



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL

The Avanti Gardens Gazette

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear Families of Avanti Gardens

I hope this first Gazette of the year finds you well. As we conclude the first term of the school year at Avanti Gardens, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable progress our students have made. It has been a fantastic start to the academic year, and I am thrilled to update you on the wonderful events and achievements that have taken place. Our mission at Avanti Gardens is to provide a nurturing and inspiring learning environment where students can thrive. I am pleased to report that we have seen incredible growth and success in many areas throughout this term – I'm sure you will agree as you look through the class pages below. I would however acknowledge that there is always room for improvement in how we communicate these amazing events to our families. We are aware that there have been times when you may have felt disconnected from your child's daily experiences at school. Please know that we are actively working on enhancing our communication methods, ensuring that you stay well-informed about your child's educational journey. We are planning to improve our online platforms and build on the success of our open-classroom event earlier in the term. In recent months, our school site has undergone a transformation, with a primary focus on revitalising the playgrounds and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) outdoor area. The playgrounds boast vibrant markings that encourage physical activity and imaginative play. The EYFS outdoor area has been rejuvenated into a dynamic outdoor learning space. These developments have invigorated our school promoting physical well-being and importantly fun. Staffing in primary education has long been a persistent challenge. The education sector has faced difficulties in attracting and retaining qualified professionals, which has led to unavoidable disruptions in the continuity of offers. We were so fortunate to welcome amazing teaching additions to our team for September, who have brought both energy and enthusiasm to our classrooms. We are also delighted to announce that we have now bolstered our admin team. We warmly welcome Paula, our new addition, who brings both experience and enthusiasm to our school. We remain committed to further improving our staffing and hope to welcome more dedicated individuals to our team in the near future. Finally, I extend my gratitude for your support in promoting school priority areas for development, particularly attendance and uniform adherence. Your support of these values helps to create a better learning environment for our students, and we truly appreciate your partnership in this endeavour. As we enter the wetter and colder months, please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather, this will help us keep outdoor activities going. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Warmest regards,

Mr Penny



AVANTI GARDENS SCHOOL

Behaviour for Learning: Our Core Values



We are ready to learn

We are good listeners



We try our best

We act safely



We are kind

NEXT TERMS DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 30th October	Inset Day
Tuesday 31st October	First day back for children
Tuesday 31st October 3:40pm – 18:10pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd November 3:40pm – 18:40pm	Parents Evening
Friday 10th November 3:30pm in the Dining Hall	PTA AGM
Saturday 2nd December	PTA Winter Fair

USEFUL INFORMATION

Parents Evening:

Join us for a Parents Evening when you will have a chance to talk to your child's teacher about their time in school and ask any questions you might have. You can book your slot through Arbor and we ask parents to book one slot per child. Arbor sign up opens on Saturday 14th October at 10am and closes on Thursday 26th October 11:50pm. Entrance will be through the Sports Hall gate. Please arrive 5 minutes early to view your child's books.

Adventurous Readers Half Term Challenge for All Parents:

We would love to kick off the year promoting a love of reading and books. Welcome to the adventurous readers challenge! Please can you find some adventurous places to read your favourite stories. This could be in a tree, under a table, in a homemade den or fort, or hanging from monkey bars. These can be emailed into school or handed to class teachers when you come back. Let the reading adventure begin!

After School Clubs

Further information about next terms after school clubs will be out soon.



