



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL

Avanti Gardens Family Bulletin

Welcome to the AGS Family Bulletin. In this communication with parents and carers, we aim to bring together our whole school community by sharing information

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear Families,

I first want to thank families for adhering to the new lockdown rules that came into effect on Wednesday. Staff this week have worked extremely hard to ensure the school continues to be safe so that our pupils continue to feel welcome, secure and nurtured. I am satisfied that we have taken the precautionary measures to keep staff, pupils and parents safe and I enjoyed welcoming the school community back on Monday.

Pupils have begun learning their new topics, which I hope families can continue to build upon using the homework and nightly reading which will further reinforce learning and aid retention. Sharing this learning is a great opportunity to further enrich childrens' learning.

I would like to thank families who have been in touch to express their thanks for the progress the school has made, and to those for communicating their views on how we might continue to grow.

The team and I look forward to welcoming pupils back next week. Have a restful and safe weekend.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Milum



CLASS UPDATES

RECEPTION

What a fantastic start to Term 2 we have had. This week we have been learning the sounds o, c, k, u, b. We are now blending the sounds together to read words (c-a-t = cat), it is fantastic to see the children applying their reading skills in their play also.

In Maths we have been exploring repeating patterns, we have learnt that you can make a pattern with just about anything!

In our topic time this week, we have been learning about Bonfire Night. The children have been eager to share when they have seen or heard fireworks and also learning how to stay safe. They have chosen to turn the role play area into a 'Bonfire safety zone'. We also applied our pattern skills to create our own firework paintings.

Next week for our topic we will continue with celebrations and we will be learning about Remembrance Day and Diwali.

Please can all children have waterproofs, wellies and a spare bag of clothes in school.

Mrs Osborn

DAFFODIL

Hello Year 1 Families,

We have settled in well after half term. We have enjoyed reading a story about little Charlie and doing our own writing. Next week we will be changing elements of the story and making it our own.

In maths some of us have been exploring shapes and others working on number bonds to 10. Next week we will continue with these skills.

Our new topic is Go Jettlers Explore and we have been exploring the school and creating our very own maps.

In art we have been designing our own hats and we have enjoyed Spanish and Yoga lessons.

Miss Jackson and Mrs Cook

SUNFLOWER

Hello Sunflower Class parents

Year 2 have had a made a fantastic start to Term 2.

We have begun our new topic on The Great Fire of London. The children have been so engaged and curious. They are enjoying reading non-fiction texts for information and this week we have made a timeline to show the order of the key events. Miss Jeffries and I have been flabbergasted by the amount of information children have absorbed and retained on the subject. Please do ask them to share their learning with you.

In maths we have begun learning the concept of multiplication. In Year 2 children start this by making equal groups. This week we have explored how to make 2, 3 and 4 equal groups of varying amounts and how to explain what we have, mathematically, by saying "I have _ equal groups of _."

Children have also been identifying when groups are unequal and explaining their reasoning.

In English we have begun learning a new text using a story map and actions. The story is called Little Charlie and the children can now tell the opening and the build-up independently. We are also writing the story as we learn it!

Sunflower Class have made great progress in their reading over the last term and as such, some changes will be made to phonics groups from next week. If you would like to know more about your own child's current stage on their reading journey, and how to support them at home, please do drop me an email.

This week families should have received the new hot lunch menu. May I ask that you discuss the day's lunch choices with your child before coming to school (or the evening before) so that they can bring a packed lunch, should they prefer.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and please do get in touch should you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Roberts

IRIS and PEONY

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Year 3 back this term. They have come back to school very refreshed and keen to learn.

In English, we have started to look at how to create suspense in our writing. The children have identified some excellent ideas and have shown great creativity and imagination. As a class we are learning the story of Kassim and the greedy dragon.

In maths, this is our last week on addition and subtraction. All the children have shown incredible resilience and it was wonderful to see how much they remembered from last term. Thank you to the parents for supporting them with their home learning, it is having a huge and positive impact.

This term, in topic we are learning about WW1. We will be looking at the war through the life of Walter Tull. So far this week, the children in year 3 have identified some key facts about his life and his childhood. We even did some role play where a child became Walter Tull in the hot seat in order to answer questions asked by their peers.

