



THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

As we end the week the snow and sub-zero temperatures seem to be at an end.

I have had the pleasure of hearing the Inter House Reading Competition finalists this week. I am always thrilled to hear the children as their passion and enthusiasm knows no bounds.

The power of the written word is so valuable and I would encourage all families not to lose sight of how important it is to read to your child for pleasure.

This time of year is a good excuse to find a special family winter read whether it be revisiting 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' with the under 7's, 'The Great Reindeer Rescue' by Stephen Mangan for children aged 6-12, to the classic tale of Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol.'

With the festive countdown now on and in the midst of all the preparations, let's find time to sit with a good book.

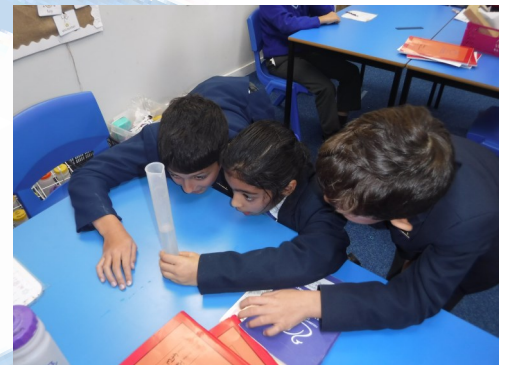
- Mrs Campbell

EVAPORATION EXPERIMENTS

Year 4 have set up their evaporation experiment! The children are investigating whether the temperature of the air affects the rate of evaporation. Three containers, containing an equal amount of water, have been placed in three different locations: next to a radiator, inside a fridge and on the class teacher's desk. Next week, we will measure the amount of water left in each container! Here are some of the children's predictions:

Aiden (4PH): "I think that the water on the radiator will evaporate the most because the heat is really hot and will turn the water into water vapour."

Kaelan and Rohan (4FW): "We think the water in the container next to the radiator will evaporate the quickest because heat produces energy."



A SENSE OF BELONGING

Pre-Prep assembly had a 'belonging' focus on Monday that involved our younger learners discussing what it means to belong to somewhere. Ms Lewis, Inclusion Lead, shared a wonderful story of a young man who didn't quite feel he belonged in his school, and the things his teachers and friends did to help him and involve him in and out of class.

The Pre-Prep then offered ideas for what they would pack in a bag to show their personal 'belonging' story to their friends - 'a bubble wand', 'a picture of India', 'an aeroplane', 'a family photograph', 'a favourite dinner' and 'flowers that Mummy likes' were all ideas shared.

With our Paddington Day still fresh in everyone's minds, the Pre-Prep reflected on this quote from Paddington to finish, "Mrs Brown says that in London everyone is different and that means anyone can fit in. I think she must be right - because although I don't look like anyone else, I really do feel at home."



WELLS XMAS LUNCH

Friday 13th December 2024 -
12:30 for 1pm

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MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

This week Year 5 continued to carry out their DT project. Using their initial designs, the children have begun to create their Tudor purses from felt.

There is a real atmosphere of children sharing ideas, working collaboratively and excitement about using the different resources available to them to create the end product. Some children decided to adapt their initial designs as they felt there was room for improvement.

Many key skills in drawing, designing and making are needed during the whole process.

We are looking forward to the finished products in due course.



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.

WEEKLY AWARD - RESILIENCE

When looking at resilience this week, we learnt that this occurs as a result of bouncing back from adversity despite obstacles in your path. Inspired by the story of Rosie

Revere, the engineer, we saw how we can use the negative things that happen to us and learn from them, so that we can become a better version of ourselves.



WEEKLY AWARD - RESILIENCE

Foundation 1: Nathaniel

Foundation 2: Ilan & Dhara

Year 1: Erhan & Max

Year 2: Ryder & Mirha

Year 3: Ariyana & Arhaan

Year 4: Kaelan & Aiden

Year 5: Bobbi & Mahen

Year 6: Eva & Spencer

Next Award - Perseverance

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

FREEZING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Year 6 are in fully focused mode at the moment, with the next round of examinations approaching fast. Even the snow flurry on Monday led to a discussion about whether it was actually snow at all or rather sleet! As well as being freezing outside, pupils were also asked to consider the journey of an evacuee and create some freeze frames on how they would be feeling. Taking this as inspiration, pupils were then asked to plan and write their own evacuation story using the format of a journey tale. Pupils used a good range of figurative and emotive language to have an impact on the reader.

