



A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Quote of the Week.

"Materialistic society teaches us to be aggressive and calculating so we can push our way through. In Vaishnava culture it is opposite – we offer respect. The reason: when you give respect without expecting something in return, you open yourself up to the power of divine blessings." - Sacinandana Swami

The week has begun in a positive mood.

Children reflected on the quote by Sacinandana Swami and we spent some time unpicking it to understand its meaning. Children then listened to the story entitled 'The Cookie Thief.' I am sure your children will be able to tell you what the story was about and how it linked to the quote. Children thought about and explored 'materialistic society' and what that looks like. We discussed our own thoughts and actions when faced with different situations and most importantly our reflections in terms of what we learned and what we will change about ourselves to ensure that our actions are respectful.

Year 1 and Year 2 Maths Workshops.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Maths workshops last week, I hope you found the session valuable.

'On Friday 24th January about 25 parents attended our Year 2 Teaching for Maths Mastery workshop. We went through some of the key concept's pupils are learning in year 2, in particular how to use dienes and place value counters to work out various types of calculations. We emphasised the importance of the CPA (Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract) approach and how it supports pupils in their day-to-day learning. The parents that attended were appreciative, and for those who were unable to attend, the presentation can be found on the year 2 section of the school website. A special thanks to Mrs Iyer and the office team, who organised the online form, where parents signed up to confirm their attendance - this helped us plan the workshop better - certainly the way forward. We hope to send an online feedback form out so that we can see how we can support parents further and ultimately enhance the quality of education for all our children.' Year 2 Team

Parental Feedback!

Good to know concepts used in class so we can reinforce at home.

I have a better understanding of teaching for mastery now.

Learning different ways to present maths to my child. Visuals vs just numbers.

Parents Yoga and Mindfulness Workshop.

On Wednesday 15th January, parents and carers of children in years 1 & 2 were invited to attend a yoga and mindfulness workshop at school. The session included an insight into the yoga practices we teach at school along with their benefit. This comprised of asana (posture) breakdown, easy ways of promoting more practise at home and breathing techniques using a Hoberman Ball (please see the link below to use at home). Parents shared their views and we also learnt that children love to do yoga at home too! Great Stuff! There is one workshop held per term, please do come along to the next relevant workshop for you.

Mrs Haria
Yoga Instructor



<https://youtu.be/YnNATiWYyx0>

Celebrating birthdays!

Please be mindful when you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school. If you do wish to celebrate it by giving gifts to their peers, please ensure that the gifts do not contain any food items such as cakes, chocolates, sweets, etc. You can celebrate your child's birthday by gifting stationary, books, small toys or alternatively you can donate a book to the class library.



School Council Update.

School Council have been working on ideas to support the school with various fundraising events. They thought about many different ideas, presented their main thoughts to their peers and then voted on the top four. The most popular was celebrating Gratitude Day which will take place on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February 2020. You will have received a letter written by our Year 6 School Council members about the event. Please see some details below:

The School will collect unwanted (perfect condition) gifts from Friday 31st January 2020 to Monday 10th February 2020. Please leave all gifts with class teachers.