



THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

Whilst the warmer weather has stayed with us, signs of Autumn are all around. I enjoyed the Harvest full moon this week which lit up the night sky.

As pupils start to change from Summer to Winter uniform, please ensure uniform is named as we cannot assist in rehoming unnamed uniform. A reminder that all pupils should be in Winter uniform by Monday 30th September.

You will have noticed as you collect your child from school that the new classroom is nearly finished. This will also give us a bespoke, out of hours, room for Breakfast Club and Tea Timers. I hope that Year 2 Herons will be able to move in after half term, when the flooring and new furniture has arrived.

Happy weekend!

- Mrs Campbell

COLOUR WHEELS

Year 1 Cranes and Pelicans have thoroughly enjoyed developing their knowledge of the colour wheel in Art this week. The children adjusted the proportions of primary colours to create various shades and experimented with adding secondary colours to observe how the colours changed on their pages. They were also able to use different materials to paint with, such as cork, cotton wool, bubble wrap and foil, and compare how paint is applied differently depending on the material.

Science also had Year 1 jumping (and throwing!) with glee as they looked at understanding more about sight. Learning how an eye works, they estimated how many beanbags they could get in a bucket with both eyes open, one eye closed and both eyes closed. The results demonstrate that the bean bag toss will be one to watch at Sports Day in the summer term!

Joshua shared, "We were testing our eyes to see how they work. When my eyes were closed I missed the bucket - I need my eyes open to see!"

Daniel declared, "I like art, I like to paint pictures of Mummy and Daddy. My favourite colours are pink and blue, if you mix them you can make purple!"

A big thank you to Year 4 for helping us walk to school safely on Thursday. The fresh air and exercise certainly got our brains working for our lessons!

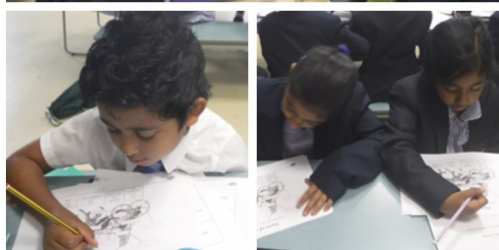


CONSTRUCTING CHARIOTS

This week, Year 4 have enjoyed their first DT lesson where they were researching and designing a chariot. This links to their Humanities topic of Ancient Greece. Materials, size, purpose and functionality were all considered before final designs and construction took place.



Aubrey said, 'This is my favourite day!'



SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL INITIATIVE

Are you tired of those old reading glasses sitting on your dresser, unused and gathering dust?!

Sustainability Council is reaching out to you because we believe your unwanted spectacles could make a world of difference to someone in need.

We would like to collect any unwanted reading glasses. We will take them to a local optician's who will then distribute them to people in developing countries who lack access to affordable eye care. Your donation can help improve their vision and quality of life.

It's easy to donate! All you need to do is pass on any unwanted glasses to your child's class teacher. You can send these in any time throughout the year. Every pair of glasses, no matter their condition, is valuable.

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

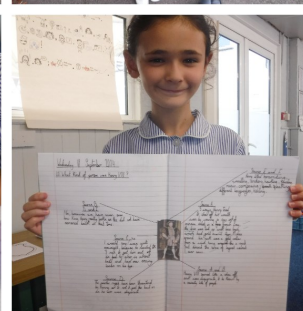
FIRST TASTE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Year 5 were given their first taste of responsibility this week during the first walk to school of the year! They arrived bright and early at Hawkey Hall and were paired up with a Mallard or Kingfisher to walk with. Hand in hand, the pupils strolled back to school with many of the adults overhearing lovely conversations being exchanged between the Year 5s and F2s about nature, school and hobbies!

Year 5 were very passionate about the benefits of our termly walk to schools, both physical and sustainable.

In Humanities, pupils were challenged to compare and decipher a range of sources (no, not ketchup and mayonnaise!) about King Henry VIII.

They worked in pairs to compile their findings and opinions about the infamous monarch, with many describing him as a 'show off!'



WEEKLY AWARD

Foundation 1: **Nathaniel**
Foundation 2: **Finley & Sahiba**
Year 1: **Theia & Sophie**
Year 2: **Ryder & Aria**
Year 3: **Rowan & Ben**
Year 4: **Simona & Yusuf**
Year 5: **Rebecca & Isla**
Year 6: **Maggie & Noah**

Next Award - Exemplary Behaviour

WONDERWALL

If you were one of the astronaut stuck on the International Space Station, what would you miss most for the next 6 months?

Saara, Y6: I would miss eating actual food!

