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Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow get moving for **NATIONAL FITNESS DAY**



Children and staff at Krishna Avanti, Harrow really got moving for National Fitness Day on Wednesday 21st September.

National Fitness Day is an opportunity to highlight the role physical activity plays in the school, while helping to raise awareness of its importance in assisting each one of us lead healthier lifestyles through being physically active.

Amongst many activities, children came to school dressed in their most colourful sports wear and took part in a circuit of activities.

"It was fun and helped us in our exercises and showed us how we could be more flexible. All the things that stress us out from the day, it cooled us down and made us think more positively." Keira, Year 5.

"I felt excited. The running ladder was the most fun because of jumping. I had so much fun doing all of them." Akshar, Year 1.

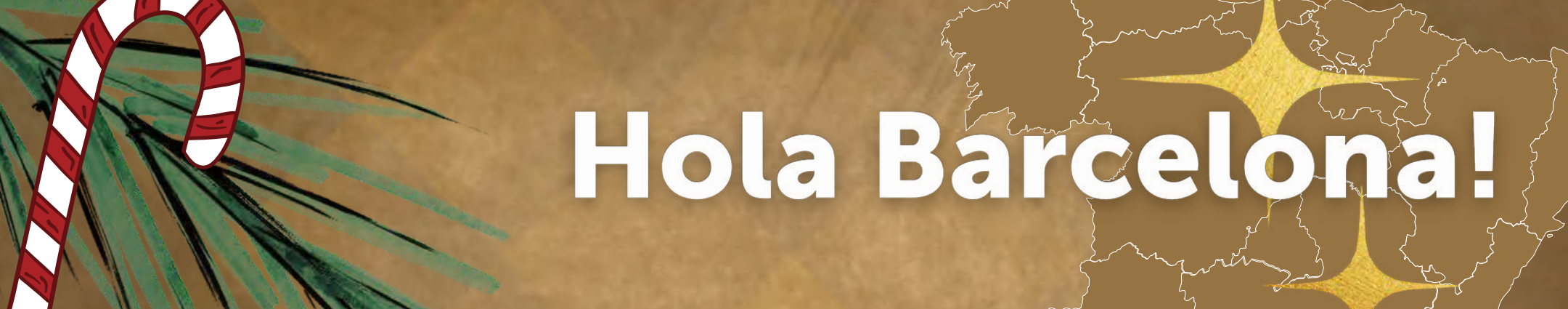


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Hola Barcelona!



Year 9 Pupils from Avanti House visit Barcelona

Students in Year 9 studying Spanish had a chance to visit Barcelona. The group visited some of Gaudi’s best architectonic monuments such as Parque Guell, la Sagrada Familia and Casa Batlo. They also visited the Ramblas street and experienced watching a live flamenco show and a modern Science Museum.

The purpose of this visit was to enhance their knowledge about the Spanish culture and language.

The MFL Department would like to thanks Mr. Arnell, Mr. Patel, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Goody and last but not least Mr. Perez for coming on this trip and their invaluable support.

We were very proud of our students as they were real ambassadors of the Avanti Way values while abroad and we hope they have enjoyed the trip and have made some memorable moments to cherish through their journey at Avanti House.





Black History Month

Black History Month (BHM) is an important month, which remembers the struggles of the past amongst black communities and recognises how it can and should shape the future positively. It resonates particularly highly here in Bristol especially with the toppling of Colston's statue in June 2020.

Avanti Gardens is a diverse and inclusive community school, and its pupils have, like many Bristol-based school, as well as schools across the globe, had a series of lessons and extra-circular activities to learn about Black History.

Pupils have been studying historical figures for BHM and in some instances, the horrendous obstacles that they had to overcome.

The children were given the choice of people to study, ranging from Equiano to Rosa Parks. Pupils then produced presentations to share what they had learnt with the rest of the class. Pupils learnt about these notable individuals and discussed their bravery and courage when faced with such adversity and racism.

There was also the opportunity to celebrate Black History at Avanti Gardens, when special guest Malachi Spaulding of the Shanturia Dance Theatre Group came into school and pupils were invited take part a dance workshop in which an ancient Ghanaian tale was retold through the medium of dance.



Wisdom from The Avanti Way

We are unique spiritual beings with incredible potential, and we achieve our full potential by discovering and nurturing all parts of ourselves – intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual.



Green Trees Award for Avanti House Primary School



Organised by The Woodlands Trust, the Green Trees Award aims to encourage children to explore their natural surroundings and get out into their nearby woodlands and forests.

A group of students from across the Avanti House Primary School held a 'Tree Party' to enjoy their new forest school area and have been awarded the Bronze Award.

In the forest area, the children were supported to decorate the tree which has low branches the children could reach. They had decorated their own leaves and hung them up having help to tie the knots. Balloons were blown up and hung up and the children decided where to hang the streamers.



Once the tree was decorated the children enjoyed a picnic where they could eat the cakes that they had made. All the children were engaged in the activity and enjoyed the Tree Party and exploring the Forest school area. Watch this space for our journey to Silver and Gold this year.

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What is your teaching background?

I specialise in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and have done consultancy in Early Years. I have worked in schools for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

How long have you been in teaching?

I've been in teaching since 2010. Most of my experience has been working in schools that need improvement and turning them around to become good schools with good outcomes.

How has the first term has been?

It has been a very exciting and memorable term. Seeing the children develop their skills and confidence as they settled in at Avanti Fields has made me very proud. It has been great working with parents and carers to build a family feel to the primary phase and having held our first parent /carer workshops really made this shine.

We had a high number of parents join us for the diwali workshop and the children just loved it. Seeing their faces light up when their parents are there and they are able to show off their learning was a lovely moment to see.

What are your plans for Avanti Fields Primary School?

To continue to build on the family feel. We have half termly workshops for parents to attend and I am also in the middle of organising the trips and visitors in for the year to bring learning to life. At Avanti Fields we are also very keen on developing outdoor learning space and we have recently purchased a trim trail that will be based in the new KS1/KS2 playground to develop children's gross motor skills and core strength.

What are you most passionate about?

I love seeing children move forward and excel. They are not just numbers on the screen to me.

The Avanti quick fire round:

Hobbies: Going on walks, gardening, painting.

Favourite treat: Love a chocolate cheesecake

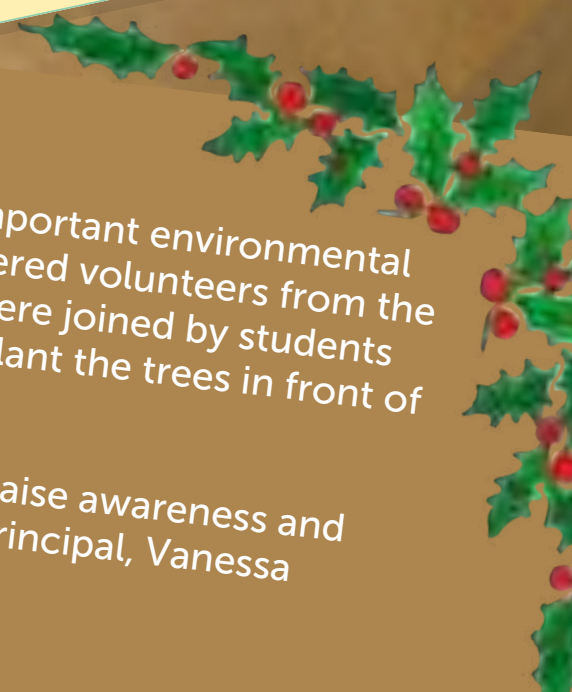
What makes you laugh: Children make me laugh!

Your favourite subject at school, growing up: Art! I loved artistic things, but also enjoyed the challenge of maths.



To raise awareness about important environmental issues, a team of green-fingered volunteers from the Jai Hanuman Sevak group were joined by students and staff at Avanti Fields to plant the trees in front of the brand new school.

We wanted to do our part to raise awareness and improve sustainability," says Principal, Vanessa Bardsley.





