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Everyone went to the Isle of Wight!

Whole Trust Primary Schools Residential

The Avanti Quest trip brought together 255 Year 5 students from seven Avanti primary schools for an extraordinary adventure on the Isle of Wight. Amidst thrilling activities like zip-lining, abseiling and mastering team challenges, a unique feature set this trip apart. Each day, in intimate spiritual insight discussion groups, students delved into the Avanti virtue of courage.

It was an inaugural experience that exceeded expectations. Sharing their thoughts, one young participant noted, "Discussing courage made me feel stronger," while another added, "Understanding courage helped me overcome fears." For many, it marked their first time away from home, making it a monumental journey of growth and independence. This innovative blend of adventure and spiritual exploration left an indelible mark on hearts and minds, making the Avanti Quest trip an unparalleled success.



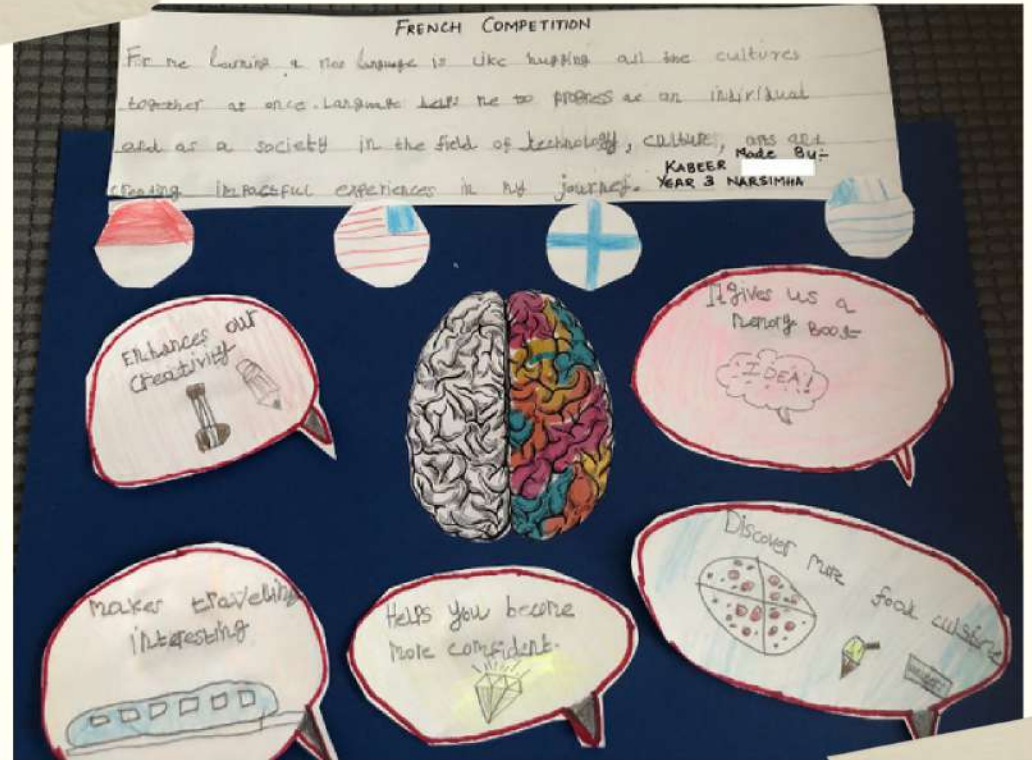
Avanti student WINS

Global School Alliance competition!



After receiving over 550 entries from primary and secondary students around the world, judges Crista Hazel, Suzi Bewell and John Rolfe MBE were challenged to narrow the creative submissions down to a shortlist and winners. There were a wide range of entries from our schools and students who recognise the importance of languages!

Kabeer, a Year 3 pupil at Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow, scooped the European Day of Languages Primary competition.



The Global School Alliance connects pioneers in educational reform and development, providing a platform for sharing of best practices, resources and opportunities to increase school improvement, teacher development and student transformation.

An unforgettable Diwali experience



Students from Avanti Court Primary School were invited to 10 Downing Street for the Prime Minister's Diwali celebration. The children chanted prayers as the Prime Minister and his wife lit the divas and addressed dignitaries to mark the auspicious occasion.



“My experience at 10 Downing Street was inspirational and educational,” said Gaurika. “We saw how big and historical the building was. The portraits of former prime ministers showed me that there were so many that I didn't know about yet. This has inspired me to work hard.”



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First set of GCSE results for Avanti Fields Secondary School, Leicester



Avanti Fields School in Leicester opened its doors in 2018. Many of its students were the first cohort who attended Krishna Avanti Primary School in Evington, which opened in 2011.

“We are absolutely delighted to celebrate the success of our first year 11 cohort.” said headteacher Nisha Kholia. “It has been a privilege to see this group grow to become the kind, accomplished and well-grounded young people they are today”.

Principal Vanessa Bardsley said: “The school is extremely proud of all our pupils. We hope that the Avanti values—spiritual insight, character formation and educational excellence—will continue to guide and help them to foster a sense of purpose as they progress towards the next exciting stage in their educational journey.”