In other news, we have been learning more about North America in Geography, ensuring we are confident with where the land boundaries are before there are any changes from January next year! Finally, during our current affairs lesson, pupils were interested that a school in China has found that a Ferret was the mysterious thief who had been taking their resources. Mr Fredricks has been tasked to ensure he patrols the schools for any Ferret gangs.



Billeting officer sending children to new home



A VISIT FROM BANCROFT'S

It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Dickinson, Head of Lower School, and Ms Evans, Director of Marketing and Admissions from Bancroft's School for an evening of critical thinking and information for secondary school transition last night with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and parents. Mr Dickinson and Ms Evans shared the extensive opportunities that Bancroft's offers and how children are supported with the school, particularly in those first few weeks of Year 7.

We also welcomed back an Avon House alumni, who is now in Year 7 to share her thoughts and perspective of how Bancroft's is different and similar to Avon House. She explained her new education experience and how her learning journey foundation from Avon House has equipped her in her new school life.

The event finished with questions from both pupils and parents around mobile use, homework assignments, the Bancroft House system, the interview process for admissions, lunches and more. We hope that this was an informative evening for all, and enabled a more informed choice to be made about the next step in our pupils' schooling journey.

Thank you for your visit, Mr Dickinson and Ms Evans!



TRACTION MAN

Year 2 have had a jam packed week! From stretching and squishing clay and foil as part of exploring changing shapes of materials, to making their own Florence Nightingale lamps, to transforming everyday objects into characters with googly eyes to create their own Traction Man inspired plays, the children have all worked incredibly hard!

We loved seeing their imaginative ideas in their mini plays including Mr Snip, the evil scissors, Wicked Water bottle and even a cute pet glue stick. We look forward to continuing to focusing on the story Traction Man next week!



PADDINGTON HAMPER

Congratulations to William and Lottie who won the top prize in our Paddington Raffle.

We're glad the Fortnum and Masons hamper arrived safely and that you are enjoying all of its contents!





This calendar can be accessed in different languages here:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar#download-block-anchor>

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Last week, kindness was all around in Year 6. To celebrate World Kindness Day, Year 6 made cards for residents at a local care home. To make the cards extra special, Year 6 tried to personalise their cards with pictures and messages based on the hobbies and previous occupations of the recipient and it worked!

The smiles and appreciation was truly felt. Well done Year 6 for bringing the smiles!



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Coming Soon! Get Ready to download the
new ReachMoreParents App!

Dear Parents,

Here at Avon House School, we are always looking for new ways to improve communications with our parents and carers. In the next few weeks, we are delighted to be launching *ReachMoreParents* - a new digital communications tool specifically designed for parent communications.

ReachMoreParents allows you to see live updates about your child's education, meaning you will never miss a moment of your child's learning Journey.

Receive alerts and keep updated with School News, Trips, Learning Activities, Important Announcements, Key Dates and Events, Attendance Information and much more!

Look out for your Enrolment message and instructions which will be sent at the end of term!

Thank you,

Mrs Z Mughal

Bursar

INTER HOUSE NETBALL

Last Friday, the eagerly anticipated Inter House Netball tournament took place. It was a great afternoon of Netball with all the girls from Year 5 and 6 participating. All four houses played each other in 6 very close matches. Morris and Cavell then played for 3rd and 4th place with Cavell narrowly beating Morris 6-5. During this match Anoushka (6JM) scored the 'goal of the tournament' for Morris from just inside the circle!!

In the final Pankhurst beat Churchill a resounding 10-1. All the girls should be proud of their superb effort and sportsmanship. Well done all!