In 5KI, Angie and Jumana both agreed they would miss their family.

Alanna, 4FW: I would miss my bed!

Elizabeth, Herons: I would miss my teacher!

Erik in Cranes said: My toys

Arjun in Pelicans: Lollies

Please remember to add your name and class to your answers on the Wonderwall to receive a House point.

LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

Learning a new language isn't easy, but our Year 2 pupils took it in their stride as they were introduced to how a computer thinks with binary coding this week.

Using two digits - '0' and '1', our pupils explored the various closed questions they could ask each other to receive a '0/no' or '1/yes' response. In classes, they worked out different ways to classify a group of friends using these questions.

To further aid their understanding of classification, they went on a bug hunt at The Wells. Thinking about the different identifying features of the insects they found (including a huge spider!), they use this to create a set of binary questions about the characteristics of mini beasts in their next lesson.



PIZZAS AND SELF PORTRAITS

In Maths this week, F2 Kingfishers and Mallards have been matching, sorting and making sets of objects. We have been talking about colour, size and the type of object. We have been having lots of fun matching socks into pairs and building towers that are the same as our friends.

We have continued to read the story So Much and in cookery made pizza families.

On the Weekly Walk, we have been thinking about Autumn and created a leaf collage of our names.

In our Art lesson with Mrs Mistry we have been painting our self portraits, taking care to look closely at our features.



WALK TO SCHOOL

Our Autumn Term 'Walk to School' has been a well-attended success this week! The autumnal path has been filled with talk around the changing season and school events of the last few weeks, as our pupils engaged and built friendships with peers across year groups.

Walking helps to improve mood, increases focus and readiness to learn once at school. The Avon House teaching team has seen these benefits this week in every class.



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: **Leo**

Foundation 2: **Avani & Garrett**

Year 1: **Erhan & Eric**

Year 2: **Sofia & Daniel**

Year 3: **Pola & Amelia**

Year 4: **Azrael & Aarit**

Year 5: **Ayla & Seren**

Year 6: **William & Nicole**

KEY AUTUMN TERM DATES

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| 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 5KI (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 |

HELICOPTER STORIES

This week, we have introduced 'Helicopter Stories' to Puffins. It is a simple approach to supporting language development, storytelling and emergent literacy. It values children's creativity and imaginative play. The practitioner sits with the child, listens to their story, and writes it down word for word. Once all the stories have been scribed, we gather around a taped out stage, ready to act them out.

Children in the Puffin Class, have also enjoyed exploring 'Transient Art' using loose parts and natural objects such as conkers, pebbles, sticks and small wooden rings. Transient Art supports all areas of development and learning from exploring positioning, patterns, symmetry, working cooperatively with others and exploring their own ideas. We have enjoyed talking about texture, shape, size, and differences in natural objects.

At Avon House, we recognise the importance and the benefit of taking the opportunity to connect with nature through our weekly walks. This week, Puffins went on a colour hunt and collected various autumnal leaves and looked for signs of Autumn.

During Taste Education session, Puffins have tasted red peppers and everyone has found them very scrumptious.

During PE session, teachers were focusing on developing children's eye-hand coordination, concentration and strength control through throwing and catching bean bags and jumping on the ladder.



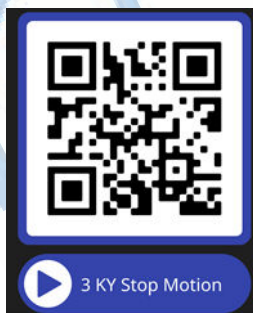
YEAR 3 STOP MOTION ANIMATION

This week Year 3 have embarked upon a journey of discovery. They have become directors and film maker and very picky about seeing fingers in stop motion animation films.

These are the first attempt of the children in Year 3 at stop motion animation. A process by which movement is simulated between frames. If you asked the children they would say

"you have to make lots of small movements between frames and take lots of photographs... and when you press play it looks like it was all moving!"

Please enjoy the children's initial efforts, they worked very hard. To provide further context, it takes 24 images to create one second of stop motion footage.



THE FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE

In Games last Friday 3 teams went to play a match against Loyola on their astro-turf pitches.

On a hot afternoon the boys acquitted themselves well and came away with one defeat, one draw, and a win.

Special mention must go to Tyler and Zariyan who played in two matches each and enjoyed the battle against the older Loyola boys!

Next up is the Forest School Festival this Saturday morning where the A team will be playing 4 matches in a busy morning.

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!

WE WALKED BEFORE WE RAN!

