



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWS
CALENDAR ISSUE 5
07/10/2022



Event	Date	Time	Location	Further Details
Black History Week in School	Monday 10 th to Thursday 13 th October			
Year 5/6 Swimming	Monday 10 th October			
Sunflower Class Yr 2 Parent/Carer and Child Reading Session	Monday 10 th October	2.30pm	Small Hall or Classroom	Please sign in at reception
Years 1, 2 & 3 Black History Dance Workshop	Tuesday 11 th October			www.shanturiadance.com
Foxglove Class Yr 4 Parent/Carer and Child Reading Session	Tuesday 11th October	2.30pm	Small Hall or Classroom	Please sign in at reception
Open Evening for Prospective Parents	Tuesday 11th October	6.00pm		Please sign in at reception
Nutrition Workshops for EYFS and Year 2	Wednesday 12 October			
Years 4, 5 & 6 Black History Dance Workshop	Wednesday 12 October			www.shanturiadance.com
Iris Class Yr 3 Parent/Carer and Child Reading Session	Wednesday 12 October	2.30pm	Small Hall or Classroom	Please sign in at reception
PTA Halloween Disco	Thursday 13 th October	EYFS & Yr 1 = 4.45 to 5.30pm Years 2,3,4, 5 & 6 = 5.45 to 6.30pm	Dining Hall – Access through the Back Gate (EYFS Entrance)	Please pay on the door. £1 a ticket.
INSET DAY – School Closed for Half Term Break	Friday 14 th October	Half Term is 2 weeks – School Opens Monday 31 st October		

Next Week's EVENTS



FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ON A WAITING LIST FOR AN AUTISM ASSESSMENT

CLUBS



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	Mon	Tues 3.15 – 4.15	Wed 3.15 – 4.15	Thurs 3.15 – 4.15	Friday
School-led clubs 3.15-4.15pm End in term 2 on 1 st December 2022		Choir/Charanga Club 15 Children Years 2-6	Book Club 15 Children max Years 3&4 only Art Therapy 15 children max KS2 – 3,4,5 & 6 Drama 15 children Years 2-6	Football 15 Children Max Years 5-6 Knitting and Sewing 15 Children Max KS2 – 3, 4, 5 & 6	
School-supported clubs 3.15-4.15		Yogact 20 children Year 1 and 2		Minisingers 20 children Year 1 and 2	
External clubs 3.15-4.15pm Dates on website			KIDS WITH BRICKS 15 children max KS2 - 3,4,5 & 6 Book via their website		
External clubs 3.30-4.45pm Dates on website		Sporting Chance 3.30-4.45pm MULTISPORTS Years 3-6 Book via their website	Sporting Chance. 3.30-4.45pm SUPERSTARS Reception – Yr2 Book via their website		

Bristol Parent Carers, in conjunction with the North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forums, is hosting free training courses for parents and carers of children and young people who are on the waiting list for an Autism assessment.

These courses can give parents/carers insights into how to help and support their children with the challenges they may face whilst they are waiting for a formal assessment. These tools can be helpful whatever the outcome of the assessment.

The courses can be booked here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-n-somerset-and-s-glos-parent-carer-forums-41027867683>

MESSAGE FROM THE EYFS TEAM (Orchid and Lavender Classes)

Dear EYFS families,

Thank you for all of your responses to our survey. This email outlines a new drop off and pick up procedure for the children in EYFS (**starting Monday 10th October**).

Our aim is to make the drop off and pick up routine safer and quicker, so children are not sat waiting, especially as the months get colder.

Drop off

You will continue to come to the gate on Oldbury Court Road, but instead of saying goodbye at the gate, you can bring your child in through the gates and say goodbye just before the entrance to the EYFS garden. The children will be greeted by their class teachers at the gate and will then go into the classroom where the teaching assistant will be ready to greet them. They will be able to start their school day straight away.

The timings will stay the same. **The gates will open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am.**

Pick up

We will open up the gates on Oldbury Court Road at 2.55pm, parents can then begin to make their way into the EYFS playground. Children will be dismissed from a line in the classroom at 3pm. As soon as the last child is dismissed, a member of staff will begin to lock the gate. We please ask that once you have collected your child, you make your way to the gate. This is not a time for the children to play in the EYFS garden.

This new routine will begin on Monday 10th October, so that there is time for it be explained to children beforehand.

I hope that this makes sense. If there are any questions, please do ask.

Best wishes, EYFS Team



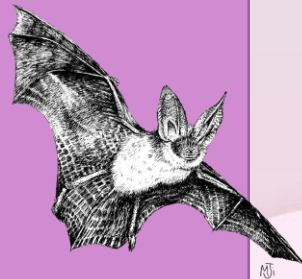
BAT CHARITY DAY – NON-UNIFORM

On **Friday 4th November**, we will be raising money for BAT Conservation.

The BAT Rescue Group will be working with the school to raise money for bat boxes to go into trees on the school site.

We are asking for each child or family to give **£1 Donation** in aid of the charity.

We are also hoping to organise for the BAT Rescue Group to deliver an Assembly and workshops through school to teach children and raise awareness of the importance of looking after these beautiful creatures.



<https://en-gb.facebook.com/bristolbatrescue/>

Upcoming Events

HOLD THE DATE...

Bristol Parents and Carers FORUM will be hosting a coffee morning at Avanti Gardens on **Monday 5th December at 9.00am**. If you would like to attend, please register at the School Office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to notify parents/carers of some new appointments to staff:

Congratulations to **Mrs Kelemen** who will be joining us as a permanent member of **Support Staff** next half term. Mrs Kelemen will continue working with Year 4 Foxglove Class.

Congratulations to **Mr Newman** who was successful at interview for the post of **Assistant Principal** in Avanti Gardens. Mr Newman will continue to teach Year 6 and lead on Maths. His further responsibilities will include leading on Sports Provision and Funding as well as aspects of our new behaviour framework soon to be shared with children and parents.

We will soon be saying **HELLO** to **Ms Tautermannova** who will be joining our Support Staff Team after October Half Term. We are looking forward to welcoming her.

Upcoming Events

OVER THE NEXT TERM

Hold the Date.....

An **Autumn Evening Family Celebration** with lanterns, hot chocolate and marshmallows under the evening sky. The **Avanti Gardens PTA** will be organising the family event after school on **Thursday 3rd November**. ...*More details to follow*



Parking Problems!

We have had several complaints and issues regarding parents/carers **parking in front of resident's driveways or in dangerous places causing potential risks to pedestrians and other road users.** Can we please ask that parents/carers park safely and in consideration of resident's private driveways. **PLEASE** let's keep our community and children safe!



