

Avanti House Primary Newsletter July 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an extraordinary school year this has been! I cannot thank you all enough for your endless hours of volunteering, reading, organizing, donating and doing whatever was necessary to support our pupils—both at home and at school. Special thanks to our SSC team, Parent Reps and FOAH who, as usual, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add to our pupils' already rich school experience. I have really enjoyed building a stronger partnership between staff/teachers and parents with our pupils at the heart. Thanks to your support, our school has continued to thrive and to be the school of choice for many with an ever increasing roll.

I would also like to take an opportunity to congratulate our Year 6 pupils who have worked extremely hard, not only this year but throughout their journey at Avanti House Primary School. They have been on an insightful and meaningful journey with us and they will be missed by the entire school community. I am very proud of all their achievements and the way that they have developed their character and embodiment of the Avanti values. I am also proud to share that their SATS results so far are the best results the school has ever produced, and this is largely due to their determination and hard work, as well as their dedicated teachers and parents. Year 6 pupils have achieved well above both local and national average despite having to adapt to online learning. Congratulations Year 6!

Warm regards, Mrs Joshi Principal

A Special Treat for School Council & Head Pupils



School councillors and head pupils were given a special treat today by Mrs Joshi for all their hard work and excellent contributions. They have shown the virtue of teamwork, perseverance, patience and gratitude. Pupils reflected on how they have improved the school and what they learnt on their journey as school councillors. Here a are some of the many initiatives and ideas that they initiated:

- Creating an outdoor forest area
- Welcoming the Mayor of Harrow
- Parliament Workshop with the MP
- Playground games
- Themed weeks ideas
- School menu on festival days
- Friendship buddy ambassadors
- Attendance trophy led by pupils
- Houses & rewards (starting in September)

Welcoming our new staff!

Ms Patricia – Spanish Teacher

Ms Tirumalai – Year 2 SEN TA



Mrs Harrison (previously known as Ms Menon) Year 5SS Class Teacher





Parent Survey – End of Year Feedback



Please take 5 minutes of your time to complete the survey using the link below.

I will be using the summer break to evaluate and review our progress towards each of our school improvement priorities. When assessing some of the initiatives that have been introduced, I would appreciate your feedback and therefore kindly request you to complete a parent survey.

https://forms.gle/gSU3Bm3De6h3pJZ36

No Electricity Friday

We celebrated 'No Electricity Friday afternoon' on Friday 8th July. It was a fun way to help children save energy. We found out what life would be like without electricity. We used no iPads, computers, laptops, Interactive white boards or class lights. We found creative ways to learn using the outdoor sensory area, forest school and in class activities. Did you know how much electricity a primary school consumes in a normal week? We use 348.5 Kilowatt per hour of electricity every day! This electricity is enough to boil 18,145 kettles. On July 8th, we only used 313.7 kilowatt per hour of electricity, just by not using electricity for 2 hours. In future, we are planning to reduce this use of electricity even further. We are grateful to all children and teachers for making this possible.





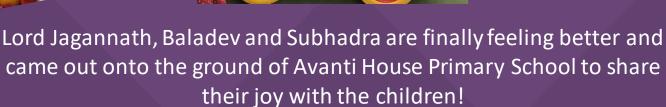






Ratha Yatra







The cart was decorated beautifully by Mrs Nandha, Mrs Halai, Mrs Asim & Mrs Akula. Instead of jasmine flowers, we had popcorn flowers and instead of pillows for the deities to rest on, we had beautiful flowers and petals for them!

Thank you to all of the parents and children who donated delicious fruits and wonderful, fragrant flowers ©





Ratha Yatra



After a very long time, the children finally had the opportunity to celebrate Ratha Yatra in its full galore!

The festival saw adults and children dressed in their finest, ready to welcome Lord Jagannath into the grounds of Avanti House Primary School.

The children spent the rest of their week learning about the glories of Lord Jagannath, writing poems, postcards of their experience and getting themselves in the mood of King Indradyumna and writing a diary entry.



Parents were also welcome to the event and enjoyed sharing the experience with their children.