DOCKLANDS MUSEUM

Foundation 2 went on a trip to the Docklands Museum. We travelled by tube from Woodford Station on the Underground to Stratford and then we had to take The DLR to West India Quay. It was exciting seeing all the scenery as we travelled on the tube. When we got there we ate our fruit snack outside the museum and then we went into the Mudlarking activity room. We had fun exploring the different activities. This included, trying on a deep sea divers helmet, pulling the heavy sacks from the docks, packing the parcels onto a boat, being the captain of a boat, making up stories with the small world docks and climbing and building in the soft play area.



PARKING REMINDER

A reminder to all parents to please park sensibly when dropping off and collecting children. We appreciate that it is busy however double parking, blocking driveways and roads puts everyone's safety at risk.

WOODFORD PANTOMIME PRESENTS

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Clarke & Clarke

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Wednesday 1st January	1.00 pm & 5.30 pm	£18.50
Thursday 2nd January	7.00 pm	£16.00
Friday 3rd January	7.00 pm	£18.50
Saturday 4th January	12 noon & 4.30 pm	£18.50
Sunday 5th January	12 noon & 4.30 pm	£18.50
Wednesday 8th January	7.00 pm	£15.00
Thursday 9th January	7.00 pm	£16.00
Friday 10th January	7.00 pm	£18.50
Saturday 11th January	12 noon & 4.30 pm	£18.50
Sunday 12th January	11 am & 3.30 pm	£18.50

Please note that wheelchair spaces are limited to 2 wheelchairs per performance. Late arrivals may not be permitted to enter the auditorium until a suitable point in the show. Card payments incur a booking fee.



STEM AWARD

Foundation 1: Avneet

Foundation 2: Arjun & Kaida

Year 1: Dara & Jasper

Year 2: Rafi & Zaidan

Year 3: Pola & Emily

Year 4: Shayan & Yusuf

Year 5: Zachary & Sebastian

Year 6: Miles & Krishni

NO PARTY BAGS

A reminder that if it is your child's birthday, they are allowed to bring a fun-sized, small gift or snack in for their class.

Any food items must be sealed and have the dietary and allergen ingredients outlined.

MILER OF THE WEEK

This week's Miler of the Week is Tyler (5JB), for consistently working hard and also helping out with the younger children.

KEY AUTUMN TERM DATES

Tuesday 3rd December	9.00am F2 Nativity (F2 Parents Welcome, no siblings)
Thursday 5th December	5.30pm Carols by Candlelight @ All Saints' Church (Prep Parents Welcome) No Clubs TEA TIMERS UNTIL 5pm ONLY
Friday 6th December	3.30pm EYFS Take a Look At My Celebration Book (CANCELLED)
w/c 9th December	No Before or After School Clubs - Prep Activities & Prep Sibling Film Club is on
Tuesday 10th December	2.00pm EYFS and Pre-Prep Christingle @ All Saints' Church (F1-Y2 Parents)
Friday 13th December	Christmas Extravaganza Day - Christmas jumpers optional 1.30pm Term Ends NO TEA TIMERS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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

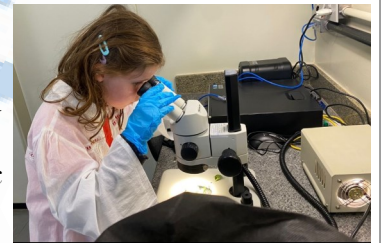
Please find the link to join below: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FNfcHoKaiILJgzKBCCd2RG>

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

SCIENTIST IN THE MAKING

Luiza (5JB) went to Brazil during the holidays to spend time with her family. During her stay, she visited her aunt's work who works in a science lab. She loved using the microscope to observe organisms in plants.

It looks like this is an area that Luiza loves and one day may end taking up a career as a scientific researcher!



PTA WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

The PTA are delighted to host a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop on Friday 29th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Tickets are £45 each which includes all the materials to make your wreath, nibbles and drinks. The workshop will last about 90 mins and friends & family are welcome to attend.

If you would like to join us, please can you email pta@ahsprep.co.uk and include how many tickets you would like to purchase. We will then email to you the PTA bank account details to pay for the ticket(s).

We think it will be a lovely evening and we look forward to you joining us.

