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The children loved the planetarium visit! They enjoyed walking into an immersive experience. The children learnt about the solar system, who has been to the moon and the future of space! They discovered the sun was a star, that the Earth orbits the sun, our galaxy is called the Milky Way and other planets have moons! The event sparked so many wonderful questions about the world around them!



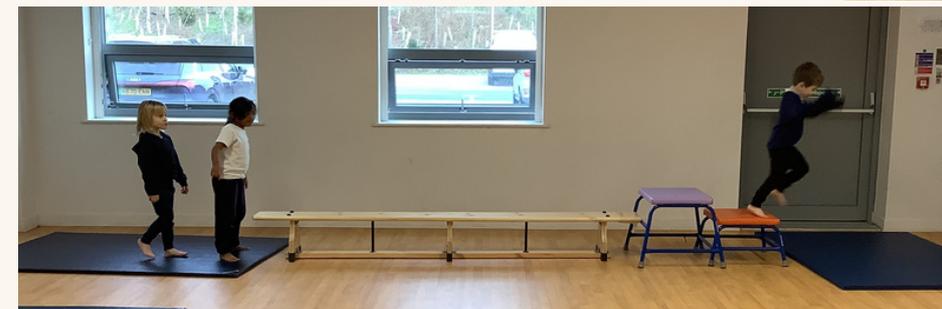
*Reception-
Elm Class*



This week's gold award goes to Harry for being a champion gymnast and safely exploring the equipment in the PE lesson. Khadijah gets the gold award this week because she has been working so hard when tidying up and working as a team.



The children have been enjoying taking part in PE and showcasing how they can be 'champion gymnasts'! To be a champion gymnast you need to move your body quietly whilst pointing your toes. The children have learnt to move their body high and low over and under the apparatus. Ask children to show you how they move like a champion gymnast at home.



PHONICS UPDATE

We are continuing to explore phase 1 sounds in Read Write Inc. Want to help your child blend words? Play the fred talk games and have a go yourself!

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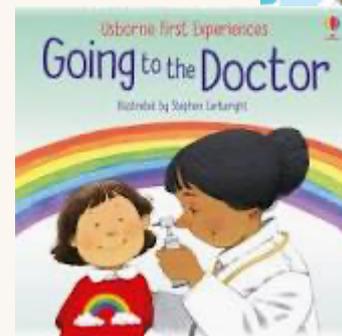
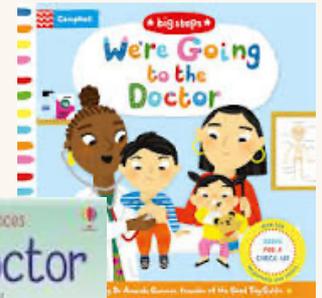


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Pre-School- Blossom Class



This week we learnt about doctors and nurses. Children played matching plaster shapes on a drawn teddy, wrapped toys in bandages, created ambulances using craft materials and made a hand x-ray using cuetip sticks.



In Maths we have spoken about grouping into categories. We began with different colours, then moved to sorting objects into big, medium and small. We spoke about the language of these words i.e big (gigantic enormous, giant, large) or small (little or tiny). When comparing, we used words such as smaller, bigger or smallest, and biggest. Children were less sure of categorising objects into three groups when adding the concept of medium.



During the course of this week, we focused on sharing and turn taking skills by playing social games and encouraged independence when putting on shoes, socks, coats, welly boots, doll clothes and dressing up clothes. We of course are supporting and helping, but just by guidance of how to do it, rather than just doing it for them.



School News and Updates

IMPORTANT DATES/CURRICULUM CHANGES

PE lessons – Reception children will have PE in the hall each Tuesday. Please ensure they come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers. Reception also take part in field Friday – PE kits are suggested to allow for warm, comfy clothing during this winter weather.

Pre-School – children have begun PE lessons in the main school hall on Tuesday mornings. They will continue to be in their normal tracksuit daily uniform.

Yoga sessions – Reception are on Wednesday. Please ensure Reception children come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers.

Pre-School will begin Yoga sessions on Thursday afternoon. If this is not your normal session but would like to increase your weekly session so your child has the experience of Yoga, please email: preschool.meadows@avanti.org.uk

Thursday 8th February – Reception class – Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening with Herts School Nurse Team.

Thursday 8th February – PTA Disco, please see PTA news below for further details.

Friday 9th February – School closed to pupils for staff training day.

Monday 12th February – 8.15–8.45am Reception Parents are invited in for 'Learning together at school'.

Due to an increase of new starters in Pre-School, it is vital that they are not unsettled with this routine change of many adults in the room. Therefore, Pre-School will have a 'learning together at school' session in the summer term. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday 26th February – Please be advised there will be **no late play provision** on this date due to an important trust staff training evening. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Shoes– Please be reminded that children should wear black shoes and preschool black trainers or black shoes. Please support staff and your child's independence by encouraging them to wear velcro shoes. The exception to this is if your child is actively learning how to tie their shoe laces or buckles. Children take their shoes off many times a day for yoga, PE, dressing up clothes, supporting with intimate care and putting on messy suits and welly boots. Continue to support your child how to put their own shoes on, as you leave the house.

Junk Modelling– We are using all your junk modelling materials each day so please do keep them coming! We are still in need of large sheets or material so if you could have a look around the house for any old sheets, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you for your help.

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Golden Certificate Award:

Pre-school: Xander
Reception: Khadijah and Harry

Golden Expectations

1. Be kind: think of others and help them
2. Be safe: look after yourself and others
3. Be respectful: listen carefully and act politely
4. Be honest: think before you speak or act
5. Be courageous: keep on trying your best
6. Be grateful: say 'thank you'

AVANTI BROOK

Last week's certificate winner in Pre-School:



A fond farewell

We say goodbye to Miss Wendy with her last day being Friday 9th February. In order to say goodbye to the children she will split her time in both settings next week. Wendy began at Avanti Meadows in 2022 as a midday supervisor and quickly started adding to her hours by volunteering around the school. Wendy then helped us open the doors to our Pre-School at both Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook in September 2023. She has helped get our learning environments up and running and has been a constant presence with the children at both schools. We are sad to say our farewells but know we will see Miss Wendy around school as she is keen to volunteer and give her time in a more flexible manner. Thank you Wendy for all your hard work and we wish the best of luck on your next journey!



 *School News and Updates*
from the PTA
TO OUR AVANTI MEADOWS FAMILY,

Don't forget to book your tickets for the upcoming Valentines Disco taking place on **Thursday 8 February**. Please make sure you buy your child/children the correct ticket(s) and if they are in Reception (Elm Class) OR KS1 (Hazel, Chestnut and Cedar classes) an adult will be required to stay with them, we have added FREE adult tickets to the booking site.

Unfortunately on this occasion our invite does not extend to our Pre-School (Blossom Class) children we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. safety, suitability and wellbeing is our top priority we hope you all understand!

As always we will be having a tattoo stall and a sweets & treats sale.

Please make sure you are signed up to our events platform PTA events and ensure all details are correct for emergency contacts and medical/allergy info.

Reception & KS1 Pupil Disco:

Please arrive from 4.15-4.30 and leave by 5.45 promptly, we will then welcome our KS2 children.

Please arrive promptly to collect from after each session. We will endeavour to sign your child/children out as quickly as possible. Please be reminded you will be required at the doors to collect your child/children in person.

Thankyou to all the parents who have volunteered to help us out we appreciate you all and look forward to everything going ahead as planned next week!

For any enquires email us at **avantimeadowspta@gmail.com**

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📅 VALENTINES DISCO QR CODE ✕

Here's a QR Code for your Valentines Disco event.



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