Some parents shared:

'This is the first time I have ever been a part of such a festival and I love it'

'I am so happy to praise Lord Jagannath with my child and get some delicious fruit prasad too'













EYFS Farm Trip

RLL and RBB children had a wonderful time during our visit to Aldenham Country Park and Farm! They had the chance to visit the farm and see many animals including goats, cows, chickens and a peacock, some of which they even got to feed! The children also explored 100 Aker words, navigating their way using a map and seeing if they could spot the houses of some of the Winnie the Pooh characters! The children really enjoyed their visit and showed brilliant determination, perseverance and stamina throughout the day, walking almost 8000 steps! A massive thank you to our parent volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you!





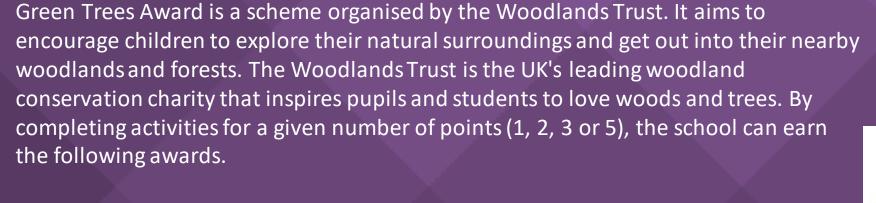






Green Trees Award









10 points = Silver Award

15points = Gold Award

30 points = Platinum Award



We have been busy since the Easter break and have already gained 4 points towards our Bronze Award. Have a look at what we have been up to.



Points awarded – 2 points

Green Trees Award

Back in April, our Year 6 children were invited to take part in a survey organised by the Wardens of Old Redding Nature Reserve (woodlands opposite the school). The warden told us about the work they are completing to improve biodiversity for plants and animals alike. The children learned why it is important to have a diverse environment. They walked all the way to Gilberts Lake and took part in a tree survey. They were challenged to identify what trees were in the area and to decide if there was diversity in the trees or too many of each tree species. They used tree identifying tools to help them. The children had a great time, here's what some of them said...

'It was a thrilling experience and we learnt that there was not a lot of biodiversity. This is because there were many trees of the same ages but they are trying to fix it by making glades so that grass and other plants can grow.'

'During nature walk along Old Redding Forest, I learnt about new types of woods, leaves and plants. As we walked deep into the woods I felt fascinated and all my unanswered questions were answered by the time we reached the other end of the forest. What a morning well spent in the woods!'





Green Trees Award

In our Early Years, the children have been visiting our woodland area throughout the year. They have been learning about the local area and looking at the nature around them. We have been learning maths — using natural objects collected to make patterns, making habitats as part of our 'animals' topic, senses (what we can hear and see when in the woodland area) as part of ourselves and have been making beautiful pictures using collected twigs and flowers that have been used on our shrine.

We love the outdoors!





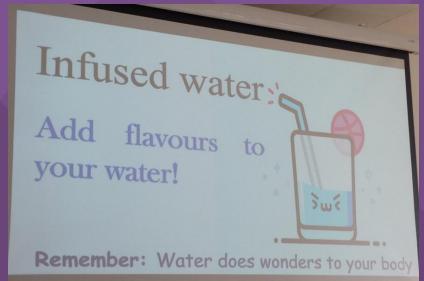
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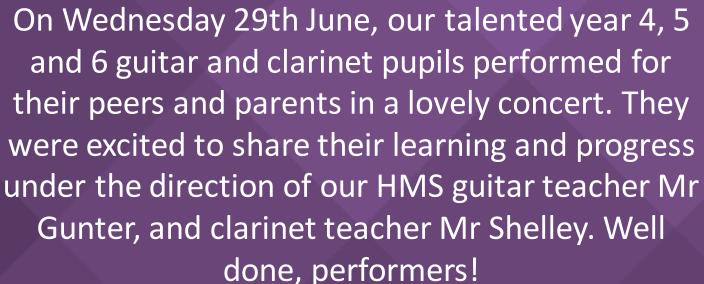
As a part of health week, Year 5 attended a workshop on the importance of water.







