



THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see all the pupils return and be joined by new pupils to school this term. I am excited about our up and coming events and in due course will share more news on those. Today, we have seen our pupils voting in this year's elections and I would like to thank all those who took time to write a manifesto and read it to their class. Huge congratulations to those who will sit on Councils this year and badges will be distributed during Monday's assembly.

On Monday morning, you are invited to join us for our first assembly which will be held at All Saints Church at 8.45am. At the assembly, I will launch a theme for the year which I hope the whole school will embrace. Last year our Inspiration, Aspiration, Perspiration saw many reach their goals and I hope to inspire pupils this year to do the same.

For pupils in the Prep, I will be launching our 'Plume of Feathers' award scheme which I would like to see as many Prep pupils embrace as possible. Sign off sessions will be Wednesday morning break in the library.

Mrs Campbell

IMPRESSIVE PUFFINS!

All the children in the Puffins class have settled in really well and enjoyed their first 3 days in their new environment.

Our Topic this term is "Little Explores / Twinkle Twinkle." 2 core books that we will be focusing on are 'My 5 Senses' by Alikei and 'Brown, Brown Bear' by Bill Martin Jr. Additionally, we will also be reading a different story each afternoon based on the children's interests and fascinations.

The Puffins were really engaged in their first Music lesson with Mr Reed yesterday and they impressed us with their great concentration!

Please make sure we have all of the Puffin's wellington boots ready for our exciting Weekly Walks. These should be in school by Thursday 12th September. Thank you.

We would also like to introduce you to a 'Self-Care September' Calendar which has daily actions to help us take care of ourselves so we can take care of others.

It is accessible in 40 different languages. Please follow the link:
<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>

Action for Happiness is a global movement and charity based in the United Kingdom. It aims to increase the happiness in the world by bringing together people and supporting them to take practical action to build a happier society. The patron of Action for Happiness is the Dalai Lama.

Mrs Buhorah & Mrs Lord



KAYAKING, PADDLE BOARDING AND MAGICAL CREATURES

It has been lovely to welcome back our new cohort of Year 6 pupils. They have made a great start to the term and are showing the potential to be excellent role models for the rest of the school – keep it up! On Thursday, we had to make changes to our original plans due to Blue-green algae, (technically known as cyanobacteria) at Fairlop Waters. Instead we spent the morning working collaboratively to create a new monster as part of a Warner Brother competition and then spent the afternoon at Lee Valley Water Centre kayaking and paddle boarding. It was a fabulous day of re-establishing friendships and making new connections – one pupil even declared, “I wish we could do this forever!”

Starting a new year is a great opportunity to make new resolutions and here are a selection from Year 6:

“To pass my 11+ and get into the school I want.” (Noah. 6JM)

“To improve my spellings.” (Nicole, 6JM)

“I would like to work on getting my pen licence.” (Seb 6HG)

“I would like to be more focused and I just want to do my best.” (Ayaan 6HG)



PTA VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in joining the school's PTA or helping out at PTA events, please can you email Holly and Debbie on the PTA email address:

pta@ahsprep.co.uk

WEEKLY VALUES - This week - COURTESY

At Avon House, we have a weekly value that we encourage pupils to focus on and at the end of each week, as part of our Celebration Assembly, each class highlights a pupil that has embodied this value.



We take a whole school approach (staff and pupils) to reflect upon these values. In Pre-Prep, the weekly value is highlighted and discussed throughout the week, before being celebrated on Friday. In Prep, on Mondays, pupils are given a stimulus to discuss the value in action and to then set themselves a target for demonstrating this value in their own school practice. On Fridays, we continue to celebrate pupils' achievements in reaching these weekly values in our whole School Assembly, but also create time during the day where staff and pupils can reflect on how well they did or did not do in meeting the targets they set on Monday.

At the start of a new school year, we looked at the way that our values make us who we are and how they help us to make positive choices. We then focused on our first value of the week – Courtesy.

