. We laughed if the book was funny." (Maahi, Year 7)

It has been a rewarding programme for <u>all</u> students involved and we look forward to reintroducing it next year!

The English Department









Science

AVANTIFIELDS SCHOOL

So... What is the point of physics?

This year the Institute of Physics (IoP) launched a competition for the first time, called the Eureka Challenge. They wanted students to see physics differently. The Eureka challenge goes straight to the question....What's the point of Physics?

IOP's Limit Less campaign aims to inspire students to see physics differently. Students were encouraged to express their ideas in any shape or form, whether they are arty, sporty or into literature, we wanted all students to show their passion in understanding everyday physics creatively.

A number of our year 8 students took part and had some fascinating ideas of how physics helps us now and in the future.

Well done to team **'Frosting Physics'** for being the **Top entry winners** Nationally. We were told by the competition judges that all our students did a fantastic job and had some brilliant ideas.





Celebrating super-curricular and extracurricular in science 2021 - 2022

We've had a fantastic year for super-curricular and extra-curricular activities within science. These opportunities have allowed our students to grow and develop their skills. These are some of our best bits!!

Polli:Nation for the Next Generation (Polli:Gen)











Energy Quest with Year 7s



AVANTI FIELDS

Engineering Career talk with Year 9

Avanti Fields School @A... · 01/11/2021 ···· Thank you @AFS_Science for organising a great #STEM talk. Some really interesting facts and information about #renewableenergy shared.





University of Oxford Material Science day with year 10s





Marble run competition with year 8s





Energy Quest with year 8s





University of Oxford presentation – what will be

your future?





Several students achieved their bronze award for the iDEA challenge



A team of our year 10 girls entered the TEEN TECH competition







Mrs Trivedi and Miss Ismael delivered a STEM assembly at Krishna Avanti Primary School

Crest award with Year 8s





Eureka Challenge - what's the point of physics?







Outreach with Year 5s from Krishna Avanti Primary School







the salters' institute chemistry events

Salter's Chemistry festival with year 10s





PE Updates



I would just like to say a massive thankyou to the form captains for really trying to get house competitions up and running this year. Special mention to Nidhi and Anaya in year 7 for organising a successful house competition and all the year 7 form captains in particular for getting lots of house competitions going such as badminton and handball. Also well done to Neha Nayi and Anay Patel for organising a successful house competition.

Congratulations to the following students in year 8 for completing the Your Time Sports Leaders Qualification and successfully putting together a house football competition to encourage more girls to be competitive in sport. Shristi Ashok, Anaiya Dattani, Rianna Dattani, Anjli Gorthan, Pankti Khambhayata, Shradha Khunti, Keya Mistry, Meisha Patel, Tithi Patel, Diya Popat, Dhariti Raythaththa, Prarthana Shukla.

Well done to all students nominated for Sports Awards Evening and I hope all the students and parents/carers had an enjoyable evening. Thank you again to everyone to helped out to make this evening a success







SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS



- Endeavour(Year 7/8) -Sahil Ramesh (Cricket)
- **Outstanding Performance(Year 7/8)** Anay Pisavadia (Football)
- Most Improved Performance(Year 7/8)- Prarthana Shukla (Futsal)
- Sportsmanship(Year7/8)- Jesson Manji (Cricket)
- Endeavour(Year 9/10)- Vrishti Madhani (Basketball)
- Outstanding Performance(Year 9/10)- Jai Bagtharia (Basketball)
- Most Improved Performance(Year 9/10) Jayal Mistry (Football)
- **Sportsmanship(Year 9/10)** Anushka Wadhera (Basketball)
- Leadership & Volunteering (all years)- Tanisha Patel
- Best Sports Ambassador Anay Patel
- Sportsman of the Year Dakshin Ramesh
- Sportswoman of the Year Anaiya Dattani
- The Avanti Award- Tanisha Patel

Managers Player of the Year

Year 7 Netball – Danisha Desai Year 8 Netball – Ambika Patel Year 7 Futsal – Sia Naker Year 8 Futsal – Keya Mistry Year 9/10 Cricket – Ved Tandel Year 7/8 Football – Harvin Singh Year 9/10 Football – Shyam Suchak Year 9 Football – Shaylan Mapara Year 10 Football – Shayan Pisavadia Year 8 Boys Cricket – Yuvraj Singh Year 8 Basketball - Yuvraj Nayee

Year 9 Basketball - Jai Thakur Girls Basketball - Priyanka Vyas KS3 Badminton – Harshiv Gokani KS4 Badminton - Dakshin Ramesh Year 7 Cricket – Shiv Rana



RATHAYATRA CELEBRATIONS



On Friday Avanti Fields celebrated our first Rathayatra at our new site. It is known as the oldest street festival, dating back 5,000 years, commemorating the return of Sri Krishna to His childhood village of Vrindavan.

The famous city of Jaganntha Puri on the eastern coast of India is known for the largest Rathayatra celebration in the world. Three chariots 40 feet high parade the street, with millions joining the procession with kirtan, music and dance.

Staff and students observed the festival in school with a mini-chariot carrying the deities of Krishna in the form of Jagannatha, Lord of the Universe.



SCHOOL



Art Updates

A huge congratulations to all our Art students for their wonderful creations in Art this year. If any parents have spaces suitable for exhibition where they would like to display Avanti Field's student Art work in the future please get in touch with Mrs Winter (Subject Lead for Art). Don't forget to follow us on twitter@AvantifieldsArt to see more of what's created in the Art studios.













Stay and Play!

We've hosted our first stay and play sessions this summer term for students joining us this September in our new Nursery and Primary Phase. Lots of new and exciting faces to welcome to the Avanti family!





Please also see the attached safeguarding newsletter, SEND newsletter and PTFA Newsletter

Stay Safe, Be Well