Guitar and Clarinet Concert















Music Concerts



On Tuesday 5th July, KS1 and KS2 classes were excited to share their music learning from weekly lessons in three spectacular end of year concert for parents. Many thanks to our HMS music teacher Miss K for working so hard to prepare classes with exciting performance items!











Football Fest Continues

Year 6 Girls Football Team

Our Year 6 girls played their very first competitive friendly against Avanti House Secondary Year 7 Girls. Although they lost 9-6, the girls played a great team game with lots of passing and encouragement. Sayona, Shriya and Aashi hit the net. A very well done, we are so proud of you!





Year 6 Boys Football Team

The boys played their final friendly of the year against The Gurukula Primary School (Hertfordshire). It was a competitive game with our boys starting off strong eventually moving to a defence strategy by the end of the match. Nonetheless, they tried hard and won 5-2 with Rishab, Krish P, Darshan and Rohan scoring for AHPS. Super result to end the year – well done!

Mr Koorichh





Go Badgers!

From June 6th – 8th, Year 6 children ventured on their residential quest to the depths of Somerset. As part of their daily activities, in groups of 12, children were challenged to waste the least amount of food and clean up after themselves.

I am both honoured and proud to say that the 'Badgers' (Jenna, Darshan, Shivani N, Jayen, Dishi, Veer, Kia, Shayon, Heeya, Krish H, Hemi, Aaryan H) were bursting with good character and displayed all the Avanti Virtues that we promote at our school. They wasted the least food and tidied up together exhibiting collegiality and excellent communication skills. They even invited Mayra to the celebrations as she could not attend the residential! We missed Aryan H - don't worry, your ice cream is waiting for you!

The Activity Centre staff were proud of all the children at our school for showing respect and kindness at all times – a super well done!



AUTUMN TERM 1 DAIRY DATES

AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL VISION: Avanti exists to help each person become a well-rounded human being through intellectual, personal and spiritual growth, and so make the world a better place!

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FOAH SUMMER FAIR

WOW! We had a turnout of just over **700** fairgoers on Sunday and what a magnificent day it was. We are simply amazed with the sheer love and support from the FOAH family and we hope you all had a fabulous time! We're finalising the details and will share another update in the new academic year but regardless of funds raised or the heat, the smiles and excitement on the kids' faces definitely makes the long nights worth it.

A very special thanks to **Mrs Joshi** for supporting us at a very early stage in our tenure and for making this possible!

We would really appreciate your feedback so please click on the link below to access the survey.

Summer Fair Survey

The FOAH team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and peaceful summer vacation!

CLASS OF '22

The FOAH team would like to congratulate all the Year 6 students on their graduation! You've reached a wonderful milestone and we would like to wish you the best in all you do. We are privileged to have been a part of your journey and remember, this isn't goodbye! You're a part of the FOAH family.



Events

While school may be out for summer, we definitely are not. We'll be busy preparing for the upcoming events so please look out for further updates on our website and make a note of the following events:

September - Navratri October - Kirtan November – Diwali Dinner & Dance December – Christmas Market

Dates will be confirmed as they are finalized and please note, these events are subject to availability.

Enrichment Projects

We have plenty of projects to deliver but our <u>main focus</u> is the canopy so that we can provide shelter for our children when they're being dropped off and picked up. We wouldn't want to stand in the peltering rain or scorching sun, so let's help our little ones!

Ideally, we'd like to complete this before winter sets in, but we really need your help to raise the funds.

Get Involved!

If we can, during the summer we're going to try and start clearing up the shrubs to make way for the forest school at the front. If you like DIY and want to roll up your sleeves and get a little messy, get in touch with us or miss out on the fun!

We're always looking for volunteers so if you're interested, please email: info@foah.avanti.org.uk

Instagram foah_charity

How you can help



Donate through Amazon Smile at no additional cost to you.

Set it up this summer and your friends and family can do it too – click on the following link to find out how:

https://foah.avanti.org.uk/blog/donat e-with-amazon-smile.html



Donate via https://foah.avanti.org.uk/donate

Sponsorship Opportunities info@foah.avanti.org.uk







The Island of Heroes will be an immersive blend of education, broadway productions, UV light shows. It will showcase the heroes of the past and present and will allow each child to walk away emboldened by the belief that they are the heroes of tomorrow.