Holly and Debbie (PTA Co-Chairs)



151 ADVENT CALENDARS FOR THE FOODBANK

A Big Thank You!! from the RRS Council to all our kind-hearted parents who donated advent calendars for the Trussell Trust foodbank.

We counted a staggering 151 calendars - that's a lot of happy children!



LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

We would like to say a 'Big Thank' you to two parents who came to read and bake this week with our wonderful Puffins. We heard a story titled 'Possum Magic' that took us all the way to Australia and taught us of the importance of eating vegetables every day. We also baked rock buns with raisins last Tuesday and they all tasted delicious.

We are big advocates for the power of outdoor learning and play. Getting outdoors in the frost, snow and crisp winter weather promotes concentration and wellbeing therefore we were thrilled to see the sleet and snow early in the week. Adapting to different weather conditions helps children build both confidence and emotional resilience. Puffins enjoyed exploring ice and frozen water and they were fascinated to see quickly how it melts away in our hands.

The new sound of the week was 't' for a tiger and we have been blending lots with our new sounds.

The story of the week was 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufmann. We have learnt about inclusivity and tolerance. We are part of a community where everyone has special strengths and super powers. We learn from each other every single day.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Foundation 1: **Jaia**

Foundation 2: **Ismah & Alina**

Year 1: **Hari & Melissa**

Year 2: **Anika K & Elizabeth**

Year 3: **Devika & Armani**

Year 4: **Rohan & Ezra**

Year 5: **Anaya & Ayaan**

Year 6: **Lucas & Jayden**

48 PAIRS OF GLASSES!

Sustainability Council spent Monday lunchtime visiting the Packford Opticians on Woodford High Road. We took along 48 pairs of glasses to donate to the glasses recycling programme the shop runs.

Mr Packford gave the Council a talk about how the glasses are recycled and how they are given to people in less fortunate circumstances. Sustainability Council would like to thank all those who have donated to our recycling scheme to date. This is an ongoing project, so please keep bringing into school any unwanted reading glasses.



VR EXPERIENCE, LIFE CHRONICLES

On Thursday, Sustainability Council marvelled at the beauty and richness of life through the VR experience, Life Chronicles.

From the depths of the ocean to the tropical forests, the children travelled through the paleo-landscapes of the great geological periods and discovered the first traces of life in the Archean era (-3.5 billion years ago), the emergence of diverse animal species in the Cambrian period (-520 million years ago), the great dinosaurs of the Cretaceous era (-67 million years ago) and the appearance of humans (between -100,000 and -60,000 years ago).

Accompanied by a virtual guide, Charlie, and her little robot, Darwin, the children were able to get up close to the various inhabitants of the Earth.

Would you dare approach the Tyrannosaurus?!



WONDERWALL

To coincide with the Book Fair this week, we asked:

What is your favourite book that you would recommend and for which age group?

Lottie, 3NH: The O'Clock Tales, for 6-12 years

Emily, 3NH: Little People, Big Dreams, for up to 10 years old

Abdur, 4FW: My favourite is Villains Academy for ages 7-9

Eesa and Mohid, 4PH: The Treehouse Storey series, ages 7+

Xyla Rose, 4PH: The World's Worst Children because it is very funny, for all ages

Max, 4FW: I recommend any book from the You Say Which Way collection as you can make decisions to determine how the story unfolds, ages 7-11

Ayla, 5JB: I would recommend A Series of Unfortunate Events because it is unique, ages 5-11

Jumana, 5KI: Percy Jackson books for those who like Greek and Roman mythology, ages 8-12

Haya, 5JB: My favourite books is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone because Harry gets to see his parents *sorry, spoiler alert!*

Evie, 6HG: Black Beauty – it's a classic and I would recommend it to ages 8+

Jia, 6HG: My favourite is the Diary of a Wimpy Kid, it's super funny!

Mr Babra: My favourite books are The Wizard of Oz, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Ms Heath: I would recommend Enid Blyton's The Magic Faraway Tree as it's filled with magical adventures that I enjoy re-reading as an adult and from Mrs Buhorah, the perfect book for Inclusion Week: 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. Suitable for any age. Favourite quote:

"'What do you want to be when you grow up?' 'Kind,' said the boy."

