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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Your children are settling in well to their new classes now and the new children feel like they've always been here. It is lovely to see so many new friendships forming. Thank you to those parents who gave feedback at the start of term. It is always helpful to have this and as a result we have been able to adapt and change certain routines to ease the transition for pupils who were struggling. I am aware that most classes have WhatsApp groups. Please can I ask that these are used in a positive way. It is much easier to us to deal with issues first hand than find out via parents expressing concern over what they are reading on WhatsApp. In most cases a short conversation can clear up a parental concern. Thank you for your support with this.

Restorative Practice

As a school we use a Restorative Practice approach to resolving conflict between children. This is based on the work of Mark Finnis. Staff in the school have received training on this and will be using the following questions when working with children who are struggling to follow behaviour for learning values (a reminder of these below) or who have been in conflict with another child:

1. What happened?
2. How did it make you feel?
3. Who was hurt and how?
4. How can we fix it?
5. What can we do to stop it happening again?

Have a wonderful weekend
Abby Atkins, Principal



Eco Schools Award



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that Avanti Park have achieved their Eco Schools award! This means that our hard work around a variety of eco themes has been officially recognised. The whole school community has been involved in some way to achieve this and I am really proud that soon we will have a shiny green flag to display outside our school in recognition of everyone's contribution and hard work! A special mention must go to Liz Clarke who has been so supportive behind the scenes and made sure that the Forest School curriculum has been able to underpin much of our outdoor learning linked to the award.

Here are some comments from the eco schools committee members who assessed our application, and they really show that the assessors read our application very carefully.

'We loved hearing about how the children made simple bird feeders using cereal, string and pipe cleaners which were hung from the tress in Early Years.'

'You held a bake sale to raise funds for a variety of plants which were then planted along your shared border with the local church. This kind of work is a good example of the collaborative approach we will all need to adopt to help protect and improve our environment-your application made us feel really positive about the future!'

'We like your democratic approach to appointing Eco Councillors.'

'You use Forest School sessions for all children to get involved in your different eco projects and to give you all more time and space in the curriculum for the children to run the projects as a larger group.'

'You've clearly taken great efforts to connect your Biodiversity, School Grounds and Waste projects happening across the school and embedding work into the curriculum and everyday school life in a really impactful way.'

What wonderful comments. We will be celebrating our achievement in school soon.

Well done everyone!

Miss Armstrong



Maple:
Mateo

Pine:
Felix

Rowan:
Kuba
Tejaswini

Holly:
Ava
Leo

Ash:
Milo
Margot

Year 8
Arwen
Sophie

Willow:
Tiana
Liberty

Cedar:
Kimi
Baxter

Oak:
Frida
Marlow

Cherry:
Imre
Darcy

Sycamore:
Jago
Laurie

Cedar:
Kimi
Baxter

Star of the Week
W/C

11/07/2022

18/07/2022

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Beech:
Alf
Ernest

Hazel:
Luca
Livvy

Chestnut:
Thea
Maxi

Birch:
Ellie
Cora

EYFS/KS1 Art:
n/a

EYFS/KS1 Yoga:
Celeste
Rosalie

KS2 Art:
Samson M

KS2 Yoga:
Rosie A
Laser

EYFS/KS1 PE:
Rosie Q
Sky

KS2 PE:
Amalie w
Sam R

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Notices



Lots of jumpers have gone missing already and we think some may have gone home with the wrong people. Please check the names of the jumpers you have at home .



A child rescued this little visitor from their classroom last week. Well Done Eva

"Heard it in the playground".
A child telling their Mum "Avanti is the best"

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Items in Lost Property dated 23/09/22:

27 x items of school uniform – un-named
15 x items non school clothes- un-named
17 x Non-school clothing – named
14 x lunch boxes
21 x water bottles

In the classroom – Early Years



In Early years children have started the year by reading 'Owl Babies', and have been learning about each other and each others' families. They been getting creative and making self portraits. Here are a couple of wonderful examples from Maple class.



Key Stage 1



At the end of last year children were given sunflower seeds to grow at home. We have received this picture of a very impressive Sunflower which has been wonderfully tended to by Zephyrus in year 3. Fantastic!

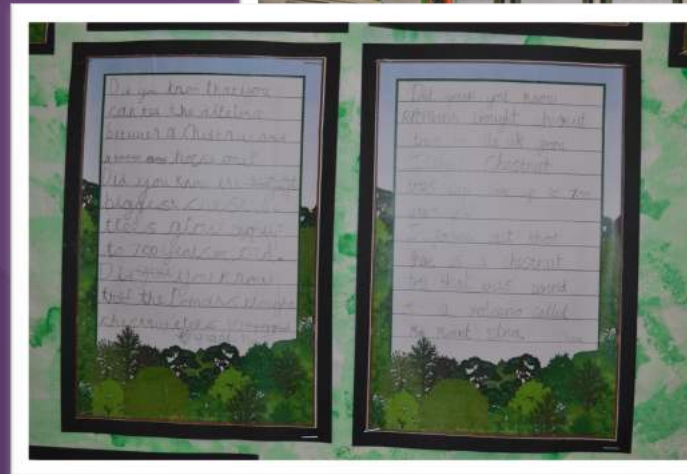


Beech Class have been learning about the Great Fire of London. This week the children were transported to London 1666. They created and performed a news report, telling the public all about the events of the fire.

