



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the week has been so cold, we have been trying to keep warm inside by doing lots of physical activities and physical learning. Thank you for taking care around the site, especially on Wednesday when the whole area turned into an ice rink!

This week we welcomed Revd Polly Falconer and Emma from the Oxford Diocese into school to work with our children ahead of Race Equality week. Some of our children were interviewed for a training video which will be used in all of the Diocese schools across the region. It will highlight the importance of how we treat each other and celebrating differences. We are so proud of these children and know that they are great ambassadors for us all.



Polly told us a brilliant story about Black Inventors which we will continue to use and teach from in school with every year group. The children all participated and were able to ask questions and talk about the learning points.

We are really delighted to have been chosen to lead the way for Race Equality and hope that our work makes a huge difference.

Our staff from EYFS launched the next stage of our ECO school's initiative this week and we have appointed our new ECO warriors. This created a huge buzz around the school with children looking at how we can be kinder to our planet. Watch this space for new ideas!

On Wednesday Anne Andrews the RE advisor from the Oxford Dioceses joined us in both the Primary and Secondary phases to look at our RE lessons, curriculum and assemblies. She was over the moon with what she saw and said she 'thoroughly enjoyed her time here and was really impressed by our staff and children'. We do love having visitors here at the school and look forward to her coming back soon.

Next week lots of our Year 6 children are going on their residential week. We know that they will have a brilliant time and enjoy their adventures. The Year 6 children who have chosen to stay at school will be undertaking a range of activities in school with staff. We will send regular updates to the parents regarding the residential and send a more accurate collection time for Friday 3rd February (which we are hoping will be around 4.40pm). Stay safe Year 6, have a great time and come back with lots of stories.

This half term is flying by, and we will close our doors on Friday 10th February and re-open on Tuesday 21st February. Hopefully we will see longer, lighter days and brighter weather.

The afterschool clubs will continue from Tuesday 21st and will be the same days and times as this half term. All clubs continue to be full.

Please can we ask that parents do not enter the school unless they have signed in, have been given a lanyard and are accompanied by a member of staff, this is part of our safeguarding requirements.

Open Classroom

We have an 'open classroom' event planned for Tuesday 21st February from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This will enable children to show you their current work and classrooms. As always please collect your child at the 'normal time' from the 'normal place' and then return to the main entrance any time from 3.30pm-4.30pm. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Young Artists' Summer Show

Now in its fifth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online **and on-site** at the Royal Academy of Arts.

https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/?_ga=2.256420555.1585904055.1673552123-490448030.1673552123

Registration and submission is open until 29 March 2023- permission is required. All the forms and information are attached.

Reflection

We started the week in Primary Phase with an Assembly entitled "Let's Celebrate Maths" led by Mrs Stewart & Miss Pickett.

As we end the week, please join us in reflecting on the amazing world we live in. The beauty of mathematics helps remind us just how much we need to care for the small as well as the large, the seemingly simple as well as the complex.

It helps us remember that our whole existence is inter-dependent and that when we slow down, we can look afresh and appreciate with awe the gift of living in our world.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan

