



THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

As I hope you have all seen, our ISI routine Inspection report has now been published.

On behalf of the staff team, I would like to thank the parents who have sent messages into school affirming what we believe about our school community.

This week has seen colder mornings, although I understand a late flush of warmth may be just around the corner!

As we end our second week, the school has a buzz in the air and it would almost be as though we have never had the summer break.

Congratulations to our Puffins class who have settled so well. We were pleased to welcome them to their first assembly this morning.

As our PTA formulate their plans for the coming year, I hope you will be able to join us for many of the events which commence with the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September at 8.30am-10.00am at The Wells with music provided by our school choir.

- Mrs Campbell

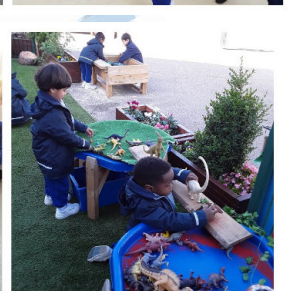
EXPLORING THE SENSES

Puffins have enjoyed tuning into a repetitive rhythm of the story of the week ('Brown Bear, Brown Bear'). All children are able now to recite the story themselves which helps develop their auditory memory skills. While we are on the topic of early literacy, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' also allows for increased comprehension skills. Children have created their own versions of the book by cutting and sticking the illustrations into their own little booklets.

Puffins have enjoyed their first Dance, Spanish and PE lessons this week. In their 2nd Music session they were learning about various instruments and their particularly loved the rainmakers and the sounds they were making.

Puffins had their first 'Taste Education' session during which they were exploring a cucumber using all their senses. The Taste Education approach equips children with the skills they need for developing a taste for healthy foods as well as the confidence to talk about their own preferences. To find out more about the Taste Education please follow the link: <https://www.tasteeducation.com/>. Every week we will be exploring a new vegetable, fruit or herb and talking about its benefits to our body.

Finally, we have also made some great memories during our first Wellie Walk. We have used our senses to observe, listen and explore the nature around us. We have ordered all the sticks we have collected from the longest to the shortest.



CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORIES

In Science, the children in Year 4 took their learning outdoors! They worked together to design and answer classification keys in order to categorise various vertebrates. After asking a series of questions to determine their animals' physical characteristics, each vertebrate was grouped accordingly.



Well done,
Year 4!



THE HUMAN SKELETON

In Science this week, Year 3 have been learning all about the human skeleton. In class, they played a game with cards to help them to learn the five parts taught in lesson (skull, ribcage, spine, pelvis and femur).

Unfortunately the rain spoiled our chance to get outside and draw around each other with chalk, so we improvised and used paper and pen to draw and label the parts of Margot's skeleton! We finished the lesson by learning about the different functions of the human skeleton and how certain bones are useful for different jobs.



What a great
start to our
new topic!



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

CLASSROOM MONITORS

Our Classroom Monitors for 2024-2025 were announced in assembly this morning. The classroom monitors support the class teacher before the school day in getting the classroom ready. They then help to walk the pupils from the playground into their rooms. During wet break times, the classroom monitors will help the adults in the room keep the pupils entertained. It is hoped that over the course of the year, the Year 6 classroom monitors will act as an excellent role model to the younger pupils of what is expected of all children at Avon House.

Year 6 Classroom Monitors 2024-2025:

Puffins - Spencer

Kingfishers - Ibby / Mallards - Molly

Cranes - Anoushka / Pelicans - Marriya

Flamingos - Lucas / Herons - Nicole

WEEKLY VALUES -

This week - RESILIENCE

Our weekly value has been Resilience - bouncing back from adversity despite obstacles in your path. We looked at the Mr Men and Little Miss story "Try Again" to help us find examples of resilience that we can use in our daily lives. We also looked at the following quote from Michelle Obama to inspire us this week, "Failure is an important part of your growth and developing resilience. Don't be afraid to fail."



WEEKLY AWARD

Foundation 1: Avneet

Foundation 2: Laith & Safa

Year 1: Mia & Daniel

Year 2: Darcy & Zavaar

Year 3: Deedee & Margot

Year 4: Abdurrehman & Xyla-Rose

Year 5: Evie & Rebecca

Year 6: Molly & Aaima

Next Award - Perseverance

CRAFTY CARROT AND BRILLIANT BROCCOLI

Year 2 have had a fabulous week focusing on Supertato.

We have learnt the story with actions and enjoyed reciting this in class, but the highlight was definitely the children creating their own vegetable superheroes from the vegetables they brought in from home!

They used coloured tape, googly eyes, felt and pipe cleaners to create some imaginative superheroes including Crafty Carrot, Super Aubergine and Brilliant Broccoli!

The children will be using these to inspire them with planning and writing their own vegetable superhero story.



SO MUCH!!!!....RAIN

This week F2 have started reading the story 'So Much!' which is all about families. As an introduction to the story F2 talked about their own families while showing a photograph and then they drew a picture inside a house.

This week saw their second ICT lesson with Mr Biston. They have been practising using the mouse to click on the cursor and to draw.

On our Weekly Walk, we went onto The Green outside school and talked about what we can see, hear, touch and smell. We did see the big black cloud coming and enjoyed feeling and hearing the rain come down. We have also been learning about the colour monsters and talking about how we feel each day.



DIVER'S DAUGHTER

This week Year 5 have begun their journey on studying their core book 'Diver's Daughter' by Patrice Lawrence.