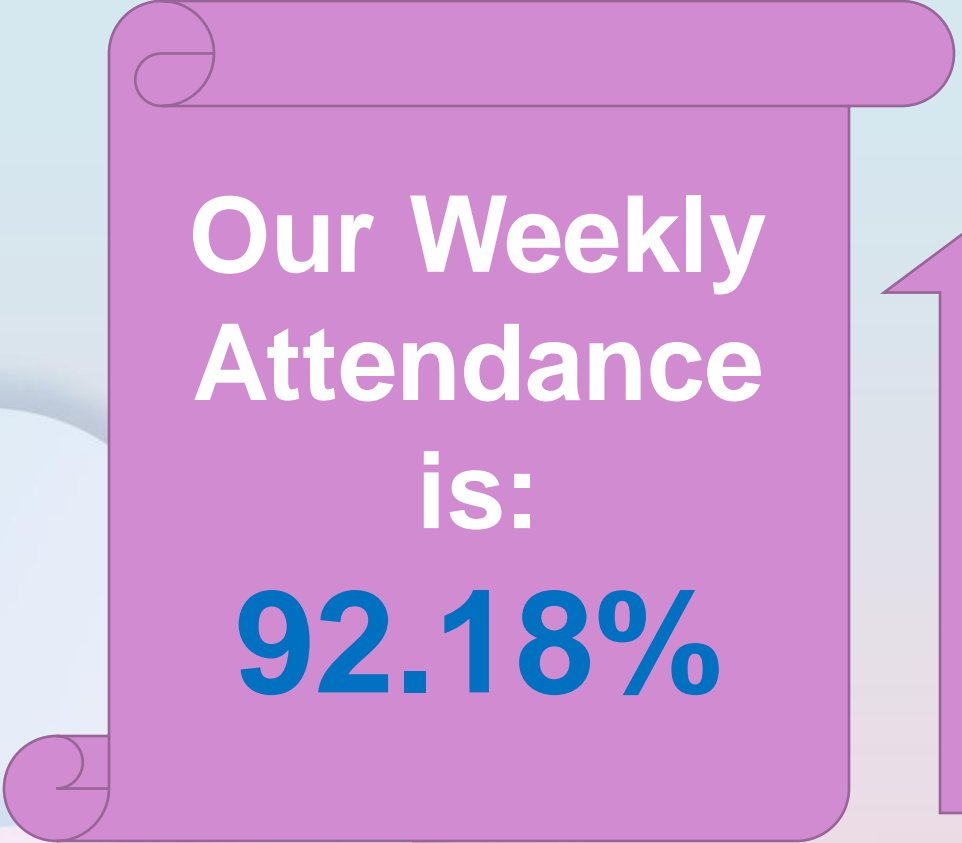
Young Leaders



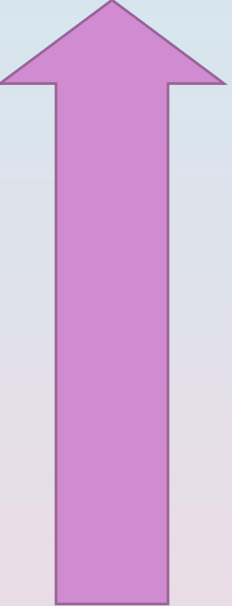
Congratulations to our new Team of Avanti Young Leaders. Heading up the following positions:

- Avanti Community Group (School Council)
- Play Leaders
- Friendship Buddies
- Avanti Ambassadors

Our School Council have already met twice this week and will be reporting to children in assembly and to parents in next week's newsletter about their school improvement ideas.



Our Weekly
Attendance
is:
92.18%



Our Target
is: **96.5%**



Attendance

If your child is absent, please call the school office and leave your child's full name, class name and reason for absence, or email

absence.agb@avanti.org.uk

Please use this email address for absence reporting only,
Please contact us on every day of absence before 8:45am

Please click on the link below for useful advice from the NHS as to whether your child may attend school if suffering from a variety of illnesses.

[IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL](#)

Request for absence during term time forms must be accompanied by evidence documentation, e.g appointment letter, flight booking etc, whenever possible. We wish you all a restful weekend and hope that those of you who are feeling unwell make a speedy recovery. We miss you!



****STOP PRESS****

Blossom, from Year 5, is having their hair shaved on Saturday 15th October to raise funds for Little Princess Trust. If you would like to donate, please click the link below. [Blossom's Just Giving Page](#)

Well done Blossom, what a kind thing to do.





Learning Highlights

This week in EYFS we have been busy learning our poem 'A rainbow of fruit flavours'. We have also had great fun exploring pattern and making our own.



ORCHID CLASS

LAVENDAR CLASS





Learning Highlights

This term we have been learning all about Diwali. On Friday the year 1 children were welcomed into class with decorations and snacks. The entrance was adorned with rangoli patterns that they had created, paper chains and fruit. We put out their diva lamps to light the way too. Once inside we discussed how and what made them feel welcome. We spoke about the decorations that people have at the door during Diwali and how that was to welcome Lakshmi in and the diva lamps light the path.



