



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fun filled Easter break. The children have all returned beautifully and it has been lovely to spend the week together.

As many of you will be aware Mrs O'Neill is back in school. It has been really nice to welcome her back and was lovely to see the children so excited to see her.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Scholastic Book Fair on 1st April. We made a fantastic £867.36, meaning we earned £460.42 in rewards for our school! This will be added to our previous rewards, allowing us to purchase new dictionaries and thesauruses for our classrooms. Thank you to Mrs Allen who raised over £80 selling second-hand uniform. Thank you again - we have one more book fair before the end of the Summer term along with another second-hand uniform sale and we hope to see lots of you there!



Yesterday Year 6 were all invited to attend a careers fair in the Secondary sports hall. This is an annual event which lots of local businesses and educational providers attend. The children can visit the different stalls, talk about a variety of careers and even discuss the different college and university options. Our children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Thank you to Mrs Marina and the team for inviting us!



Higgy's Heart and Mind

Today we all donned our red clothing and football gear to support Maddie's charity 'Higgy's Heart and Mind'.

On Monday Maddie led an assembly to over 500 children about her charity and why we are having a mufti day to raise money and awareness.

Well done Maddie her assembly was truly inspiring, her bravery shone through all of her words and she spoke about her dad and charity beautifully.



Please donate using the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/lisa-higginson-1680206356541?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/lisa-higginson-1680206356541&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=7c8b26744b214a5abe42b46a207046ca

Staff led Clubs

Our school staff lead clubs all begin from Monday 24th April. There are lots on offer, some new and some the same. Choir is not running this time around as Ms Russell will be concentrating on the Year 6 production.

One of our successes from last term was Mr Wright's Radio Club:

Last term, the members of Radio Club created their own podcast episodes about their experiences in school and to share their fantastic knowledge. You can listen to all episodes of their podcast, "Break Time" on the website. With Radio Club continuing this term, there will be more episodes added in the future.

<https://www.theacademy.me/breaktime>

Swimming

This term we will be having our last few Year 4 swimming lessons. Eagles have 4 sessions from Monday 24th April 2023.

Industrial Action

Following on from Mr Gibson's letter earlier this week there is likely to be NEU industrial action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We are currently looking at Preschool, Year 2 and Year 6 being in school and Reception, Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 working remotely. We will continue to update you as we get further information but as always want to give you as much notice as possible. Wrap around care will be refunded and school lunches not charged.

SATs

Our Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs the w/c Tuesday 9th May (due to the Coronation bank holiday on Monday 8th May) and Year 2 SATs commence from 15th May. These assessments will be conducted in school and in no way define the wonderful children we have here at AVA. We do not put pressure on the children in school and know that you will be supporting them at home also. Our children amaze us every day in many ways, they are talented, kind and compassionate and make us laugh (and cry...in a good way) regularly. Please help us to help them to be the best they can, whichever path they may take.

Goodbye

Sadly, today we say goodbye to Mrs Gibbons. Mrs Gibbons has been with us for the last few years working in Early Years. She has been a big part of the team and will be missed by us all. Mrs Gibbons is going to start a new adventure and we wish her the very best of luck. I am sure she will pop back in to see us when she can.

Mrs Mooney will be joining the Early Years team, many of our children (and families) will recognise her as she was an extended member of the AVA family previously. Please say hello and make her welcome when you see her around.

Bucks County Council Community Engagement Award

At AVA we are working hard on our community engagement. If you feel we're improving on this, we would love it if you could nominate us for the Bucks County Council Community Engagement Award. Submit your nomination by 28 April 2023 via their

website <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/the-buckinghamshire-school-awards-2023/>



24-30th April is Allergy Awareness week.

In order to raise awareness at the AVA Primary, we are going to be designing posters to display across the schools and enjoy activities related to allergy awareness during soft start at the beginning of the day.

There will be a mini competition for designing a poster and all participating children will receive achievement points.

Winners from each year group will be awarded a certificate from Miss Gates and Mrs Parker!

'AVA'Bury

Tickets can be purchased on the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/aylesburyvaleacademy/>

Please register before purchasing.

There is an image as an example of what the website looks like, when purchasing tickets.

We are looking forward to sharing this amazing event with the community!

Reflection

As we end our first week back in school, we would like to wish our Muslim community "Eid Mubarak". The new moon of Shawwal has been sighted marking the end of Ramadan and the beginning of Eid celebrations.

As we send our friends and their families good wishes, we can reflect and learn from their example over the past month. Muslims all over the world have spent their time of fasting by...

- Obeying God
- Learning self-discipline
- Becoming spiritually stronger
- Appreciating God's gifts
- Sharing the sufferings of the poor and developing sympathy for them
- Reflecting on the value of charity and generosity
- Giving thanks for the Holy Qur'an (which was first revealed in the month of Ramadan)
- and sharing fellowship with others


We can all learn so much from this example and whether celebrating or not we wish everyone a very happy weekend.

**Kind regards,
Mrs C Baughan**

For all of our latest news, to keep up to speed with events, for sharing 'wow' moments, and to stay 'in the loop,' follow us on social media. We have 3 platforms- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

 Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theaylesburyvaleacademyprimary>

 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avaprimary?s=09>

 Instagram: <https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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