FRIDAY THE 10th NOVEMBER
3:30 PM in the Dinning Hall

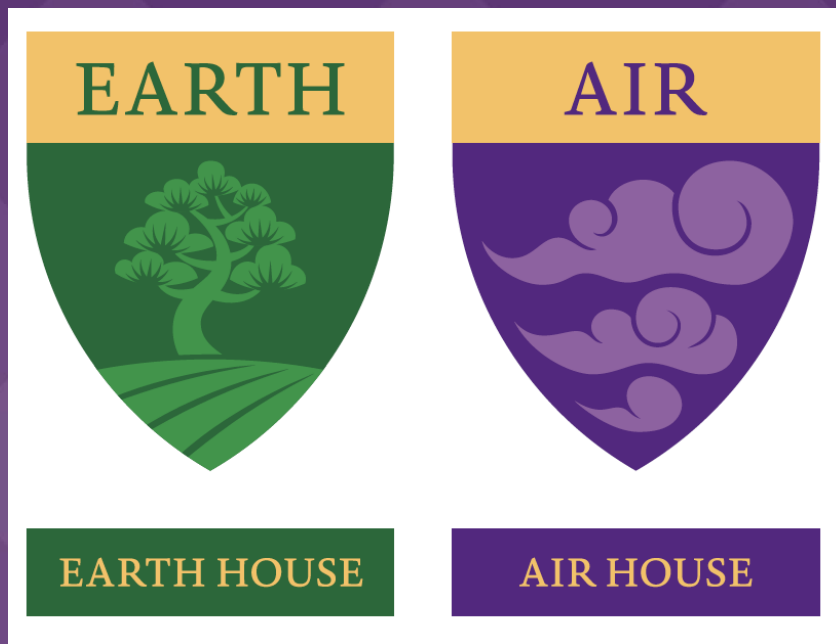
AVANTI GARDENS PTA A G M



ALL WELCOME!

Please come along, meet the team and learn how to get involved, we would love your help!

Avanti Gardens Houses Term Points



255

291



286

275

What a lot of points, well done all, but especially to Air House.

ORCHID CLASS

Orchid Class has been working so hard and engaging in some wonderful play! As Einstein once said, 'Play is the highest form of research'.

We have explored our theme 'There is no one you-er that you' this term. We have explored our wonderful individuality, celebrating all the things that make us unique. Orchid class have been getting to know each other, making new friends and connections in class and in school. Orchid class have been displaying, brilliantly, the Avanti Values. As a class we have come up with our own motto: ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM, working together as a team, and supporting each other in all that we do.

We have begun our journey into phonics, and have been learning new sounds. It has been incredible to watch the children's phonic knowledge develop and to see them writing some brilliantly formed letters.

In Maths we have been practicing careful counting and our SUPER SUBITISING.

We have been working hard to develop our prime areas of development. We have explored our emotions through a range of wonderful picture books. We have been practicing our meditation and breathing techniques to help us calm down. We have also been focusing on our fine motor skills and our mark making in our name writing boot camp – we are on a mission to build strong finger muscles!

Orchid class have explored the work of different artists. We looked at Frida Kahlo's beautiful self-portraits, creating our own Frida inspired self-portraits; at Alma Thomas and her wonderful mosaic style paintings, and we re-created some nature art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We have definitely seen some future creatives in the making.

It has been such a wonderful half term, settling in and getting to know each other. The children have done brilliantly, and never cease to amaze us with how well they are responding to the learning in Reception. Keep up the hard work Orchid Class.



LAVENDER CLASS



This first term has been such a positive and wonderful adventure together. We have started to explore new letter sounds, subitising different numbers, using natural materials to make pictures and share many different meaningful stories together.



DAFFODIL CLASS



This term in Science we have been exploring the types of trees and the role of each part of a tree.

In Art we have been practising using different materials such as charcoal, pastels and chalk.

In Geography and Science, we have been finding the different continents on a map and globe.





LILY CLASS

In history this term we looked at what the shops were like many years ago. The children acted out waiting to be served from the shopkeeper behind the counter and we thought about how this would have felt for those waiting and disused if it is better to be able to pick your own things in the supermarkets today.



During Africa awareness week we spent a day learning all about Africa. We painted African fabric patterns with bright colours and made African animal masks too.

We also had so much fun in the drumming workshop!



SUNFLOWER CLASS



I have really enjoyed my first term with my Year 2 SUPER SUNFLOWERS!

We enjoyed a wonderful trip to Cattle Country in September.

We met lots of animals and talked about their habitats and fed them.

The afternoon was spent in the Slide Barn, Cowshed and Sand Pit. "It was the best day ever!"





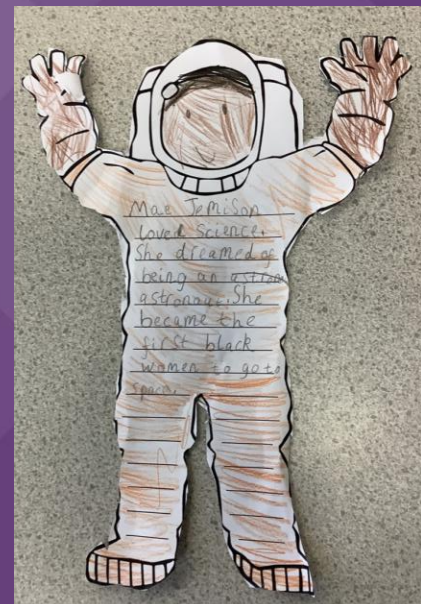
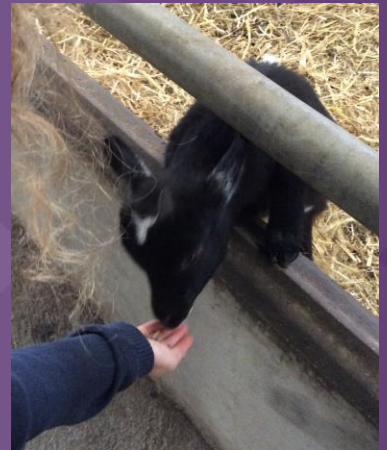
ELDERFLOWER CLASS



