



Newsletter

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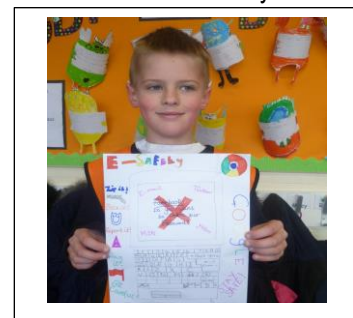
Message from Miss Thomas: I can't believe how quickly this term is going! Such a lot has happened – Book Week, with the book fair and quiz, Bedtime Story Night and the maths presentation to parents. Children have also embraced a trip to the Roman Baths, Greek day, book character day and Red Nose day - and as always they looked fantastic. Their enthusiasm is infectious and I feel so privileged to be in a position to lead the team at The Avenue School. I would like to thank staff, parents and children alike for their incredible support. The school remains a calm and focussed place for learning, with children fully engaged in their work and demonstrating our 6 school expectations. This is only possible thanks to the high quality of teaching at the Avenue and the support that the majority of parents give their children at home – this is invaluable!



Community Support:

Following the arson attack on our school, the local community have continued to be so supportive and above are photos from cheque presentations made to the School from Center Parcs and Lyons Seafoods. We have also received donations from the Ernest and Marjorie Fudge Trust in order to replace the book corners in Year 5 and 6, and The White Horse DFAS (Decorative Fine Arts Society) who have replaced the art supplies which were destroyed in the fire. They also helped with an art lesson – you can see the results of this above. A huge thank you from us for the generosity shown.

Safer Internet Day: As part of our Safer Internet Day 2017 we ran a "poster competition" where children were asked to create a bright and clear poster (either digitally or with pen and paper) that could be displayed around the school to promote the safe use of the internet. Congratulations to Emily who won the competition, and to Merelita and Matthew who were close runners-up. Each winner received an Amazon voucher. Mrs Norris and Mr Curtis (ICT Governor), who judged the entries, felt that all three posters were clear and made an impact. The posters all clearly carried the message about staying safe online. They will now be turned into posters which will be used around the school to promote E.safety. Thank you to everyone who took the time to create a poster. The Safer Internet Day was a huge success and clearly made an impact on the children at the Avenue Primary School.



“Top Tip” for staying safe online:

Don't post any personal information online, such as your address, your email address or your mobile phone number.

Dance, Dance, Dance



Our Dance Group from KS2, recently performed in front of a crowd of hundreds as part of the West Wiltshire Dance Festival. The group, consisting of Leila, Maddison, Madison, Isla, Madison, Henry, Jacob, Callum, Toby, Sophia, Georgia, Grace and Korey had been practising hard since October, supported by Kingdown students and together came up with the dance they performed on the night. The children did the Avenue proud - they supported and applauded all the other groups whilst waiting for their turn to perform as we were the last to go on. It is safe to say they saved the best to last! The children's hip hop mash up received a huge round of applause and some really lovely comments from others in the audience. Well done guys!



Just a reminder that the school gates do not open until 8.30am and we would respectfully ask that parents do not arrive before this time.

Please also be mindful that we have lots of very young, impressionable children coming through the main school gates – so the pathway outside the front entrance should be kept clear.

We would also like to remind you that the school is a non smoking site and this includes the use of e-cigarettes.

Thank you for your understanding.

House Points : Congratulations also, to the following children for achieving the following awards:

PLATINUM: Georgia Airey and Dominika Machnacz. **GOLD:** Lacey-May Daniels, Molly Keirl, Sam Warren, Miley Hawkins, Kiefer Hill, Chloe McCurdy, Ethan Watkins-Brown, Ilya Mann, Summer West and Brogan Gray. **SILVER:** Joshua Miles, Caique Souza, Adi Laisa Saumalua, Nikolett Resch, Ashton Greiff, Keerthana Unnikrishnan, Jack Nash, Ariana Foreman & Tristan Szymanski. **BRONZE:** Jasmin Blades, Thomas Burke, Unaisi Sikivou, Jamie Harrison, Darius Neacsu, Nathan Soneye, Rusiate Ratuniata, Sam Houghton, Darcie Downes, Fraiser Warren Dylan Downes, Brooke Lappin, Daisy Caldwell, Alfie Merrett, Charley Hiscock & Temitayo Owolabi

Readers of the Term: Book winners from the lucky dip box for Term 3 were as follows: Amelia in USA, Frances in UK, Cody in Spain and Oliver in Sweden class. Well done to everyone who is doing the expected amount of reading – your name might be pulled out of the box this term!

Sainsbury's Active Kids: Please keep collecting the tokens for us. Thank you.

STOP PRESS: LOUISE KILMINSTER WINS WILTSHIRE LIFE TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Our very own Year 6 teacher, Louise Kilminster was awarded the Wiltshire Life “Teacher of the Year 2017” Award on Friday.

Louise has been described as patient, caring, committed & driven. She has a real love of the school and nurtures each and every child so they can develop and grow. One parent said: “We all recall the great teachers who influenced our lives & careers. I have no doubt Mrs Kilminster will remain in my son's memory bank as the best ever!”

Mrs Kilminster's current class certainly agree!



Diary Dates

March

29th – Griffin Tennis Academy

April

w/c 3rd – Reports to parents

5th - Parents Evening YR – Yr6 (except Yr 5 who are meeting on 26th April)

6th – VIP Lunch

6th – Friends Movie Night

6th - END OF TERM 4

24th – START OF TERM 5

May

3rd – Full Governors Mtg

w/c 8th – Y6 SATs

19th - Class Photos

Finally, a farewell: to Mrs Brownsword, who has worked so hard in USA class. Thank you for everything you have done. We are sorry to see you go but wish you well with your move back up North. Also, a warm **hello & welcome** to Miss Nina Riesner, who has been appointed as a TA in KS1 and Germany Class.