



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 23

8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have had lots of guests in school.
Wow, what a week we have had celebrating World Book Week!



The wonderful Bimpe from West End in Schools came in for three days to work with all our children from Reception to Year 6. Each group explored a range of drama approaches as they re-told the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. As always, our children made us exceptionally proud, and Bimpe commented that she was very impressed with the behaviour and the enthusiasm shown in every class!



Today, we have had a school full of so many literary characters – to see the love of reading around school is an absolute joy! More photos and comments about this week will be in next week's Parent Newsletter. Here's a snippet!

On Wednesday we were joined in Reception and Year 1 by visitors from Thames Valley Police (and their Police van!). This was extremely exciting as we got to ask them questions and see their equipment. We also had the blue flashing lights and sirens on! Sorry to our close neighbours for all the noise - we were very excited!



This morning Preschool were lucky enough to be visited by a pair of paramedics who had brought along their First Response vehicle for us to see. We spotted some letters and numbers on the vehicle and they even let us have a peek inside!

The paramedics told us all about how they help people who are hurt or very ill and showed us some of the equipment that they use. We especially enjoyed trying on their very important hi-vis jackets and the helmets they use to keep themselves safe. The paramedics showed us how they use a special mechanical inflation

cushion to help people who have fallen - Mrs Clark did a great job of being the patient in this demonstration!

Four of our amazing Year 6 children have set up a charity group to support the NHS and in particular the Children's Ward at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. They have come up with lots of ideas but have settled upon 'children helping children'. They are asking for your help in the shape of Easter Eggs! The group would like to deliver Easter Eggs to all the children in the hospital once we break up for Easter. The deadline for collecting is Wednesday 27th March. If you are able to help please drop the eggs at school or see Nathan, Gracie, Freya and Hope in Year 6.

As you may have noticed Mrs O'Neill is expecting her second baby in the next couple of weeks! She is leaving us on the 25th March and we cannot wait to meet baby O'Neill. We wish her lots of love and luck (with 2 children under 2 years old!). Whilst Mrs O'Neill is on maternity leave Mr Cooper (from our Secondary Phase) will be joining us in the Primary phase and looking after our amazing curriculum. Welcome Mr Cooper.



On Monday you are invited into school at 4.30pm to discuss school trips and visits and ideas around raising money for these. Please arrive at 4.30pm (in Primary Reception and we will meet in the library). This is ideally an adults meeting, without children.

International Women's Day today

This year, in 2024, the theme for International Women's Day is 'Inspire Inclusion', which emphasises the importance of inspiring women to be included, fostering a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment. Here's to those who paved the way and to those who are carrying the torch further — Happy International Women's Day!

End of Term

The end of term is the 28th March, we will close at the normal time.

Comic relief – Friday 15th March

As you may be aware, next Friday (15th March) is Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) and to raise awareness about this worthy cause the primary school will be participating in three events.

The first is for everyone to come in wearing their **pyjamas** and, should they wish, with **crazy hair** for a voluntary contribution of £1 which can be paid via 'Just giving', link follows. All of the money raised will go directly to Comic Relief.

Additionally, the children will be asked to participate in a **silly dance competition** with a prize being awarded for the best or 'silliest' performance in each class.

Our final event is a **nonsense poem competition** (in KS2) and a **design and describe a silly monster competition** (in KS1) which will be completed in school and the winner in each class will again receive a prize. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and look forward to an enjoyable day for all.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1709893188243?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fava-primary-phase-1709893188243&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Advanced Notice - Scholastic Book Fair – Saturday 23rd March 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Scholastic Book Fair for this academic year back in November. As always, your support at these fairs earn the school Scholastic rewards which allows us to further enhance the literary provision throughout the Primary Phase.

Our next book fair is on Saturday 23rd March 2024. It will run from 9:30am until 12:30pm. There will also be a uniform sale for voluntary contributions on the day. Please come along grab some second-hand uniform and a book.

Preschool

We are currently looking at our applications for Preschool places for September 2024. If you haven't already applied, please do so via the form on our website.

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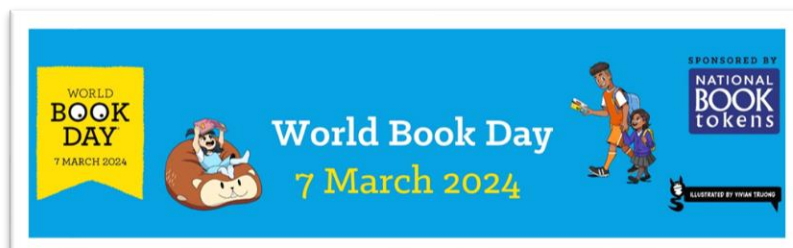
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Reflection

A Reflection for World Book Day

It has been a pleasure to see books generate so much enthusiasm in school this week and to celebrate World Book Day together at AVA.



As we end the week, we invite our community to think about books and the benefits of reading, but also how books are important to believers of all religions. Each major religion has a book that is important and sacred to the believers of that religion. We call these books holy books or Scriptures. For Christians, that book is the Bible; for Muslims, it is the Qur'an and for Jews, it is the Torah.

All religions believe that their holy book has wisdom in it that can transport believers to a place of greater connection - connection with themselves, connection with others and connection with God.

Whilst some of us may never read these holy books, it is still possible for us all to take a moment to think about a book that we enjoy or that has helped us in some way. To be grateful that we can read and remember children in many parts of the world who will never experience the joy of reading.

A Prayer for World Book Day...

Dear God,

We thank you for the creativity of authors and illustrators in creating books for us to enjoy.

We thank you for our own ability to read and imagine

Finally, we thank you for the people who have educated us and helped us to enjoy reading.

Amen.

with thanks to Claire Law SPCK Assemblies

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan

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