By looking at the story of the Tiger Who Came To Tea, we saw the impact that not being courteous has on those who are around us.

WEEKLY AWARD

Foundation 1: Abhiram
Foundation 2: Sophia & Carter
Year 1: Dhiya & Arjun
Year 2: Naomi & Soraya
Year 3: Devika & Zidan
Year 4: Shayan & Mohid
Year 5: Laith & Ayla
Year 6: Saara & Itai

Next Award - Resilience

SUPERPOWERS FOR OUR SUPERHEROES

To begin our new topic with a bang, Year 2 spent the day focusing on superheroes. We continued some conversations we had on Swap Morning before the summer, discussing what it means to be a hero and what superpowers we all have! The children came up with lovely suggestions like super curiosity, super kindness and super perseverance. The children then had to think of a superhero name for themselves and design a logo. Donning their new superhero masks, they went to the playground to draw their logos in chalk. The children finished the day by making their very own superhero model during their art lesson. The children had lots of fun and are looking forward to learning about all types of heroes!



EXCITED FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Year 5 returned from the Summer holidays raring to go! We began the week creating our class charters and listening to the manifestos we prepared over the summer ahead of our annual ballet votes.

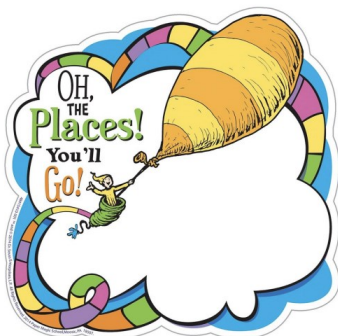
Our second day was action packed at Gilwell Park. We spent the day participating in exciting and practical team building activities including shelter building, gauntlet (see if you can spot William at the top!) and coracle building.

All of Year 5 should be proud of themselves for not only showing perseverance when faced with the challenges but also for the way they encouraged each other through the activities. Strong friendships and connections have been built and sustained which was great to see. We are all very excited for the year ahead!



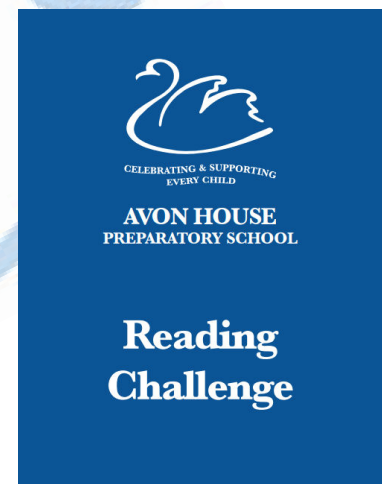
READING CHALLENGE

Happy National Read-a-Book Day! What a brilliant day to launch our new Reading Challenge! Hopefully we have all read a book and been transported to far off places without having to leave the comfort of our cosy reading spots. Well, now with every page you read, this will earn you a book mile helping you travel around.



Years 1 and upwards are embarking on this new adventure and will be given the books to start recording the amount of pages they have read.

At the front of the book more information can be found. Any questions do not hesitate in contacting Ms Grant.



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House _____

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 27th September
 8.30am-10.00am
 At Woodford Wells

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Foundation 1: **Asher**
 Foundation 2: **All of F2**
 Year 1: **Joshua & Max**
 Year 2: **Anika P & Aaila**
 Year 3: **Xavier & Anaya**
 Year 4: **Alex & Amaya**
 Year 5: **Goldie & Devina**
 Year 6: **Miles & Lucas**