Elderflower have had a brilliant first term and have welcomed lots of new faces. The whole class have worked incredibly hard this term and I have been very impressed with their efforts.



Year 2 had a great day at Cattle Country learning all about animals in the morning and playing in the Slide barn and Cowshed in the afternoon.



We looked at Mae Jemison for Black History Month. The children enjoyed learning and writing facts about her and drew some brilliant drawings!

IRIS CLASS



Iris Class have had an incredible term settling into year 3. They have demonstrated their amazing abilities across the curriculum, especially in Maths and Reading.

It has been fantastic getting to know each and every learner and I am very excited to observe our collective growth over the coming year.

A particular highlight was our brilliant trip to Cattle Country. Alongside some wonderful learning attached to exploring a working farm, we also had lots of fun, resulting in plenty of snoozing on the bus home.

Thank you Iris Class for a truly amazing term!



FOXGLOVE CLASS

We have had a wonderful first term in Foxglove. The children have been getting to know each other better as we say hello to new faces and goodbye to others .



In Art we have explored the use of different materials; using natural materials such as shells and leaves to produce wax rubbings.

We've been swimming this term! Going to Horfield leisure centre every Tuesday has felt like a mini trip. We can't wait to carry on with it after half term, it's really helping us learn how to swim safely!



In DT we've been looking at the question 'What's in our food?'. Comparing processed and fresh food and making our own! We've made pizzas, bread rolls and soup! Yum!

We've also had some interesting days where we've spent time learning about and celebrating bees, Black History Month and African Awareness Day. Our brains are full of knowledge!

JASMINE CLASS

Success Criteria


- Writing in 1st person, past tense
- Story-specific vocabulary
- Correct SPAG
- Descriptions of setting
- Expanded noun phrases
- Correctly formatted dialogue

Tuesday 18th September

THE TIP

Expanded my mind under my old dusty and ruffled blanket on my rough sticky hammock after a hard days work under the orders of Ernest Shackleton digging and chipping at the ice with aching arms and my red cold blizzard bandol reached for a business biological book that I got from Robert Clark a few days ago and he skipped to chapter 22. He gave me a little exercise to read and start to draw of -

BANG! Myself fell to the ground and my back of precious heavy creature microscope books were flying in all directions painting and benches fell to the ground. Water started into every corner of my cabin. My hammock tore.




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Wednesday 20th September

SHACKLETONS TILTING TERROR!

Finally I had finished my portrait of Ernest. It took me almost twenty six hours to paint it was so intricately detailed. It was worth it! He said if I did that picture he would give me the cosiest cabin but it was still rubbish. The walls were cracked with age, the hammock was mouldy and the string that held it to the rocky ceiling was just a thread. I was starting to regret coming on this dangerous journey. I peered out of the porthole without ignoring the




In Jasmine class, this term, students have worked exceptionally hard in adjusting to the high expectations of Year 5! In writing lessons, students wrote a fantastic first person narrative based on Ernest Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole. In our second writing unit, students prepared a formal persuasive letter address to Mr Penny to convince him to let a student be the principal for a whole day!

In art, we have created abstract paintings based on the natural lines of 20th century artist, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. As you can see, they have really brightened up our classroom. More recently, Jasmine class have excelled in geography lessons, particularly when it comes to naming countries and capital cities of Europe and Africa. For a challenge over the holidays, visit world-geography-games.com and test yourself and your parents!

Have a great rest over the holidays and we look forward to seeing you next half term.
The Year 5 Team

Gia Patel
Jasmine Class
Awards Gardens
College Road
Bristol
BS16 2JP
Thursday 5th October 2023

Mr. H. Penny
Principal
Awards Gardens
College Road
Bristol
BS16 2JP

Dear Mr Penny,
Opportunity to be Principal for the day

I am writing to persuade to give me the opportunity to be a principal for the day.
To begin with, I assure you that I am a perfect role model not only because I wear school uniform but also I am the MP of Jasmine Class. Last year, I earned 2 A's in my lessons because of kindness, being helpful and sensible, which I consider to be the most important core values that we have here at Awards Gardens. Ready to learn and we are good listeners is something I am particularly passionate about and I know being a Principal is hard but I would love the chance to lead the whole school with pride.