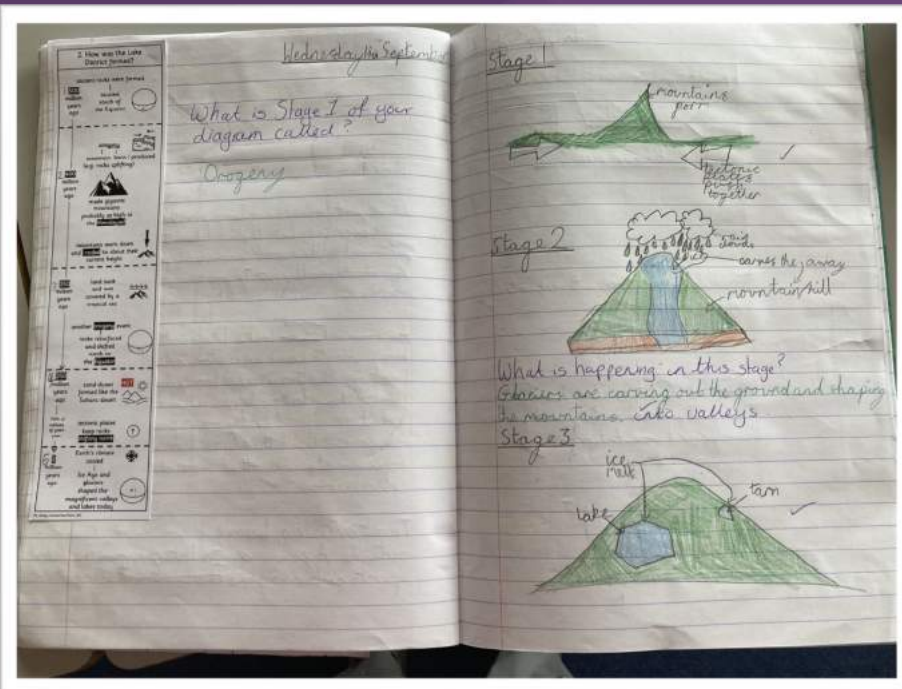
Key Stage 2



In Geography, Year 6 have been learning about how the Lake District was formed - Poppy's diagrams clearly show the mains stages of orogeny and glaciation forming valleys and lakes. We are using this knowledge to compare the Lake District to the Tarta Mountains in Poland and to the Blue Mountains in Jamaica. Poppy (Birch Class).



Fabulous work on display in year 3 Chestnut.



Outdoor play and learning



Georgie and Aylin are pictured enjoying some of the new outdoor play materials that are now accessible for children to use at break times. Avanti Park is the first school in the trust to implement the new OPAL (Outdoor play and learning scheme). Today the children were having fun making water runs.

Hello from your PTFA!

Avanti Park Parents, Teachers & Friends Association



We are a registered charity that raises funds for Avanti Park School, organises creative festivals and events, and promotes a sense of community within our school.

The money we raise is donated to fund activities, facilities and equipment that will enrich the education and wellbeing of the children at Avanti Park.

Last year we raised over £4,000 and funded sports equipment, drama workshops, outdoor benches, trees and created a hardship fund for families.



**This year - we are on the hunt for a representative from each class to help us spread the word of upcoming events and happenings.
Could this be you?**



Anyone can get involved and have some fun with us!

Get in touch at . . .



AvantiParkPTFA@Gmail.com



[@AvantiParkPTFA](https://www.facebook.com/AvantiParkPTFA)

PTFA Happenings

Want to see what we're all about or thinking of becoming a class rep?



You're all invited !

- Share ideas for the year ahead
- Meet other parents & friends
- Have a go at our quiz & maybe win a prize!

Hope to see you there!

PTFA Uniform Swap & Sale + AGM

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 2nd uniform swap & sale!



It was a joy to see so many families grabbing a bargain and helping the environment in the process.

We hope to hold these a few times throughout the year. Get in touch if you'd like to volunteer at the next one.

Save the date!

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Friday 11th November, 8pm
Bingo & Bites

All are invited to our annual meeting where we'll celebrate all we've achieved together, have a laugh, and hopefully meet some new faces too.

Details to follow...

Survey time – your PTFA want to hear from you

Have your say in the PTFA

As a registered charity, it is vital that PTFA activities and goals represent the needs of our school community as a whole.

We'd love to hear from you by answering a *very short* survey (**less than 5 minutes**).

Please complete the survey:

➡ <https://forms.gle/7XmMGskiap1cbT5v9>

Your answers will help us focus our efforts and work towards goals important to you and your child!



Notices and Events



JOIN FREE / £1 P/W VOLUNTARY DONATION

SCALLOP & SHELLS



JUNIOR CHOIR AGES 4-10



Meets term-time Fridays 4 - 4.45pm
at Christ Church, Frome BA11 1EH

Email annburgess@hotmail.co.uk

ABOUT THE CHOIR



The choir is for children of First School age and over who like singing.

It's a way of getting some music education while having the fun of learning lots of songs!



We sing a variety of music such as children's songs, folk songs from many countries, rounds and carols etc. leading to singing in occasional church services and concerts, roughly one each term. Parents or carers stay and can have tea or coffee while we sing.

Drinks and snacks for children at the end.

The choir is directed by Ann Burgess. Ann is DBS checked; a music graduate with a PGCE in Music; experienced music teacher; plays the organ and piano; Director of Music at Christ Church.

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education

Elevate Parent Webinars 2022

- Motivation - 20th September, 6-7pm
- Time Management - 11th October, 6-7 pm
- Exam Preparation & Exam Room Skills - 8th November, 6-7 pm
- Resilience - 29th November 6-7pm



[Click here to register for free](#)

New Clubs



ART CLUB -

Wednesday 15.15-16.15, £6 a session for Years 2 and 3. Come and enjoy making a variety of art, including print making, drawing and small-scale sculptures. We will be using the natural environment as our inspiration and creating various pieces of art work over the term, please email me, Meg, if you are interested Meg.gallally@gmail.com



New Dance Fit class to start after half term

For years 1-3. Have fun learning many dance styles from around the world from African to Latino, Carnival to Street. Mondays 3.15-4.15pm at £6 per class. Contact Lucy on lucygoldsack2001@yahoo.co.uk to register interest or reserve your spot.'



New Clubs



New Pottery Club - starting after half-term:

'Play with Clay' ...learning different techniques and skills, hand building and sculpting and having lots of messy fun! The club will take place on Fridays ~ 3.15 to 4.15 and it is open to anyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please contact Gayle Ansell on gayle.ansell@hotmail.co.uk to register your interest or book a place in the club. The cost for the club, including materials, will be £10 per session.



Due to popular demand, [Earthwise](https://www.getearthwise.co.uk) are starting a second Forest School Club up after school on Tuesdays from November and are seeking an assistant (pay dependent on experience) and parent volunteers (child attends free). If you are interested please find more information here: <https://www.getearthwise.co.uk/blog/join-our-team>.



Fundraising



Our children have helped raise an amazing £295 for the charity '**We Hear You**'. As part of our fundraising day Children were invited to wear the charity's signature colour purple to school.

why...
we hear you

Fundraising



Our wonderful Yoga Teacher Flora Alwen is fundraising for Refuge this month by taking part in the Ironwoman challenge. Running 26 miles, cycling 112 miles and swimming 2.4 miles during the month of September. She's just over halfway and would love to meet my fundraising target with your support. Any donation, however small will go to support women and children this winter.

The fundraising page is

https://www.facebook.com/donate/595041288842335/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Or you can donate here if you don't use Facebook.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/flora-alwen?newPage=True>

Thanks so much for your support!

Flora



Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan

Please see below a copy of the school *Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan* details of which have been in place since the school first opened in Frome in September 2014. Please can we ask all parents to read this carefully. Many thanks, the Avanti Park Health & Safety Team.

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pedestrian Movement:

We ask all parents to ensure their children walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible.

Parents, pupils, and staff are asked to use the pavements and to be thoughtful about other pedestrians' using Park Road.

Pupils on scooters and bikes are requested to walk their bikes once they reach the boundaries of the school, at the main school entrance and down the school road to the pond gate.

There are several stone and brick walls bordering the school grounds including a low wall on the edge of the neighbouring Christchurch Parish Hall. We request that parents do not let their children walk along these walls as we cannot guarantee their safety.

No pedestrians to walk to or from the pond gate through the car park

Vehicle Movement:

As a school community our aim is to limit vehicles entering Park Road as it is a no through road and there is very limited parking on the road. We request that parents driving from a distance to the school park in one of the local car parks or in the surrounding area and walk their children into school.

Limiting vehicle movement is important for:

- Safety of pupils and parents
- Safety of other pedestrians and Park users
- Being good neighbours to people who live and work on Park Road
- Vehicle use of the Car Park:

There is no drop off parking at the school site for parents except by special arrangement.

There are four drop off spaces and three disabled spaces that are for the use of pupils with access needs and these spaces need to be arranged with either the school Business manager or the school SENDCo

There is a one-way system in place in the car park and all vehicles will enter via the top entrance

All vehicles to drive at a maximum speed of 5mph

The car park will be assessed for safety in conditions of ice and snow and may on occasion be closed by the Health & Safety team in order to keep staff, pupils, and parents safe.

No vehicles will be allowed on site during the school day unless accompanied by two members of the Site and Health & Safety Team.



Special Thanks

We are continuing our “Special Thanks” scheme in to the new year whereby parents, guardians, and carers are able to nominate and recognise staff for their efforts for supporting members in our Avanti community. This scheme was piloted at Avanti Park last year and made a real difference to our staff and their wellbeing.

To nominate a member of staff, please click on the following link:

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/parents/staff-nominations-for-special-thanks/>





Stay Safe, Be Well

Right of the week

Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



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