And guess what... some of us from school are performing in the Musical production!!!

Be sure to come see us play our part!

neasdentemple.org

@ @neasdentemple



A CELEBRATION OF Life Culture AND Harmony



22 to 31 July 2022 10am to 10pm



Neasden Temple Grounds Pramukh Swami Road London NW10 8HW

FREE Entry & Parking
FREE Access to All Shows
FREE Indian Music Stage
and Dance Performances
Enjoy mouth-watering
cuisine





Commemorating the Birth Centenary of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharai





This might interest you...

Free meals for children this summer

Below is a list of retailers helping to feed families over the summer holiday period. Please feel free to share with parents and the wider community. The ASDA offer is particularly impressive and worth taking note of.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat FREE every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and Kids eat free with an adult main a drink for every £4 spent in the instore cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm TABLE TABLE Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

meal.

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

This might interest you

SUMMER 2022 HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

These programmes are FREE for families who are eligible for means tested, free school meals.

You will find everything from MET police camp, to Art clubs, to Sports and even Musical Theatre workshops!

Demand remains high for this programme, so sign up as soon as possible to book a place!













THE E.H UPDATE

THE LATEST FROM EARLY HELP SERVICES IN HARROW





EXCITING CHANGES COMING...

BY JASMIN MCGUINNESS

From August, I will be going on secondment within a new team in Children's Services. This has meant a secondment opportunity has arisen for the Early Help worker role in MASH.

The new worker has not yet been selected, so look out for an email which will be circulated soon to introduce them

Contacting the team will remain the same, via the worker or the team inbox, earlysupporthub@harrow.gov.uk.

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This might interest you

SUMMER ON A BUDGET

By Angie Beaumont, Hillview Hub

It seems these little emails of savings and freebies have been missed, so I will start them back up againwhich is great with Summer holidays creeping up on us.

O2 Priority offers (including work mobile phones):

Caffe Nero- weekly free hot drink

Greggs- weekly free hot drink, free breakfast/ sausage/vegan roll at weekends

Odeon cinema- weekly (on a Wednesday around 12 noon) you can get a code for a free cinema ticket for that Sunday or the following Monday, or a kids club ticket for the weekend

Theatre tickets and tokens- monthly there are offers for half price deals

Disney Theatre tickets:

On Mondays after 12 noon, you can buy selected tickets for Disney shows that weekhttps://www.disneytickets.co.uk/disney-day-seats-tickets

Kids Week 2022- free kids theatre tickets with adult tickets:

https://officiallondontheatre.com/kids-week/

Free days out:

Sun newspaper- Sun Savers codes can be scanned on to the app where you can collect for 2 free tickets for Warwick Castle, Shrek's Adventures, London Aquarium, Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventures and Alton Towers.

Check cereal and confectionary wrappers this time of year also as they often have the buy one get one free vouchers

Free cinema/ theatre/ concert tickets (seat fillers):

You can book free tickets and just pay a booking fee.

Show Film First- https://www.showfilmfirst.com/

AJ Tix- https://www.aitix.co.uk/

See It First- https://www.seeitfirst.net/

Sky VIP- if you have a Sky account, check your VIP status and you can apply for various freebies too

Discounted theatre tickets:

Today Tix- https://www.todaytix.com/

Cheap children's films at the cinema:

Cineworld Movies for Juniors- https://classic.cineworld.co.uk/movies-for-juniors#/

Vue Mini Mornings- https://www.muvue.com/offers/mini-mornings

Odeon Kids- https://www.odeon.co.uk/offers-membership/odeon-kids/

Family activities and events:

Check out your local shopping centres for info:

St Ann's Shopping Centre- https://www.stannsshopping.co.uk/

St George's Shopping Centre- https://www.stgeorgesshopping.co.uk/

Harrow Town Centre- https://www.harrowtowncentre.co.uk/

Watford Atria- https://atriawatford.com/

Uxbridge The Chimes- https://www.chimesuxbridge.co.uk/news-events/

The Entertainer toy shop- https://www.thetoyshop.com/store-events

Smyths toy shop- https://www.smythstoys.com/uk/en-gb/in-store-events





HARROW FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICE

Supporting Harrow residents to sustain their housing tenancy and housing related issues including tenancy, debt, financial issues, benefit claims and more.