KEY AUTUMN TERM DATES

Monday 9th September	8.40am Welcome Service @ All Saint's Church (All Parents Welcome)
Tuesday 10th September	Individual and Sibling School Photos
Friday 27th September	8.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning @ The Wells (All Parents Welcome) 8.40am 4FW Class Assembly (4FW Parents Welcome)
Monday 30th September	8.40am Harvest Service @ All Saint's Church, led by 3KI (All Parents Welcome) Harvest Foodbank Collection @ All Saint's Church
Thursday 3rd October	Flu Vaccinations in school
Friday 11th October	Pankhurst Charity Day - Book Sale
Thursday 17th October	4.30pm BHM Celebration Night (All Parents Welcome)
21st Oct - 1st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 7th November	5.00pm Year 5 Prep for Secondary School Meeting (Year 5 Parents Welcome)
Monday 11th November	8.40am Remembrance Assembly (5JB) @ All Saint's (All Parents Welcome)
Friday 22nd November	8.40am Performance Assembly (Parents of Performers Welcome)
Tuesday 26th November	3.40pm F1 Parent Consultations (Mrs Tant Key Worker Children Only)
Wednesday 27th November	3.40pm Parent Consultations (F1-Year 6 Parents, pre-booking required) No Clubs
Thursday 28th November	3.40pm Parent Consultations (F1-Year 6 Parents, pre-booking required) No Clubs
Tuesday 3rd December	9.00am F2 Nativity (F2 Parents Welcome)
Thursday 5th December	5.30pm Carols by Candlelight @ All Saints Church (Prep Parents Welcome)
Friday 6th December	3.30pm EYFS Take a Look At My Celebration Book (F1&F2 Parents Welcome)
Tuesday 10th December	2.00pm EYFS and Pre-Prep Christingle @ All Saint's Church (F1-Y2 Parents)
Friday 13th December	1.30pm Term Ends / NO TEA TIMERS

TALES FROM THE TOYBOX

Year 1 returned to school on Wednesday with lots of excitement to see their friends and new classroom, demonstrating they were ready to learn and eager to take part in their 'Tales from the Toybox' WOW Day.

During the day the children in Pelicans and Cranes discussed and create their class charters, listened as some gave their manifestos presentations (we definably have future politicians in Year 1 with how passionately they spoke!), designed and made spinning tops and produced bat and balls which were great fun to try out in the playground!

Leela said, "I'm looking forward to doing work like my big brother, being on a council and going on different trips."

Huxley added, "I've got my favourite teachers this year and I'm excited to show my new things in my pencil case to everyone."

Jasper also commented on his new stationery, "I'm going to use my new pencil case in my work and I am really looking forward to all the brand new activities this year."

Magnolia explained, "I want to learn lots of new things and I want to read more books in my new classroom."



UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that up until Monday 30th September, pupils can choose to wear either the Summer or the Winter Uniform. As Summer is over however, sun caps are not required. Please leave these at home.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly and correctly labelled with your child's name. This helps return lost property to their homes!



DAILY MILE IS BACK!

The Daily Mile is back, providing our Year 2-6 pupils with the perfect opportunity to start their day by being active!

Pupils' fitness levels will improve from attending these morning sessions and can help them be selected for the school's sports teams. Research shows that starting your day with physical activity brings many benefits, including a positive mood and being ready to learn.

Meet at the Front Gate at 7.45am wearing your trainers, with your school shoes ready to change into afterwards.

The Daily Mile takes place every day before school. It was also get you extra ready for the upcoming Prep Inter-House Cross Country event at The Woodford Wells Club on Friday 20th September and the ISA Cross Country event on Wednesday 9th October.

MILER OF THE WEEK

This week's Daily Miler of the Week is Amani (3NH) for superb effort and enthusiasm at the start of the school year!

FANTASTIC START!

What a fantastic start to the year! Children in Year 4 demonstrated their adventurous side through a series of challenging activities, from grass sledging and aeroball (bouncing and scoring goals) to a sensory trail where they tested their courage and trust in each other by following a rope trail through an obstacle course while blindfolded.

Amaya and Arnav said 'Our favourite was the Aeroball because you had to throw a dodgeball over the net to score 2 points and bounce on a trampoline all at the same time.'

Adam said 'The grass sledging was one of my favourite activities, not just because it was lots fun hurtling down a hill, but also because of the fantastic views from the top. It was even fun landing in the bushes!'