DAFFODIL CLASS

LILY CLASS



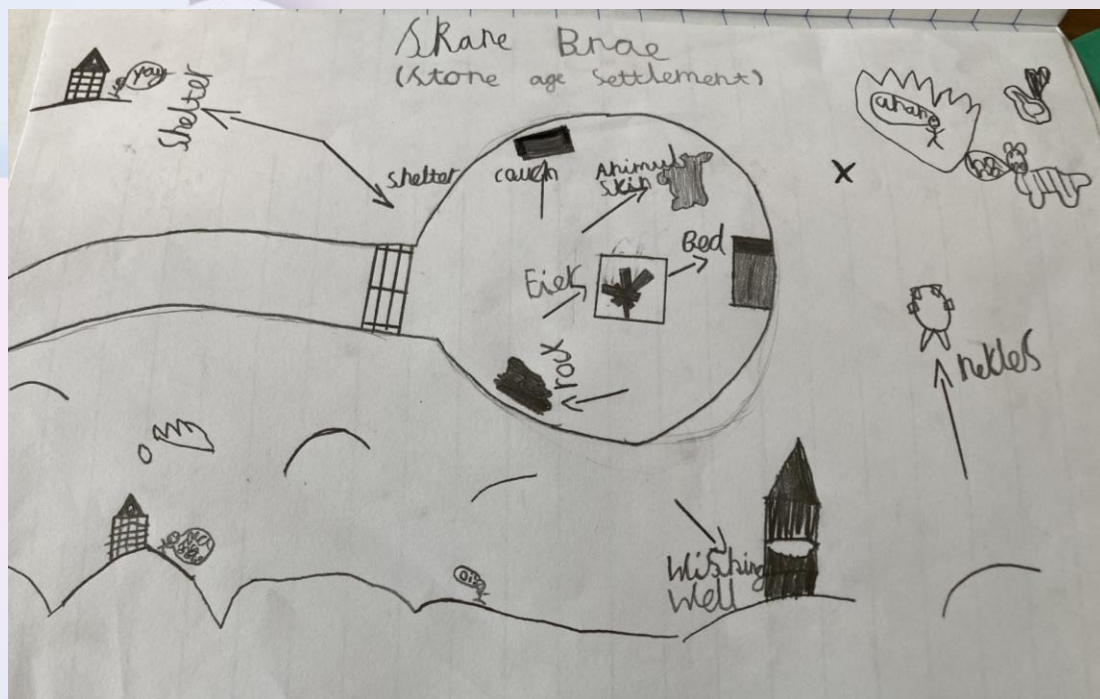
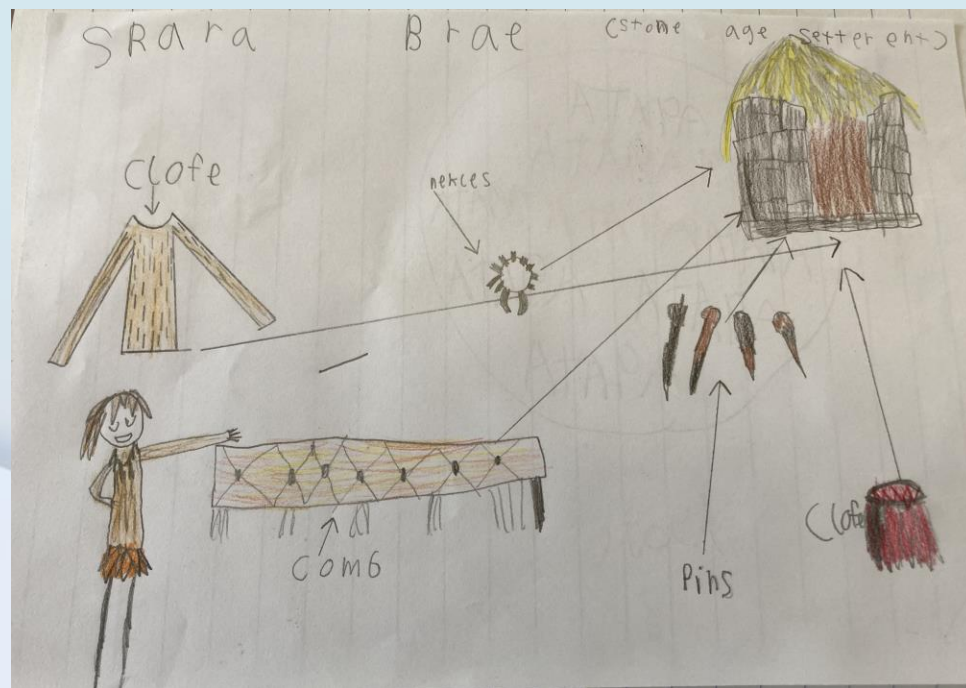


Learning Highlights

Year 2 were honoured to listen to Hrihaan speak about the Hindu festival of Navratri. He told us all about the story behind the celebrations and proudly wore his colourful outfit while he presented the information to the class.