In science we began to look at why living things need food and reminded ourselves of the types of foods that humans need to be healthy. The children created their own menu's and thought about how they could provide for different diets.

Miss Griffith and Miss Butterfield-West

FOXGLOVE

Welcome back to school and to Term 2.

Foxglove Class have had an amazing week and the weather has added to this.

In Maths we have been working outside using trundle wheels and metre sticks to refine our measuring skills. The children were really excited to be able to get outside in the sunshine and use their Maths skills and knowledge in a practical and investigative way.

In English we have looked at diary writing. We have thought about the features of writing a diary including;

Writing in the first person, writing in the past tense, writing in a chronological order, writing about our feelings and emotions and retelling events from a day lived yesterday.

In Art, we have begun to focus on how Treasure Chests are made and decorated, as well as their purpose. This is a Design and Technology unit which is linked to our topic of Pirates, this term.

In Topic, the children have been learning about Bristol dock area and the notorious stories of piracy and theft that have emerged from days gone by.

In Science, this week we have started a new topic called 'States of Matter'. The children were very interested and motivated to tell me all they knew about solids, liquids and gases; which made for a great start to the unit.

Some children mimicked the movement of particles found in these different states of being.

Mrs Painter

SNAPDRAGON

Dear parents/guardians

The first week of the 'new normal' has gone well, it's been lovely to have to children back in class. We have started our new topics and there has been a lot of enthusiasm shown.

Our English seems to have sparked a writing frenzy in the class. Over the next few weeks we are writing a science fiction version of Jack and the Beanstalk. The language which used so far by the children has been amazing and I look forward to sharing the writing with you over next few weeks.

This week in maths we have started our work on multiplication, there are some superb mathematicians in the class who have their times tables learnt and it's really helped them develop their skills. Next week we start the trickier challenge of division and long division.

In topic, we have started to look at Howard Carter and the tomb of Tutankhamun. There has been a great deal of discussion about whether the tomb was cursed. There has been some interesting debate on the issue.

Can you please still be mindful of activities on social media; over half-term I have been aware of a couple of incidents which caused some upset. The children have been spoken in relation to this but this is a bit of a recurring issue.

Stay safe and if there are any problems let me know.

Mr Youngs

SPANISH

Year 1: This week we have started to learn the numbers 1-10 in Spanish through repetition and games. We will play beat the teacher and heads down. We will also watch a song about numbers in Spanish.

Year 2: This week we will continue to learn animals in Spanish through games and the book 'Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo'. We will also watch a reading of the book 'Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo'.

Year 3: This week we will continue to learn fruits and vegetables in Spanish through repetition, song, games and videos.

Year 4: This week we will learn family vocabulary in Spanish through games such as: beat the teacher, bingo and blind noughts and crosses.

Year 5/6: This week we have continued to work on pets. We have revised masculine and feminine nouns and how to identify them in Spanish. We have also revised how to say 'I have-tengo' and 'I don't have-no tengo'. Year 5/6 will learn how to make nouns plural in Spanish and will do a survey about what pets people have. We will also play games to revise and learn the vocabulary.

Mrs Gardner – Malchiodi

YOGA

It is my last yoga session this week, so we have been re-capping postures that we've learnt throughout the last term, working them into a Mexican wave and having fun playing yoga games.

I have loved teaching your children!

I'll leave you with the poem I always read at the end of class:

May the long time sun shine upon you,

May all love surround you,

And the bright light within you

Guide you on your way.

Much love,
Miss Penning



CRAFT

Year 1

Year one have all begun work on their knitted bunnies and are well on their way to finishing the ears!

Year 2

Year 2 are really flying with their knitting. Many of the children can knit row after row without any help!!



Year 3

In year 3 the children are beginning their knitted bears or dolls, using a gorgeous selection of rainbow colours. The lambs that were started last year are all quickly getting completed.

Year 4

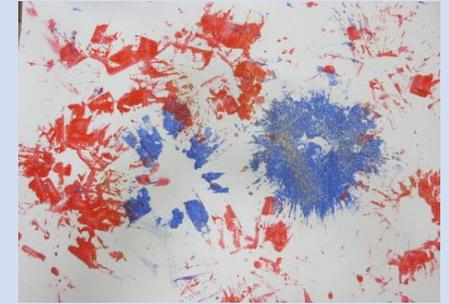
They have worked really hard this week. Some children are well on their way to learning the new skill of crochet and the others are finishing their gorgeous dolls or bear that were begun last year.