PREP READING BOOKS

In the Prep school, we had the spectacular day out on Thursday where children participated in outward bound activities to develop and create new friendships and try new tasks.

As a result, we have not had time to hear every child in each class read in order to be confident of their reading level. We have therefore taken the decision to allocate reading books from next week.

A WEEK OF EXPLORING

F2 have had a fabulous start to the year. We have been busy exploring our new classrooms and making new friends. On our Weekly Walk we explored the outdoor area finding natural materials to create a collage.

We're all very excited to continue our learning journey together.



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Thursday 19th September 2024



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PERI-MUSIC LESSONS

Peri Music Lessons start on Monday. A reminder that Violin lessons have been changed to Mondays from next week. All lessons are currently full. Please email the School Office if you would like to be added to any waiting lists.

NEW CHROMEBOOKS

This week our Year 3 pupils have been settling into life in the Prep! There has been lots of excitement over new classrooms, brand new lessons and the use of Chromebooks. In order to introduce Chromebook work to the children, they had the opportunity to get set up on Google Classroom, access their very first assignment and learn how to attach a Doc. In Current Affairs, we watched First News' FYI video and then the children had to type a few sentences about the news item and why it interested them the most. A good effort was made by all to get started with digital learning in the Prep.



EYFS WELCOME MORNING

We were excited to welcome new and returning faces to our Early Years Welcome Morning on Saturday 31st August!

With a relaxed atmosphere that let parents from Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 connect with one another and their class teachers, children were introduced to the different play and learning environments that they'll be in and enjoyed a variety of activities together.

One parent said:

"the morning tea session last week was hugely helpful, my child spent a bit of time in Puffins classroom with Mrs Buhorah that morning and they were comfortable enough walk in with her on their first morning with no tears."



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COUNCIL VOTINGS

UNCRC Article 12 says children have the human right to have their own opinions and for these opinions to be heard and taken seriously - at Avon House we agree wholeheartedly with this.

Pupils from Y1 to Year 6 have the chance to create their own manifestos over the holidays and present to their class to stand for RRS, School, Diversity, Sports or Sustainability Council where they can make their voice heard across the school and in our wider community.

Once all the ballots were cast, several members of Year 6 generously gave their lunchtime to organise and count every important vote. Results will be announced next week!



STEM AWARD

Foundation 1: **Jaia**
Foundation 2: **Shayan & Garrett**
Year 1: **Hari & Rayhaan**
Year 2: **Erin & Nathan**
Year 3: **n/a this week**
Year 4: **n/a this week**
Year 5: **n/a this week**
Year 6: **n/a this week**

BOOK LIBRARY

A reminder that there is a free Book Library box on the front of the school to the right of the main school gate.

Please feel free to donate any unwanted books to the library and to have a look through and take any books home to read too!

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Week 2 - ALL BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Monday 9th Sept 8.40am - 9.30am Welcome Service @ All Saint's Church (F2-Year 6) - Parents Welcome

Tuesday 10th Sept School Photos - Individual and Siblings
7.45am All Council Meetings
10.20am House Leads to meet with House Captains

Wednesday 11th Sept Year 6 Exam Preparation Classes Start
1.30pm Departmental Lead Meeting

Thursday 12th Sept Year 6 Exam Preparation Classes Start
Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

School Calendar - [Calendar | Avon House School](#)

SPORTS FIXTURES

Please note that Sports Fixtures will be communicated via email directly to parents for those children that have been selected to take part. If a fixture/tournament is postponed or cancelled, you will be informed by the school at the earliest opportunity.

Friday 13th Sept 2.00pm U11 A&B Football v Loyola @ The Wells

AHS Sports Twitter - <https://twitter.com/avonhousesport>

Please do not contact the School Office to check if a fixture/tournament is postponed or cancelled. Also, please check the fixture/tournament details you receive from the School Office as they will state whether support or no support is able to attend.