SUNFLOWER CLASS





Learning Highlights

This week in history we have been learning about Stone Age settlements, in particular: Skara Brae.

In art we have been exploring colour mixing.

IRIS CLASS





Learning Highlights

In science we did an investigation to show how digestion works. We squeezed mashed banana (food) and orange juice (stomach acid) through a pair of tights (small intestine) to replicate what happens in our body when we eat food.

We have also been writing haikus in English, these ones were written by Maddy and Luna.



FOXGLOVE CLASS



Summer has now passed
Konkers are falling down down
lakes are glowing fast.

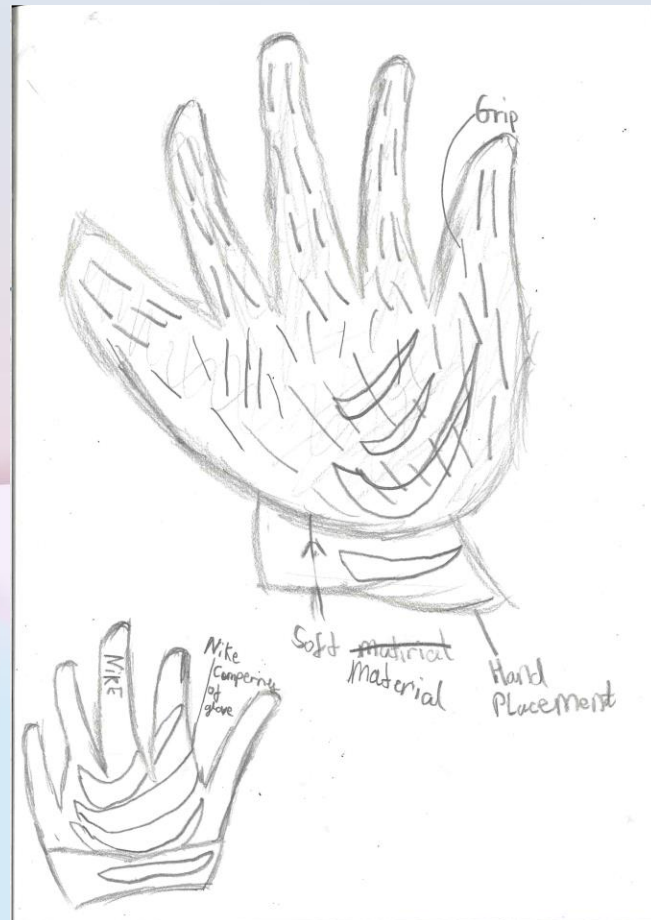
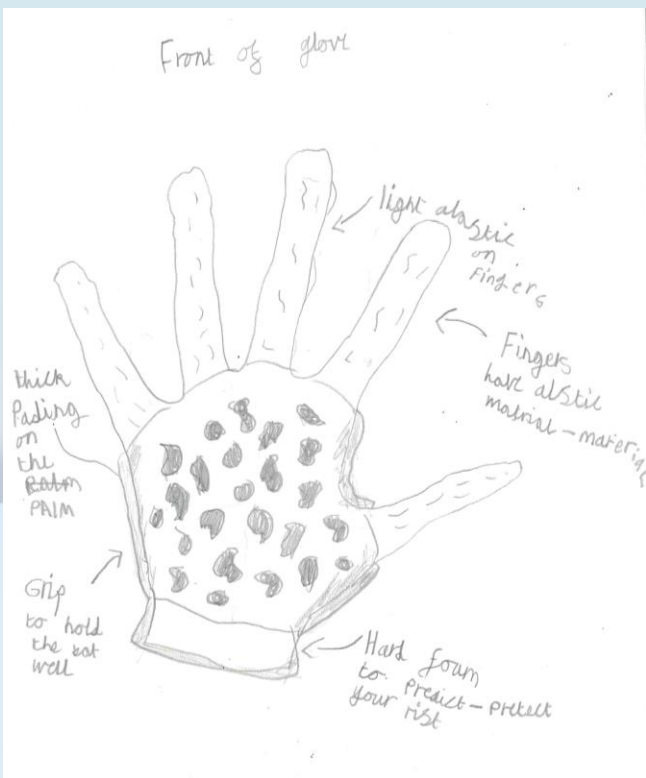
Rainbow Northern lights
perfect for really cold nights
hot chow MMM MMM!