Year 5 and 6

Wednesday afternoons are a hive of activity. This week saw our sewers sew their first few strips on their log cabin style patch work cushion cover. The cross-stitch work is looking exquisite and the crocheters are using a beautiful selection of rainbow colours.

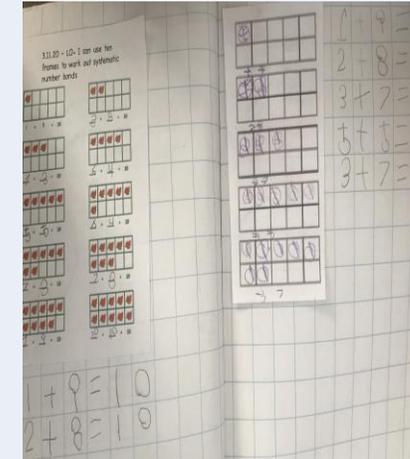
WOW OF THE WEEK

EYFS: In Orchid class we have had a go at making firework pictures. Freddie's on the left and Abduraham on the right have been chosen as the WOW pieces of work this week. They both took their time to use cardboard tubes and sparkling paint to replicate the exploding fireworks.

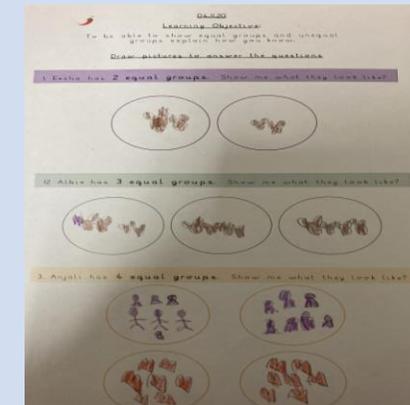


Year 1:

Maria has worked hard using a ten frame to record number bonds. She has created her own questions to challenge herself. Maria has been able to understand systematic number bonds. Fantastic, well done, we are proud.



Year 2: This week's Y2 wow work come from Eesha! Eesha has been very focused and shown great resilience with her Maths learning this week. Here you can see how she has made equal groups of different amounts. Eesha did this independently and was able to say loudly and proudly "I have 3 equal groups of 4." Well done Eesha, we are very proud of you!



Year 3: Peony. This week's star work has been awarded to Ezra for the homework he completed within half term. He used last terms letter writing skills to write a letter to me about his half term. Well done Ezra.

In Iris class, the wow work of the week goes to Clover. They were asked to change a short passage of James and Giant peach from happy to suspenseful. Clover, used some fabulous vocabulary and did a great job of making the reader feel nervous.

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Dear miss Griffith,

In half-term I had two play dates with Iya.

On halloween day me and my cousin we saw a cool and big pirate ship with pirate skeletons.

And I went to Hereford to see my nan and cousins.
from Ezra.

Can you transform this opening into a suspenseful opening?

Until he was four years old, James Henry Trotter had a happy life. He lived peacefully with his mother and father in a beautiful house beside the sea. There were always plenty of other children for him to play with, and there was the sandy beach for him to run about on, and the ocean to paddle in. It was the perfect life for a small boy.

And he herd a rust of leeks about him as he lookt up he sor a fant out-lin of sum one.

Until he was four he had a happy life. James Henry Trotter was mistak he was livd in a tree becos he had no mummy he was a otin he livd in a kichid lokis, rushing to do one gloom day he was up in the thin.

Year 4: In year 4 we have been reading diaries and looking at the features of writing a diary.

Olivia excelled all expectations with this brilliant diary entry which combines feelings and emotions, recall of events as well as a wonderful depreciating humour.

Well done Olivia....watch out Jeff Kinney.

Wednesday 4th November 2020
Lotto write a diary entry.

Thursday,
Dear Diary,
Last night was halloween and it was terrible. I dressed as a mummy but it just looked like I had covered myself in toilet paper. Myself and my best friend Caitlin went trick or treating. We went around the block. Caitlin got loads of sweets, but I only got like five. Some houses didn't even give me any! A few that we went back to her house we shared out the sweets and Caitlin had like 1000 and it was all because of my bad cosh.

