



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

We kicked off (no pun intended) the week with a special sporting assembly led by Miss Granville and the year 2 children!

This week is National Sports Week and the children have been taking part in lots of different events and enjoying active lessons.

We have tried some new sports as well as some firm favourites.

We have learnt tumbling and cheerleading, had netball coaching, tried some GK techniques, spoke about healthy lifestyles and met some professionals.

We have been very lucky to welcome many visitors in this week and we look forward to inviting some more visitors in soon.



On Tuesday, we welcomed Simon Eastwood (the first team goalkeeper) and Wayne Brown (head goalkeeper coach) from Oxford United who came to talk to the children about what it is like to play professional football and then led some training drills.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Ella who is a student in Year 12 and a cheerleading coach. She came and taught the children different cheer skills, and they even attempted some stunts!





On Thursday, Jack (Oxford United) joined us to talk about being a younger sports man and what you have to do to play at an elite level. The children learnt about how much you have to train, and all had a go at trying to score a goal against him!

Today, Shafqat Khan (who was at AVA a long time ago as a student!) came in to talk to the children about what it is like to be a professional boxer. He told us all about all the training that he must do to keep fit and especially before a fight.

All the children have also had the opportunity complete the daily mile and take part in a sports day practice.



We look forward to next week with even more sport, visitors and our sports days!

On Thursday we welcomed lots of our new reception class children and their grown-ups into school. This was a lovely afternoon in which lots of fun and learning through play happened. The adults seemed to enjoy it as much as the children! It is smashing to be able to run these stay and play events again after the difficulties we have seen over the last 2 years.

We have been busy practicing for next week's sports days. Just a reminder of the details:

Dates and timings of the events:

Years 1, 2 and 3 - Tuesday 28th June 9.30am-11.00am

Years 4, 5 and 6 - Tuesday 28th June 1.00pm-2.30pm

Year R (Turtles and Dolphins) - Wednesday 29th June 9.00am-10.00am

- We will open the gates 10 minutes before the events. Please do not arrive early as this is a standing event and you will all have a good view.
- If you choose to take photographs these **MUST NOT** be shared nor used on social media.
- Please remember only 2 guests per child/ small children (siblings) must remain with their adult/spectators at all times.
- Please do not ask your children who are participating in the events to come and see you. They will be expected to remain with their classes and teachers at all times in-line with our safeguarding procedures.
- Scooters and bikes must be left outside of the playground in the bike racks.
- Please can we ask that no snacks/food are consumed on the school grounds as we have children with severe allergies to all types of food.

We hope that the children will thoroughly enjoy these events but are also all too aware that many of the children have never taken part in a sports day. This is why we are re introducing them in a measured manner. Please support all children.

One way or another the elements seem to love to challenge us! This week it was water! Hopefully all homes are back up to fully operating water. We were sad to have to shut our secondary phase early yesterday and were happy to get to 3pm in the primary phase! Thank you to all the site team for all that they do to help us all. They are the members of the school that often go 'unnoticed'. We appreciate you all.

Next Friday we will be sending home letters with your child's new class and teacher on. This is ahead of our transition day on Tuesday 5th July. We have carefully sorted the classes for next year taking into account all of the children's wishes. Every child has been placed with someone that they have chosen to be a good friend and influence. This process really supports independence, resilience and enables children to be confident when they transition to secondary schools, not to mention the great opportunity to make new friends.

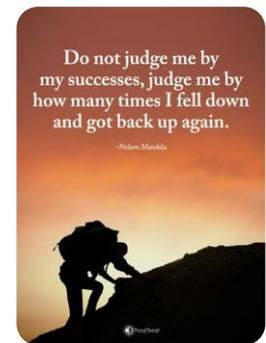
Our new PTA are continuing to enjoy the warm weather and will be selling ice pops after school again today. Please bring your 50p and cool down whilst supporting our amazing school.

A reminder to all that the 8th July is an INSET day, the school will not be open.

We are excited to share the video that has been produced by Bucks Music Trust of the *Echoes 9* concert that the choir took part in at the Royal Albert Hall in March. Our children were in the second half of the concert, which begins at around 38 minutes. Please feel free to share this video with family and friends, although it should not be used for any commercial purposes. We are so very proud of all that the children achieved, and of how they represented the school on the day. We hope you enjoy watching the performance! <https://youtu.be/Y9bhfvmUqwg>

Reflection

We have spent the week celebrating Sport at AVA, and as we end the week you are invited to reflect on the nature of success. In sport, as in life, we are often tempted to make judgments based solely on a successful outcome. Yet the biggest rewards are often manifested as the result of participation. It is through commitment to a goal, openness to change and perseverance in the face of challenge that growth is born and a successful outcome can be achieved. With every blessing for a restful weekend.



Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan