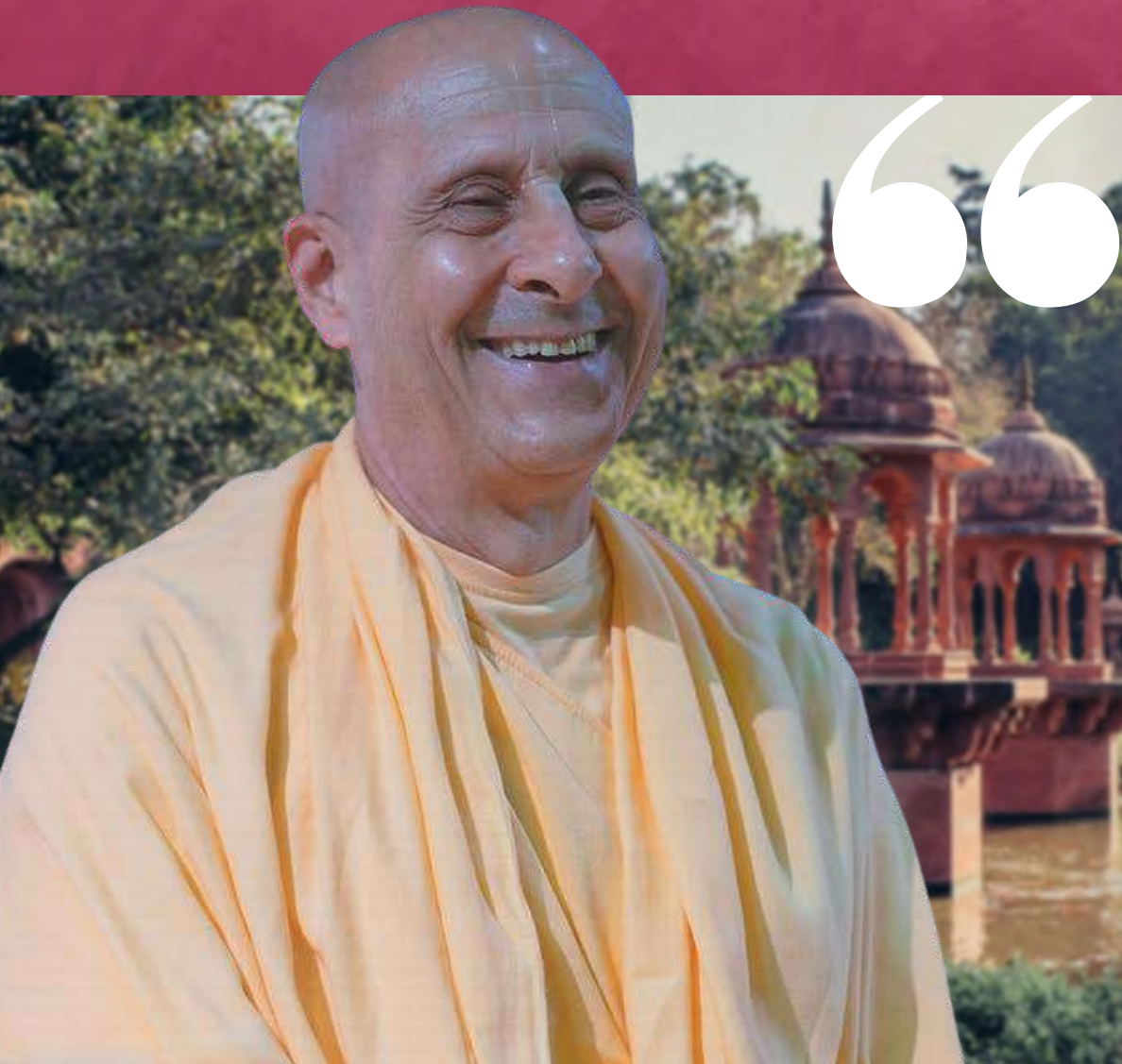
Diwali in Leicester

Krishna Avanti Primary School Leicester share the Diwali Message

Following the recent unrest in Leicester, the children at Krishna Avanti Primary School used drama to promote peace and unity. "This performance represents everything that culminates in what Diwali is, us coming together, celebrating as a community from all walks of life, understanding that love is more powerful than hate, that good is more powerful than evil and that light over shines darkness," said Dravit Koorichh, Principal at Krishna Avanti.

"This is a time that we can come together, look forward into the future and rebuild that community spirit that Leicester's always been known for."

As a multicultural school, whilst we have a Hindu designation, we have children, teachers staff, volunteers and parents from all walks of life, of all different colour and creed, and we've come together today to celebrate the message of Diwali, which is actually a universal message of love.



Diwali is a time when we really focus on bringing light into our own hearts. When we speak about Diwali, we can remember that the real beauty of life is to see the potential of light in any situation.

- His Holiness Radhanath Swami

New start for Avanti Grange Secondary School



Newly opened Avanti Grange Secondary School in Bishops Stortford reaches the end of the first half term.

Principal Rhys Jones reflects on the incredible six weeks for the school community:

We are so proud of our students and the way they have adapted to life in secondary school. With the support of our experienced staff, they have overcome the multitude of challenges that transition brings. Our students have also taken advantage of the numerous opportunities here at Avanti Grange. The half term culminated with an Awards Assembly where students were awarded Principal Commendations and Avanti Stars Awards for the outstanding contributions they have made to the school community.



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