Year 5/6: Snapdragon's WOW work belongs to Kaya. Kaya has worked very hard at improving her knowledge of multiplication tables, this has meant she has been able to move onto successfully completing long multiplication problems.

10 143
1 143
2 286
3 429
4 572
5 715
6 858
7 1001
8 1144
9 1287
10 1430
11 1573
12 1716
13 1859
14 2002
15 2145
16 2288
17 2431
18 2574
19 2717
20 2860
21 3003
22 3146
23 3289
24 3432
25 3575
26 3718
27 3861
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Welcome to our new staff

We wish all staff who have left us well on the next chapter of their journey. Below are pictures of new staff members who have begun working with us this Autumn.



Miss Debbie Williams
LSA in Year 4



Miss Francisca Moura Borges
LSA in Year 3



Mr Owen Maynard
LSA in Year 4



Mr Vijay Ravikumar
Our brilliant new
Chef



Mrs Kat Mazurek
Lunchtime Assistant



Mrs Helen Edwards
Lunchtime Assistant



Mrs Kirsty Norman
Receptionist



Mr Evans

Hopes: Every child can learn new skills, express themselves and work as a team. I like to boost sporting confidence in all children.

Interests: playing hockey, watching football, keeping fit, and eating delicious food.

Favourite Animal: Elephant



Mr Dyer

Hopes: To bring life and enthusiasm to PE at Avanti for children to be able to participate in fun and informative sessions.

My motto: Teamwork makes the dream work!

Interests: Motorcross and BMX, keep fit, and eating out

Favourite Animal: Gazelle



Mr Davies

Hopes: That every child has the opportunity and learning platform to succeed in our PE lessons at Avanti.

We aim to deliver inclusive, engaging, and safe PE lessons to challenge all abilities across a broad range of subjects

Interests: Sports obviously! (Watch and play) Long dog walks, family, and gardening!

Favourite Animal: Has to be Lion!

Our new Sports and Yoga Coaching Team



Mr Gill

Im really excited to get to know you all and deliver some amazing P.E sessions for you. I hope to get you all to try something new and find a sport you love!

My favourite sport is white water kayaking, it's taken me to lots of places.

I have two amazing pets Millie the dog and Tiny the cat.

Message from Miss Kitchen – Assistant Principal

Dear Parents,
Some of you who see me day to day on the KS2 gate will already be aware that I am expecting. As some of the girls in Year 4 have identified, I am looking more and more like a 'turnip' as the weeks pass by.

Unfortunately, under the new restrictions I am having to take some time working from home. It is unlikely that the children will see me until early December now, but my job continues – albeit remotely.

I would like to thank the school for taking the extra measure to protect the risks that Covid poses to me as a pregnant staff member.

Excitingly, I can now announce that Mrs Rebecca Underwood will be stepping into my shoes whilst I take maternity leave. Her profile and picture can be seen opposite.

I am confident the school will continue to flourish under her leadership.

I look forward to seeing parents and children again before Christmas!

Best wishes,
Miss Kitchen



Hello from Mrs Underwood

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as Assistant Principal at Avanti Gardens School for the remainder of this academic year. I feel privileged to have this opportunity at such an integral time for the school and local community. I have been a passionate teacher, Assistant Head Teacher and Co-Head Teacher throughout my successful 21 year career. I have taught children across all Key Stages and have particular interests in the Early Years, inspiring children to become writers, promoting independence and self-motivation, Growth Mindset, Physical Education and Curriculum design. I love being a teacher and I love working with children and passionate educators.

I have recently been Co-Head of School at a small school near Clevedon. I also taught as a Reception and Year 1 teacher and found my niche for all things EYFS as well as focusing on the importance of effective transition to KS1. I live in North Somerset. I am married to Mark and we have 2 wonderful children; Ruby, 15 and Josh, 14. I love reading, theatre, keeping fit and spending time with friends and family. I am a sociable and happy person with a great sense of fun.