The children were given the task of working in small groups to create the key events from a given modelled text. This was successfully demonstrated through freeze frame or story telling. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be building up key skills to help write their very own journey tales. Watch this space!



AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE BY LEO

We enjoyed a wonderful start to our assembly this morning with Leo performing 'Au Clair de la Lune' on his guitar. Watch his performance at the below: Well done Leo!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S8ZcRomacGxVAoXAfEXIb8WPA9_CW4K0/view?usp=drivesdk

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September

8.30am-10.00am

At Woodford Wells



Parents are welcome to contribute cakes, please take any donations straight to The Wells on Friday 27th and please keep all cakes nut free.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Foundation 1: Aiden

Foundation 2: Amaya & Oscar

Year 1: Payton & Raina

Year 2: Naomi & Callie

Year 3: Aksel & Lottie

Year 4: Alena & Arnav

Year 5: Laith & Tyler

Year 6: Jia & Anouska

KEY AUTUMN TERM DATES

Friday 20th September	1.45pm Prep Inter House Cross Country @ The Wells (Parents Welcome)
Thursday 26th September	10.00am Pre-Prep Inter House Cross Country @ The Wells (Parents Welcome)
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

ONE MORE

Year 1 were introduced to 'Pinocchio' in Literacy this week and created their first story map with actions to help retell the story. As the week progressed, everyone felt confident in putting the story in the right order and writing about key points.

In Maths, Pelicans and Cranes have been representing numbers with objects, filling the playground with number lines and looking at 1 more than a given number. The children are very keen to keep testing each other with their '1 more' number knowledge in class by questioning each other.

During Computing, both classes were testing their knowledge of giving directions by guiding their partner around to pick up a target while blindfolded. They were tasked with using precise language and keeping their partner safe at the same time. This is helping everyone understand how algorithms work.

Raef said, "I liked jumping to my numbers on the number line, I did numbers to 20. We've been doing one more in class but I like doing 1 less better."

Zelda spoke about Computing, "It was easy giving directions, sometimes I forgot and pointed and they couldn't see, so I had to think about my directions more."



LIVING AND NON LIVING IN YEAR 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been getting into our new class text, "War Horse," and focusing on how we can use vocabulary and description to write with emotive language. Pupils found it interesting in History to find out about World War I (the setting of the story) in preparation for our unit on World War II. In Geography this week, pupils got transported to North America, using an atlas to find the countries and major cities in this continent.

For Science, we took a walk around the school to find organisms that were both living and non-living, looking for signs of conditions for life (Movement, Growth, Reproduction and Excretion). Spencer and Kanhaiya from 6JM discovered bulbs in the planter, which caused a good debate when we got back to class. How would you classify a garden bulb Living or Non-living?!



UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that up until Monday 30th September, pupils can choose to wear either the Summer or the Winter Uniform.

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

MILER OF THE WEEK

This week's Daily Miler of the Week is Goldie (5JB) for a brilliant effort in her first full week at Avon House!

WONDERWALL

After Mrs Campbell's assembly on Monday encouraging us to Acquire, Develop and Master, this week's Wonderwall asked:

What are your goals for this term?

Lots of people are aiming for pen licences, including Goldie in 5KI and Rohan 4FW

Liana 5KI: My goal is to get to the top group in swimming

Eilidh 5KI: Do better in gymnastics competitions

Violet Y1: To do a back flip

Amaya 4PH: To start piano

Nia 4PH: To do more rugby and improve at hockey

Max 4FW: To spend less time gazing at a screen!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

There is a parent Whatsapp Group devote to Swapping / Selling second hand uniform.

Please find the link to join below: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FNfcHoKaiILJgzKBCCd2RG>

A reminder that parents must arrange to meet directly and that no uniform is to be brought into the School Office.

HAPPY MAWLID AL-NABI

In assembly this morning, volunteers from 4PH discussed the significance of Mawlid al-Nabi, the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) for Muslims.

Although it is an important date in the Muslim calendar, it is not generally celebrated widely.

Yusuf explained, 'This is because the Prophet himself did not make a fuss on his own birthday, so why should we celebrate it?'

Some families may say extra prayers, go to the mosque or simply have special family time thinking about the Prophet and his teachings.

Ehsaan said, 'It's good to learn about what is important in other people's religions.'



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STEM AWARD

Foundation 1: **Theo**
Foundation 2: **Jaxon & Darcey**
Year 1: **Magnolia & Maya**
Year 2: **Eamon & Ayize**
Year 3: **Xavier & Sam**
Year 4: **Dhylan & Ethan**
Year 5: **Jason & Dhiren**
Year 6: **Seb & Leo & Spencer**

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 3 - WALK TO SCHOOL

Monday 16th Sept Marketing Photographer in school

Tuesday 17th Sept Year 3 and Year 6 Walk to School
Year 6 Mock Interviews
7.45am All Councils Meetings

Wednesday 18th Sept F2, Year 2 and Year 5 Walk to School
1.30pm Departmental Lead Meeting

Thursday 19th Sept Year 1 and Year 4 Walk to School
Vision and Hearing Testing
Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming

Friday 20th Sept 9.00am Open Morning (No Assembly)
1.45pm - 3.00pm Inter House Prep Cross County @ The Wells (Parents Welcome)

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.

Saturday 21st Sept U11 Football and Netball Open Day Festival @ Forest

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.