Support Offered: Form filling, Applications, Referrals, Support Planning Debt/ Finances/Benefits, Home Visits Eligibility Criteria: Age 19+, living in Harrow, presenting with housing related support needs.

Referrals: Email harrowfss@eachcounselling.org.uk

Employment and Training Support IPS WORKS

Employment support project for people with common mental health issue form BME communities in North and West London.

Support Offered: Developing new skills, finding suitable employment, building resilience and learning to cope with stress, anxiety and depression.

Eligibility Criteria: 25+, BME (Black and Minority Ethnic), Living in Brent, Unemployed for 12+ months. Presenting with common mental health issues.

Referrals: Email ipsworks@eachcounselling.org.uk

This might interest you

Educational and Child Psychologist











Come and have an informal consultation with one of us from the Educational Psychology Service. We can discuss how your child is developing, particularly during this Covid recovery period, and provide advice to help with your child's overall development.

We can give you guidance about:

- Play activities to promote social and emotional, language and communication, physical and early learning development.
 - Maintaining mental and emotional well-being.
- Understanding and supporting special educational needs.
 - · Parental boundary setting.
 - · Wake-up, bedtime and bathroom routines.
- Toileting and promoting independence and much more

We are looking forward to seeing you!
Find out more at Harrow Children's Centres or Facebook.

www.facebook.com/harrowcc

Or by calling 020 8736 6222 or 020 8422 4692





HelpHarrow.org is a helpful resource families can use to request CAB appointments, food parcels and more!





KEY EH CONTACTS

YOUNG HARROW FOUNDATION

https://youngharrowfoundation.org/weareready

CHILDREN'S CENTRE & YOUTH OFFER

Facebook: www.facebook.com/harrowCC earlysupporthub@harrow.gov.uk wealdstoneyouthoffer@harrow.gov.uk Instagram: @Wealdstone.youthhub

SUPPORT FOR CHILDRENWITH SH

https://harrowparentforum.org

www.adhdandautism.org

www.harrow-sendias.org.uk

www.specialneedscommunity.org.uk

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGEERS

Join the Gadgeteers, Summer Reading Challenge 2022 at your local Harrow Library this summer. Read six books, receive awesome rewards and take part in our in-branch and online events including:

- 25 July Science Magic, Magic Science? Ian B Dunne
- 26 July Mystery Bus London Transport Museum
- 27 July An Atomic Adventure + Drama Workshop Cat & Hutch
 An Element of Surprise + Drama Workshop Cat & Hutch
- 28 July Engineering Your Neighbourhood London Transport Museum
- 29 July Robot Building RoboThink

All events are free. For further information & to book please visit:







SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022

Stand by for mystery, suspense and laughs with scientist lan B Dunne via a hair-raising encounter with a Van de Graaff generator and a singing Telsa Coil, plus guest appearances from some of lan's Robot friends including Jef3D2 and Kat the animatronic cat.

GREENHILL LIBRARY HARROW

MONDAY 25 JULY 2022

Free. Please book in advance via: http://harrowlibraries.eventbrite.com

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HARROW LIBRARIES



IGNITING IMAGINATION INSPIRING





Gadgeers

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022

There's something for Gadgeteers of all ages when Storytelling duo Cat & Hutch visit Greenhill Library for The Summer Reading Challenge.

Soar into space on **An Atomic Adventure** (KS1) or help defeat Dr Nonogan's villainous plans in **An Element of Surprise** (KS2) and take part in special drama workshops!

GREENHILL LIBRARY HARROW

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2022

Free. Please book in advance via: http://harrowlibraries.eventbrite.com

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HARROW LIBRARIES



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Stay Safe, Be Well