Bristol
BS5 7QH
Thursday 5th October

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Principal
Awards Gardens
College Road
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BS16 2JP

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I am writing to persuade you to let me to be principal for a day.

To begin with, last year I got 93% attendance and 5 certificates but what I think is that sometimes I can get a bit angry so I am not 100% concentrated all the time but I don't let my anger stop me. My teacher Mr Nicol told the whole class before he gave me a paper that my handwriting was lovely and he showed it on a poster but what I think is that my handwriting could be better so I try my hardest to get a principal award.

SNAPDRAGON CLASS



In Science, we have been learning about electricity. We have enjoyed making circuits and working scientifically. We also enjoyed making African patterns to celebrate African Awareness Day. Here are some examples of the children's fabulous work!



In DT, we have been learning about street food from around the world. We have researched different street food from different countries and even had the chance to make burritos. We are going to be making more street food during the first week back in November.



Avanti Gardens in the Autumn



The Gardens this Autumn are looking particularly beautiful. The playground planters are full of colourful late Summer flowers as well as fragrant herbs such as mint and lemon balm. Leaves are beginning to change colour and spiders are busy building webs in trees and bushes.

Our squirrels are often spotted foraging in the trees, and we are visited often by many birds including pied wagtails, starlings and our two resident crows who love to swoop down after playtime and feast on any crumbs left by the children!





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Option Main Option Pasta Bolognese (G) Winter Vegetable and Lentil Soup and Baguette (G)	Option Main Option Cajun Chick'n Wraps & Slaw (D,G) Spinach & Basil Cream Sauce Gnocchi (D,G)	Option Main Option Sausage Roll & Baked Beans (G) Roasted Butternut Risotto (D)	Option Main Option Cowboy Pie with Crispy Cheese Potato topping (G,D) Moroccan Stew & Couscous (G)	Option Main Option Pizza and wedges (D,G) Spinach, Sweet Potato Curry & Rice
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	Dessert Raspberry Puree (D) and yoghurt	Dessert Jam and Coconut Sponge (G)	Dessert Strawberry Angle Delight (D)	Dessert Sticky Toffee Pudding (G,D)	Dessert Ice cream (D)
WEEK 2	Option Main Option Tomato soup & crusty baguette (G) Macaroni & Broccoli cheese (D,G)	Option Main Option Winter Vegetable Pasty (D,G) Butterbean and Chickpea Stew with Baguette (G)	Option Main Option Fishless Fingers and Chips (G) 5 Bean Chilli and Nachos (D,G)	Option Main Option Teriyaki Stir Fry Noodles (G) Potato Waffles and Baked Beans	Option Main Option Pizza And wedges (D,G) Paneer and Pea Curry with Naan (G,D)
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	Dessert Mango puree and yoghurt (D)	Dessert Coconut Flapjack (G)	Dessert Blueberry and Lemon Loaf (G)	Dessert Chocolate sponge cake (G)	Dessert Ice cream (D)
WEEK 3	Option Main Option Autumn Veggies soup and crusty baguette (G) Super Green Pasta (D,G)	Option Main Option Mexican Burritos (D,G) Mediterranean Tart (D,G)	Option Main Option Hot Dogs and Wedges (G) Couscous Stuffed Peppers	Option Main Option Broccoli Cauliflower & Potato Bake (D,G) Thai Curry and Rice (G)	Option Main Option Pizza and wedges (D,G) Tarka Dahl and rice
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	Dessert Berry puree and yoghurt (D)	Dessert Fruit jelly pot	Dessert Lemon Shortbread (G)	Dessert Pumkin Spiced Oat slice [G]	Dessert Ice cream [D]

Allergens

Mk or D - Contains dairy | G - Contains gluten | DG - Contains dairy & gluten

Please Note: Salad bar, fresh breads & fruits are available every day; Seasonal fruits and vegetables are used

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

10^{AM}-5^{PM} SAT 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

9:30^{AM}-4^{PM} SUN 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

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SHOW

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We hope you all have a lovely half term

From the whole Avanti Gardens Team



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