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Building Strong Foundations

IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD



A monumental start for Avanti schools in Bishop's Stortford as two new purpose built schools open their doors to new and existing students.



Congratulations to staff and students at Avanti Grange School and Avanti Brook Primary School on opening the doors to their brand new school buildings in September.



SCHOOL shorts



Into the Woods



The children at Krishna Avanti Primary School Harrow recently unveiled their Forest School. They had a blast crafting their "Passport into the Woods," gathering natural treasures for artistic adventures. The new outdoor seats provided the perfect spot for reflection after a fantastic first lesson!

2023 European Languages Day At Avanti House



The Modern Foreign Languages Department at Avanti House Secondary School celebrated 2023 European Languages Day. Students met guests such as Ms. Gabriela Alonso, the Chief Education Adviser from the Spanish Embassy and Romain Devaux Chief Educational Lead from the French Institute. Students learnt useful facts about European Languages during the educational conferences. They also had the opportunity to try European cuisine including Patatas Bravas (Spain), Croque Monsieur (France), Currywurst (Germany).



Renowned Spiritual Teacher visits Leicester



Shri Rameshbhai Oza graced students and staff with his presence at Avanti Fields School. Rameshbhai Oza is a committed educator who is keenly involved in education in India. He makes it a priority to spend quality time with students and teachers, and took great interest in the unique offering at Avanti Fields Primary and Secondary schools.

Yom Kippur Assembly —Avanti House Primary

In a beautiful display of cultural diversity and learning, our Year 2 pupils recently came together for a heartwarming Yom Kippur assembly. Yom Kippur, known as the Day of Atonement, is a significant holiday in the Jewish faith, and our young learners embraced the opportunity to explore its traditions, values, and the importance of reflection and forgiveness. The assembly not only deepened our pupils' knowledge of Yom Kippur but also highlighted the values of empathy and respect for diverse traditions.





Meet our furry friends!



We adore our four-legged friends at some of our Avanti Schools. They love to visit, and welcome children into school, and generally cheer us all up!



It's beginning to look a lot like...

We've had a wonderful time marking the festive season at all of our Avanti Schools. Here's a little peep into what we've been up to.



Reverend Mark Anthony at St Deny's Church delivered a wonderful assembly at Krishna Avanti Leicester. The children were delighted to learn about the Christmas story and the importance of the Christingle. KS2 had a visit to the church where they were able to participate in a beautiful Christingle service.

At Avanti Meadows, the children enjoyed helping to decorate the big Christmas tree!



The children at Avanti Brook turned into helpful elves, creating decorations to brighten up the brand new school building.



We've had a fantastic end of term week at Avanti Gardens. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch prepared by Ms Chmiel. Christmas jumper day was also very popular amongst the wonderful staff and children. We also met some prospective families and their little ones to create some festive cards!



The annual Christmas carol concert at Avanti House Secondary School was truly a wonderful event. The concert featured a mix of traditional carols, heart-warming performances, and a delightful pantomime. As the concert drew to a close the pupils led a roaring Kirtan. The entire room came alive with the joyous sounds of singing and chanting and soon, the staff and parents joined in, creating a truly magical and inclusive experience.



Avanti House Primary made a heartfelt appeal to the community to support the homeless by partnering with Food for Life. The school encouraged children to contribute by donating food items for those in need, emphasizing the impact it could have through the charity Food for All. Parasuram Prabhu from Food for All conducted an insightful assembly, shedding light on the organization's efforts to assist people in war zones who have tragically lost their homes and families.




The Christmas story was brilliantly shared by Avanti Court's Reception children. The Temple Hall resounded with beautiful singing, confident voices and the joy of coming together. Staff were so proud of the focus, the strong learning behaviours and the courage that the children displayed. Children also visited the local Church, where they had opportunities to think about and to discuss why the story is so special and significant for Christians and those from other faiths around the world.





Mike Ion

Education Director



As we approach the Christmas holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership in nurturing the growth and learning of your children at Avanti School Trust.

This year has presented its own unique set of challenges, and yet, together, we have demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a shared commitment to providing a safe and enriching environment for our pupils. As the year draws to a close, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a peaceful and rejuvenating Christmas break.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements and growth we have witnessed in our pupils this year, and none of it would be possible without your unwavering support. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we look forward to continuing to create a positive and inspiring learning environment for all.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. As we bid farewell to 2023, let us welcome the new year with optimism, hope, and a shared commitment to fostering a brighter future for each and every pupil in the Avanti School Trust family.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace, joy, and countless blessings.



Gopi Bloch

Head of Culture

As we joyfully approach the festive season, embracing the spirit of love, compassion, and togetherness, I extend my gratitude to you. I am truly grateful for each of you wonderful individuals; your presence is the reason I cherish being a part of this community, our schools, and our teams.

Over the holidays, as we gather with family and friends, let us share the warmth of our hearts. May our actions reflect the love and goodwill that this season embodies, fostering our connection of gratitude, respect, and love.

May your Christmas be brimming with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments shared with your community, family, and friends.

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