Learning Highlights

This week we have been creating a variety of gloves for various purposes.

JASMINE CLASS

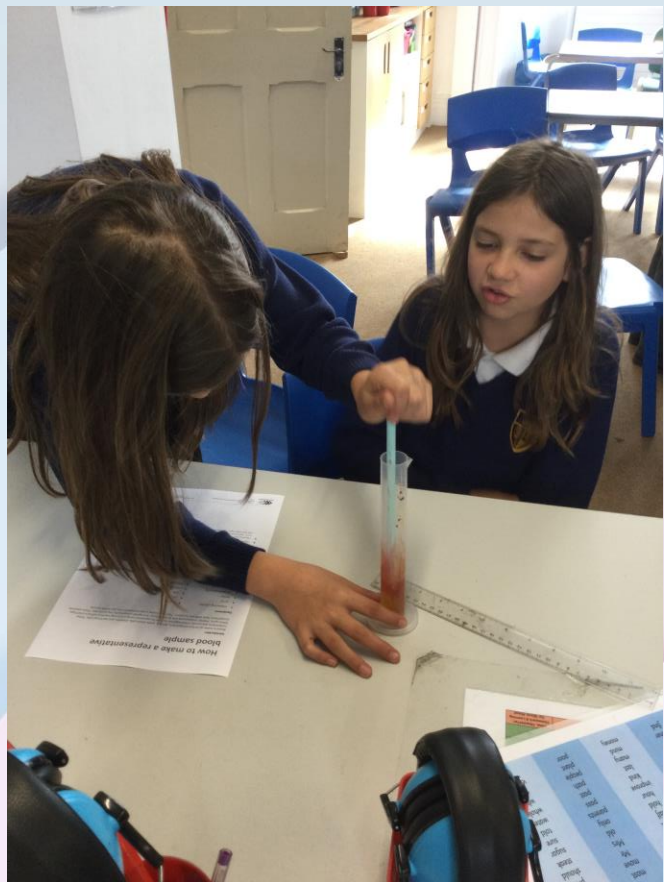




Learning Highlights

This week we made our own blood samples in Science to help us identify the four components of blood. Ask us to see if we can name them.

SNAPDRAGON CLASS



HALF TERM CLUBS

Dear parents / carers,

October half term is fast approaching...The **Holiday Sports Camp** is held at **Mangotsfield Primary School** is open every school holiday 830-330pm. We welcome children aged **5-11 years (years 1-6)** for **Ofsted registered** childcare. Each day is themed around different sports and activities and always packed full of fun with our excellent team of first aid trained, DBS checked, qualified coaches. Read some reviews below!

[BOOK NOW](#)

We are currently running two discounts for this coming school holidays...

- **20% OFF** to first time customers using the code (see flyer attached)
- **15% OFF** for previous customers who leave a review on [Facebook](#) or Google (code will be issued post review!)

We would love to see you this October half term in joining Sporting Chance for a feast of fun activities at Holiday Sports Camp!

The Sporting Chance Team

OLDBURY COURT OUT OF SCHOOL POSSIBLE INSET DAY PROVISION

If you would like to send your child to Oldbury Court Out Of School Club on our inset day, please contact them directly. If they have enough interest, they will see what they can do to offer in house provision, here at Avanti Gardens.

<https://oldburycourtclubs.org.uk/>



Weekend
IS ALWAYS
a
good idea

**Have a lovely
weekend from
all at Avanti
Gardens
School**