A VISIT TO ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Another exciting week for Year 1 that included the children working on their speed, agility, balance, and coordination running on agility ladders and ball throwing skills in Games.

In Computing, the children are creating story books in small groups. This week, they all contributed to creating front covers. Using the most appropriate tools for specific effects, they linked their design to their story's characters, or setting carefully drawing the small details of their pieces.

Tuesday afternoon saw everyone visiting All Saints' Church to enhance their understanding of the creation story they have been looking at in their RPS lessons and what a building used for Christian worship services and other activities looks like. We were warmly greeted by All Saints' representatives who explained key areas of the church and the children looked in pairs for the word 'Genesis' in the Bibles. Then listened to how All Saints' were preparing for the Christmas period and were told about some of the activities that were familiar to the children, such as Christmas trees and Christingle services.

Upon leaving and to their excitement, the Year 1 children were kindly given a Christmas present! We thanked All Saints' for their kindness. One child was chosen to press the button so we could hear the Church bells ringing as we left.

Sophie commented on what she could see, "There's flowers and big pipes. Mr Reed said that's the Church organ and when music is played that's where it comes out."

Payton said, "My Christmas tree is already up at home. I see lots of lights on all the houses at Christmas like the lights in the roof of the church."



PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY

The eagerly anticipated Autumn Term Performance Assembly took place today, with 12 acts eager to demonstrate their skills to the Avon House community.

Our Performance Assemblies provide a platform for pupils to showcase their varied talents and as with previous year's, this term's standard was very high.

The audience of children, teachers and parents enjoyed watching tap dancing, piano performances, a stand up routine, singing from both the Pre-Prep and Prep Departments, an action-filled poetry recital, drumming, a guitarists who accompanied herself singing and a ukulele duet with a sweet song.

Well done to all the artists we watched today and a big thank you to Mr Reed for his time in organising and supporting our performers.

If you have a talent to share and would like to take part in the Spring Term Performance Assembly, watch out for a notice of auditions that will take place in the new year!



LOST PROPERTY

We have this jumper in the office. We believe it was left at Holiday Club during the Half Term Holiday Club. Please come and collect it if it is yours!

V&A MUSEUM VISIT FOR THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Today, the History Society visited the V&A Museum in South Kensington to bring their project on the history of shoes to a conclusion. Having been working on shoes from Egyptian times through to the current day, it was good for the pupils to put perspective on materials used to the style and height of heels. For most it was their first visit to the V&A and the sheer vastness of the site was a wow!

There were shoes they loved including a pair of Mary Quant plastic daddy long leg boots in lime green, to the utilitarian shoes of the 1940s which many didn't like.

Our conclusion was that feet have grown broader and bigger over the centuries and some styles just keep coming back into fashion.

Next term a new project awaits and I hope more pupils will join the Friday lunchtime group.



READ TOGETHER

This week both Year 3 classes enjoyed joining with our Foundation 2 reading buddies to share some stories.

Year 3 read to some of the younger children with confidence, explaining tricky words and asking their partners about the pictures. We love to visit Foundation 2 every week, not only because it gives us the chance to practise our reading skills, but also because we get to make new friends and share some special time with those children we already know.

All the teachers are impressed with how both classes show kindness, helpfulness and respect for each other.



SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Week 11

Tuesday 26th Nov 7.45am All Council Meetings

Wednesday 27th Nov Parent Consultations - Pre-Prep Dance is Cancelled / Tea Timers on as normal
Year 2 Production Auditions

Thursday 28th Nov Parent Consultations - Pre-Prep Ukelele Strummers and Prep Dance are Cancelled
Tea Timers on as normal
Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming

Friday 29th Nov Advent Assembly (3KY) - 3KY Parents Welcome and RRS Council Update
F2 Nativity Filming
7.30pm PTA Wreath Workshop

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.

Tuesday 26th Nov U9 Mixed Tag Rugby @ Akeley Wood

Wednesday 27th Nov U11 East London Table Tennis Competition @ St Aubyn's

Thursday 28th Nov ISA London North Gymnastics @ St Mary's, Gerrards Cross

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.