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A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE primary school

Thought of the Week

"Learning to stand in somebody else's shoes, to see through their eyes, that's how peace begins. And it's up to you to make that happen. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world." –

Barack Obama

Meditation with Devotion and Love!

I wanted to share something with you that made me smile today and I am sure it will do the same for you. There is always a joyful atmosphere in our morning worship, those parents who have attended our Monday sessions will agree. When I see sheer devotion to the Supreme coming from our youngest children really helps me understand why we are here!



An Afternoon with an Author!

On Friday 14th of September, Avanti House Primary was delighted to welcome Matt Dickinson, an award-winning author and film-maker with a passion for climbing and adventure, to our school. Matt held a fun and interactive presentation for all the children about his journey as an author and his adventures on Mount Everest. Children were in awe and wonder at how brave he was when he faced the many difficulties he experienced on the mountains. At the end of his presentation, pupils had an opportunity to ask him questions. "Did you ever get a writer's block? How did you overcome it?" asked a Year 5 child. "How did you find out that writing books was your profession? What inspired you?" asked Rishabh Haria from Year 3. Children were then invited to buy his new book and get it signed. *Popcorn-Eating Squirrels of the World Unite!* It's a funny, non-stop action-adventure story about four squirrels that dive in to all sorts of mischief and chaos in the pursuit of a delicious new foodstuff: popcorn. We hope that Avanti House pupils are now even more inspired to read and write. What an eventful day it was! By Mrs Joshi, English Lead.





Arts and Diversity

'I prepared an essay on Diversity in Britain. I had done research on the internet and in some books for an hour or so and was able to find lots of information about Britain's diversity. I found out that Britain has variety of people, cultures, races, religion, languages, and lifestyles living together. Britain has accepted people from various countries including the 200 colonies it was ruling.

This is a true example of unity in diversity.

I am delighted that we all are selected and have made our school proud.' (Please see attached Hritika's entry.)

By Hritika Patwa Year 6CC

Year 5 Celebrate Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is a holy festival for Jewish people. Another name for Yom Kippur is Day of Atonement. Day of Atonement is a day to ask for forgiveness from God. On the day of Yom Kippur Jewish people tell the story of Jonah and the Whale. The celebration goes on for 2 days (18th September, 19th September). On the 20th of September, Year 5 performed an assembly about Yom Kippur, in front of KS2. From this assembly both Year 5 classes learnt that Yom Kippur is linked to many Hindu rituals for example they both fast, take off their shoes

before doing their prayers. In the Bhagavad Gita under the chapter of Karma Yoga it says "You should always be careful with your actions". By Manogna and Janessa Year 5JJ

Each week children are awarded a Star of the Week certificate in recognition of exceptional work in the classroom. This week's stars are: **RBB: Mahin and Charmi** RLL: Zack and Aran 1DD: Dvira and Rian 1TT: Meha and Leeya 2FF: Swarajsinh and Hritvi 2PP: Kyle and Purnima lebration 7 3KK: Tanisha and Veer 3GG: Bhavthi and Rohan 4RR: Devansh and Krisha 4HH: Ishika and Eshaan 5SS: Aahil and Arya 5JJ: Manogna and Mahi 6CC: Ansh and Aneya 600: Tanishka and Maan

Srimati Radha Rani's Appearance day!

On Monday 17th Sept we celebrated Radhastami, the appearance of Srimati Radharani. A special assembly was given by Mrs Ram, she told us how Radharani was born and why She is so dear to Lord Krishna, some of us made a card and bought in sweets to offer. Sanjana in Year 3 did presented the school with a beautiful dance and then we sang a bhajan to glorify Radharani. It was a great morning.

JAYA SRI RADHE!!

Wow Learning in Year 2!

This week we have enjoyed our learning based on the story of 'Lila and the secret of Rain,' the story has direct links with our wider topics named: 'Around the world. We discovered more about life in Kenya for our main character – Lila. We read the story and thought about what we already know about Kenya. We talked about the weather in Kenya and wrote a weather forecast. In groups we performed a series of events from 'Lila and the secret of Rain', which lead up to the thunderstorm and finally rain. We used inferences from the story to write in role, as Lila, using some wonderful noun phrases. We also enjoyed writing our own class call and response poem which we all contributed towards. We listened to call and response songs from Kenya and then used musical instruments to enhance our own performances of our poems. **"I enjoyed learning to write my own poem and performing it using beats and wooden instruments"**, said Kiahni.