I believe strongly in the power of diversity and the innate potential of every child. I value inclusion and actively seek to discover the unique voice of each child as they develop throughout their primary education. I endeavour to inspire a love of learning, to encourage creativity and to promote positive choices for children to successfully access their onward journeys as happy and well-rounded citizens.

I am so excited to have this wonderful opportunity to be a part of the Avanti Gardens team. I look forward to meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R Underwood'.



Hello from Mrs Blackwell – New SENDCo

I am thrilled to have been appointed as the new SENDCo at Avanti Gardens.

My Degree was in Primary Education with a specialism in Music performance and I have been a teacher for 9 years. Throughout my career, I have supported a wide range of children with additional educational needs and have been lucky enough to teach in every year group across the Primary phase. I am passionate about inclusion and making sure all children are supported to reach their full potential. During 7 years of being a SENDCo, I feel privileged to have worked closely with many different children and their families.

In my spare time, I enjoy taking my Hungarian Vizsla Bruno on long walks through the woods. I also enjoy keeping fit by taking part in yoga classes and swimming.

I am very excited to work with the community at Avanti Gardens to develop the SEND provision to meet the individual needs of all your children. I look forward to meeting you all and working together to make Avanti Gardens School the best that it can be.



Hello from Mrs Hopkins – LSA (permanent to replace Mr Crossley in Year 4 from the start of **December**)

My name is Mrs Jenny Hopkins. I was born in Zambia and brought up in Fishponds. I love history and so went to university to do a degree in archaeology. I have been lucky enough to work on lots of archaeological digs -excavating Bristol Castle , discovering Viking houses in Scotland and in the desert in Egypt, digging up the lost city of the pharaoh Akhenaten (Tutankhamen”s Dad!)

I trained to be a teaching assistant and have worked as one for the last 6 years .

I live in the locality with my husband and my two children who are at secondary school. I love walking (my children don’t!) and I have recently completed the Bristol bridges challenge, walking all 45 bridges in the centre but only crossing each one once.

I love the Avengers films, reading and my two cats of course.

I really look forward to meeting you all at Avanti Gardens!

Parent Reps:

Thank you to all of those who have got in touch about the Parent Rep role. We are going to leave expressions of interest open until next Friday (November the 13th). Some parents may be interested again in understanding more about the role and considering putting their name forward before the deadline closes.

The Parent Rep agreement document (which outlines the jobs of a class rep) is attached to the bulletin this week for your perusal.

We shall have our first meeting via Zoom in the week commencing November the 16th

Google Classroom: Please login this weekend!

All teachers will be setting one piece of homework this week on Google classroom. You will have now been sent a personalised email detailing how to login to Google classroom. Your child has their own login to become a student of the virtual classroom but should be supported in accessing the platform.

Google classroom is what the school will use in the event of a bubble closure/school closure. That is why this week as a teaching team we are trying it out for the first time. If you have any issues using it, feedback will need to be given directly to your class teacher so they can then speak to SLT.



Notices:

JUMPERS

School jumpers can be ordered using the following links.
Measurement Guide <http://www.brigade.uk.com/brigade-measuring-wash-wear-guide.pdf>
Order Form <https://forms.gle/uQpcWqQeooUzoa729>

MENU

We are delighted to be able to open our dining hall and provide our new menu.
Please click on the link below to view.

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantigardens/wp-content/uploads/sites/23/2020/11/avanti-garden-Menu-2020.pdf>

POPPIES FOR SALE

Reception are currently selling items for the Poppy Appeal, wrist bands, poppies, buttonholes and reflective poppies. If your child would like to buy one the suggested donation is a pound.

FIREWORKS

If you are planning to celebrate with fireworks this weekend you may like to look at the safety information regarding bonfires, fireworks and sparklers below. Enjoy.
<https://www.adobe.com/uk/acrobat/online/pdf-to-jpg.html>



175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments					
190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence 180 days of Education	19 days of absence 171 days of Education	29 days of absence 161 days of Education	38 days of absence 152 days of Education	47 days of absence 143 days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best Chance of Success		Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered		Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action	

w/c 02.11.20	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
95.1%	94.8%	96.1%	93.7%	92.9%	98%

AVANTI GARDENS VIDEO

Please click on the link below to watch a video about our school

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGAHLMAPtzi&feature=youtu.be>



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