This was another busy week in Year 6. Along with joining the Year 3 pupils in a “Walk to School,” we undertook our first school tours for Open Morning and then took part in our final ever Inter House Cross Country at the school!

In class we looked at what conditions were like for soldiers in WW1, investigated and compared climates in North America and explained the significance of prayer and how it shows commitment to God by focusing on the Baha’I world view.

On Thursday, we had a walk around the school in preparation for the Open Morning tours. It gave pupils the opportunity to reminisce on their experiences when they were in the different classrooms that we passed. Below you will find an selection of pupils thoughts on undertaking their first school tour:

Lavinia (6JM): I am excited about sharing my stories about life at Avon House.

Sebastian (6HG): I feel a mix of emotions, but I’m excited about talking about Avon House

Saara (6HG): I’m looking forward to finding out what questions the parents will ask me.

Jayden (6JM): I am feeling confident, I will be telling visitors about the teams I play for at Avon House.



UNICEF GOLD REACCREDITATION!!

We are proud and delighted to announce that Avon House has been recredited over the summer and has once again been awarded Gold by UNICEF UK’s Rights Respecting School programme.

UNICEF is the world’s leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children’s rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children’s rights at all levels of school life. The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school’s planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children’s rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

The accreditors recognised the following as particular strengths of our school:

- Children’s knowledge of rights – they were able to speak about rights confidently and articulately and were clear on the concepts of rights
- The values of equality, diversity and inclusion underpin the life of the school and are lived on a day to day basis
- Pupil voice in school life is strong with a number of mechanisms for listening to children used well

Congratulations to the whole school community. We are very proud to have confirmed our place as a GOLD Rights Respecting Gold and look forward to encouraging and supporting other schools as they undertake their own RRS journey. You can read the full report at the below:

<https://www.avonhouseschool.co.uk/school-life/pupil-voice/rights-respecting-school/>



MILER OF THE WEEK

This week's Daily Miler of the Week is Anna in Year 2 Herons for her superb effort in her first week of Daily Mile - well done Anna!

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.



OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

We are so excited to be running our October STEM tech camps at Avon House from 28th October - 1st November this half term.

Our STEM camps are a fun and engaging environment to access impressive technology and learn the foundations of coding and engineering for 5-11 year olds.

Our spooky October tech camps will see a host of new activities that you won't want to miss out on:

- Revolting Robotics & Creepy Coding

Learn how to program a robot with crazy functions like dancing or answering questions!

- Crazy Circuits & Animation

Enter the world of circuitry and animation and utilize our tech and your creativity to create wonders of animation.

- Enchanting Engineering & 3D Animation

Learn even more impressive real-world skills like the foundations of engineering with our advanced tech and teaching, and let your imagination run wild with 3D animation!

- Monstrous Media

Become a media whizz this half term and use our equipment to capture the perfect picture and film.

- Thrilling Inventions & Virtual Reality

Explore a virtual reality with our VR headsets and dive into the world of Ocean Rift, the first VR underwater world, or choose Rush, to experience the feeling of jumping out of a plane!

Our October Tech Camps are the perfect opportunity for childcare that does more; enjoy a week of Halloween fun and outstanding education!

Spaces are **LIMITED** so book now to avoid disappointment. This camp is £45 per day, and we have a special offer of £175 for 5 days, which works out as only £35 per day!

Book here:

<https://www.nextthing.education/product/avon-house-preparatory-school-october-camp/>

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd.



STEM AWARD

Foundation 1: **Dinibe**
Foundation 2: **Charlie & Noah**
Year 1: **Alex & Leela**
Year 2: **Anika & Mirha**
Year 3: **Ariyana & Danial**
Year 4: **Max & Richard**
Year 5: **Zariyan & Jumana**
Year 6: **Marriya & Amha**

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 4

Tuesday 24th Sep 7.45am All Council Meetings

Wednesday 25th Sep Year 2 Q&A with Mr Manning
Year 6 Cycling Proficiency @ The Wells
1.30pm Departmental Lead Meetings
6.00pm Governors Meeting

Thursday 26th Sep European Day of Languages
8.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Prep for Prep Meeting (All Year 1 & Year 2 Parents Welcome)
Launch of 7+ Scholarship for Year 2
10.00am Pre-Prep Inter-House Cross Country @ The Wells (Yr 1 & 2 Parents Welcome)
MFL Workshops for F2 - Year 6
Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

Friday 27th Sep 8.30am PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning @ The Wells
4FW Class Assembly (4FW 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.

Friday 27th Sep U10 A & B Football v Loyola @ The Wells
U11 Netball A & B Teams v Gatehouse @ Gatehouse

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.