



A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thought of the Week

For the next few weeks pupils and staff will be discussing the term 'mutual respect,' as well as delving deeper into the British Value: Mutual respect and tolerance for diversity.

Sensory Room Update



We are really excited to share that our Sensory Room is now up and running! We have installed the room with many interactive resources to support our children, this has provided another space for children to go and have some time out when things become difficult. Many thanks go to Mr and Mrs Jaisinghani for all their fundraising efforts! The school has also just spent an additional £1000 to enhance this space.

School Council

School Council members have already completed their first project, they have been working with Mr Halliday to develop our playground space. They have now decided on the designs that they think will promote a healthier life style. Mr Halliday has taken the designs to the company we are working with and have amended the specification as per the children's opinions. Work is scheduled to take place over the Easter holidays.

This strong group of children are now working on fund raising ideas to raise money to resurface our Sensory Garden.



We're Going Greener!

Exciting news! Avanti House will be starting its own in house composting programme!

Children in both Key Stages were presented with an informative assembly on the topic to prepare us in what we need to do to play our part in getting the school composting. The assemblies were led by Fatema Paretha, a parent at the school who believes passionately in doing all we can to help the environment and supported by Priya Jayabalan, a keen home composter. Specific collection bins will be placed in the playground for children to put their fruit peels in at snack time and a large collection bin in our Govinda's kitchen. These will be emptied into a larger compost bin already positioned in our Sensory Garden, by Mr Craig with the help of our Eco Committee (pictured standing up). It will be a great on-going green project all children can get involved in and we look forward to next year when we will hopefully be able to use our own school made compost to grow our plants!

Character Formation in action!

Last term, two year 6 girls felt so strongly about the gender imbalance presented in a series of books that they got together, with the school, to write the publishers a letter detailing their concerns. Their powerful letter can be seen in an attachment to this newsletter. The girls, Hritika and Zia - Year 6CC, received a response directly from the publishers, see below:

Dear Hritika and Zia,

Thank you so much for your passionate and well-thought out letter.

We completely agree! And we are pleased to say that we changed the punch line for this series in 2016. This punch line no longer appears on any printed books, or in any promotional material. As Zac Power was already printed in numerous locations around the world, we've been in touch with all our publishing partners. We hope they agree with us, and you, and will change the punch line on their editions.

We are so pleased that Zac has such passionate and clever readers such as yourselves.

If you and Mrs Leach can keep an eye out in the post, there will be something arriving soon to say thank you for getting in touch.

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Attendance Update



Well done to Year 3GG for 97.3% attendance for week beginning Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 11th January 2019.

Reminder:

Please ensure that your child(ren) are in school every day, it is disappointing to see so many children absent as their parents have decided to take them out of school to go on holidays. Leave of absence requests will not be approved unless it is an 'exceptional' circumstance.

Welcome!

The new term has started well and children are now back into their mode of learning.

We said a fond farewell to a few members of staff and have welcomed new staff into our family.

Farewell

Mrs Nichola Leach 6CC

Mrs Marina Radovic 4RR

Welcome to the Avanti Family

Mr Ezra Davies 6CC

Mrs Kulvinder Sandhu 4RR

Mrs Latha Iyer: Business Support Manager