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## **Newsletter**      **March 2018**

### **MESSAGE FROM MISS THOMAS:**

As always, the children have been busy learning and taking part in a variety of activities over the last fortnight. The Y3/4 performance of 'Tut! Tut!' is becoming more polished by the day and I look forward to the performances in the last week of term. I have seen lots of our Avenue expectation of 'resilience' around the school as children in years 2-5 completed their assessments in assessment week – the results of this will be shared with you through reports that will be sent home at the end of term.

### **VACANCY: MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS (MSA)**

We're looking for Play Leaders or First Aiders. This is a vitally important role in the children's school day. You would be required to start as soon as possible. The salary is £7.83 per hour, Grade B point 7. Your hours of work would be 5.5 per week (Monday to Friday 12.30 – 1.30pm + 6 minutes per day) term time only. The closing date is Friday, 23rd March 2018 with interviews taking place on Wednesday, 28th March 2018. We look forward to hearing from you!

**HOT DINNERS:** Our new dinner menus start after half term (from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018). If your child would like a hot dinner please order on *Wisepay*. The remainder of the school year is still open for ordering

### **MILITARY PARENTS:**

As a school we are aware that there are some upcoming tours and exercises and if you feel that your child requires some additional support over the coming months please do not hesitate to contact Emma Leeson via the school office.

### **FANCY BEING A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE?**

Volunteers are needed across Wiltshire to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent, reliable, "Independent Visitor" who can take a special and meaningful interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share their interests and who have regular time to spare - just a couple of hours every 3-4 weeks.

If you're interested in finding out more please contact the scheme on 01225 713961 or [IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**WEBSITE:** Please remember to check the website for dates of all forthcoming events/trips that are taking place.

**OUR SCHOOL DAY:** We would respectfully like to point out that the end of the school day is **3:10pm**. Only in exceptional circumstances should a child be removed from school early. If you choose to do an activity outside of school, e.g. swimming then please speak to your child's teacher and they will try and ensure your child is one of the first to leave class at 3.10pm. Routine dentist and doctors' appointments should be booked, where possible, outside of school hours. If you do have such an appointment and your child needs to leave early, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

## BOOK WEEK

The whole school took part in Book Week this week. The children had lots of fun dressing up as their favourite characters from a book and they also partnered up with another class and took part in reading activities.

Our pictures show the finalists from KS2 and KS1 with their winning prizes.

Bed time story night was great fun. In total we raised £848.50 from the book fair. We get 60% in commission so we raised £449.91 to spend on books. A big thank you to parents! Our amazing Administrator Mrs. Carne dressed as Olive the Reindeer and even wore her costume outside, which meant that she raised a fantastic £66.00 for the Donkey Sanctuary! Well done Mrs. Carne!



**CLASS ATTENDANCE:** Each week we award a trophy to the class with the best attendance.

This week's best attendance was from **UK class with 99.2%**

**HOUSE POINTS: (Correction: In the last newsletter Gold winner was Daniel Tardi not Tordi. Apologies.)**

**Certificates:** Rio Gray, Jack Perry, Dallas Wright, Charley Lowe, Kiyaan Morady

**Bronze:** Edward Marchant, Sonny Bainmoli, Adam Nash.

**Silver:** Jasmin Blades, Cerys Reddy, Bijay Gurung, Lauren Dunt.

**Platinum:** Darren Craft, Jacob Kilminster, Max Stainer.

### ATTENDANCE UPDATE:

I am pleased to see that attendance has improved slightly in the last fortnight. Well done to Resource Base for the best attendance in the school and to Resource Base, Y3/4, Reception and Y5/6 for having attendance above our school target.

### ATTENDANCE UPDATE:

**Whole School Attendance:**

**Target = 96%**

**Year to date = 95.3%**

## Last fortnight's attendance:

Whole School = 96.3%

RB = 97.8%

Y3/4 = 97.0%

Reception = 96.7%

Y5/6 = 96.4%

KS1 = 95.0%%

## SPACE DETECTIVES

USA and Brazil classes Were visited by 'The Space Detectives'. Jo (the space lady) talked to us about space and science. We learnt about astronauts and their space suits, we watched a clip of a rocket launch and experimented with 'force'.

Freya from USA class recalled...  
"The space lady blew up a balloon and she passed it to Leo and he let go of it and then the air went down and it pushed the balloon up".

We even got to make and launch our own rockets outside.

Adam from Brazil class recalled...  
"I'd like to say it was so good. The

rocket I made with my friends was awesome. It nearly went on my foot".



## PARLIAMENT DAY

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the Avenue Primary School was visited by Roz Birch, who is the SW Regional Outreach Officer for Parliament's Education Service. It's Ms Birch's job to work with schools across the region to help them and young people improve their understanding of democracy, citizenship and Parliament in line with the National Curriculum.

The children were very excited and gathered in the Hall for the special assembly, where Ms Birch spoke about the House of Commons and the House of Lords and how they work together to pass bills and make laws. During workshops, the children learnt about debating and the two rows of benches to



represent the Government and the Opposition. Year 6 student Eloise Poolman acted as the Speaker of the House and called upon the standing students to ask questions. They gained knowledge about the skills of debating as they held a House of Commons style debate on a current issue.

The children also discussed elections. Working in teams, they designed their own political party manifesto and looked at the history of voting on the UK. They then had the chance to plan a campaign on a current issue that was important to them. The children were very knowledgeable and passionate about important issues such as the environment and oceanic pollution.

Look out for an article in this week's Warminster Journal!

### Diary Dates - MARCH

**Dress up for Sports Relief on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Yr3/Yr4 Production of Tut! Tut! On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**