

The Avenue School

SPECIAL NEEDS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

School Year 2016-2017

Term 6

7B go strawberry picking!



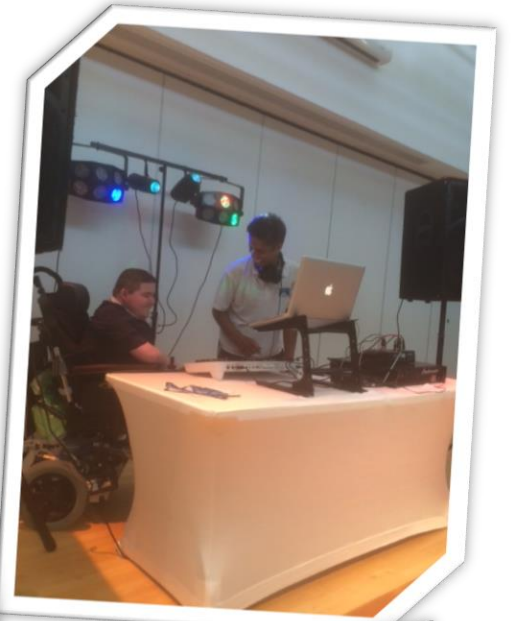
This month 7B went to Gray's Farm to pick their own strawberries. Our topic this term was 'What's on the Menu?' So we have been learning all about healthy food and where it comes from. The farm had rows and rows of fresh british strawberries , although we had to walk right to the back for the biggest ones! All students brought money into pay for their punnet and got a chance to weigh them on the scales and pay the cashier.





Prom 2017

On Friday 7th July the Avenue School hosted its fifth secondary prom. The square was specially decorated, and lots of food had kindly been provided by the parents. Once again all the students who came had a great time, enjoying the disco, thanks to Pauline, and having a great time at the photo booth, thanks to Dominic. Tom was on hand to help us celebrate with our six leavers, crowning three Kings, one Queen, and two Princesses, all of whom looked lovely, and were presented with a sash and a crown or tiara. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who took part.





On a very hot day at the beginning of July, fifteen students from The Avenue School Choir visited Addington School in Woodley to take part in their annual “Addington Proms” concert series.

We performed three songs; “It Must Be Love” by Madness, “Summer Holiday” by Cliff Richard and “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond. It was a fantastic performance; all of the choir sang their hearts out in all three songs.

We then watched a woodwind performance by Addington students directed by Tess, who has previously taught many of our students. We especially enjoyed listening to the saxophone performance!

As well as performing we had a chance to play in Addington’s lovely playground, we watched a DVD in their sensory theatre, and we were hosted by a class who made us chocolate cake! We also sang our hearts out on the bus on the way home!

Congratulations to all the students who took part, you sang so well and also managed to deal with the exceptionally warm weather! Many thanks to all staff who supported us.





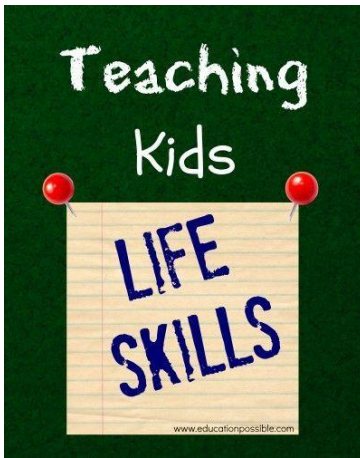
Bollywood in the pool



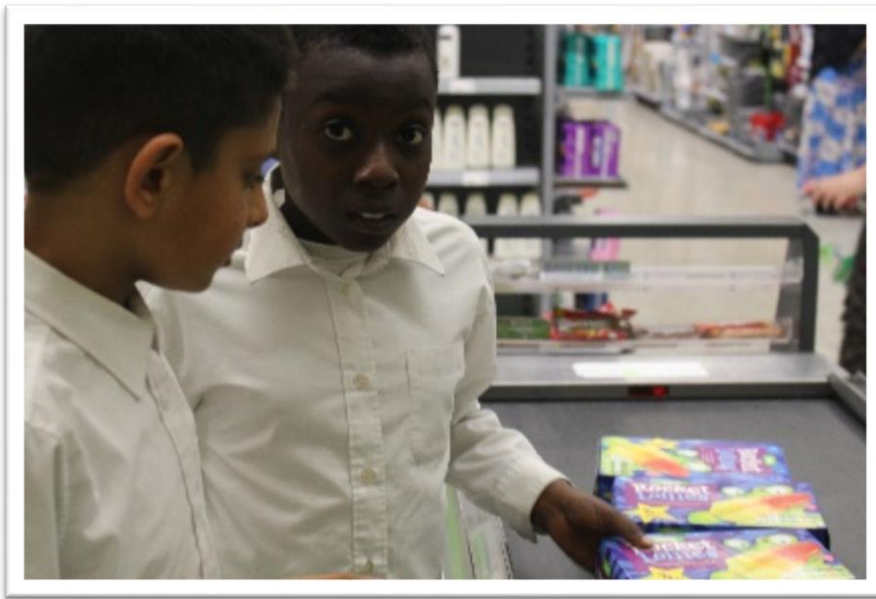
Some of us decorated the pool area and played a Bollywood movie and listened to famous Bollywood tracks.

We had three pupils at a time in the pool so it was quite different for the pupils and they all had a fabulous time stretching out and moving to the music.





4A's life skills curriculum this term has involved food technology, household, health, personal care and community learning. Within community learning we have been travelling to Reading on the school bus where we have been working on our skills of being able to travel and use a bus safely. Whilst we were in Reading we have walked across the town centre and shopped at the vegetable market and supermarkets every week. This gave opportunities for pupils to choose the items they required and paid for them. With the warm summer weather this has been a very enjoyable task to undertake. This task would not have been so successful if it wasn't for the great work undertaken by the support team within 4A.





Sports Day

What a wonderful way to finish a busy term!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Inclusive Sports Day on Monday 17th July and helped make it such a memorable event. Thanks also to our students from 7A who acted as Sports Leaders supporting the other classes throughout the day.

We all took part in a variety of physical activities including new ones such as Frisbee golf, parachute challenge, polybat and paired races as well as old favourites such as boccia and Kurling.

All activities proved to be popular but the overall favourite was probably the morning sessions hosted by coaches from Reading Rockets basketball team. It was great to see such a buzz of activity in the sports hall during these sessions.

Kingsley, the Reading FC Mascot also made an appearance to give out certificates to our Sports Leaders at the end of a brilliant day.

A final thank you to all our wonderful staff who supported our students during the day as always with passion and enthusiasm.





In June 2B visited Englefield Estate for their 21st Annual Schools' Day. This was the first year that The Avenue have been invited to attend and it did not disappoint! It was a beautiful Summer's day-perfect for exploring the different activities: watching sheep being sheared; tractor rides around the grounds; forestry, with a chance to help assemble some wooden garden furniture and falconry displays. To end the day, we were shown around Englefield house by the owners and had a chance to explore the grand rooms and gardens. A brilliant day was had by all and we hope that we will be given this opportunity again next year.







.....and it's Goodbye from her.



Most parents know me because I introduced you and your child to The Avenue School. It has been a privilege to manage admissions for many years, but more so to witness the way the pupils have grown and developed since joining The Avenue. Until last December I also led on recruitment and so the vast majority of our staff are here because I appointed them and again am proud of their achievements. After 30 years in Special Education I am retiring and will be spending some time in 3 Primary Schools in West Berkshire. I wish you and your families well for the future.

Goodbye from Mary.

It is the end of another busy term and a very full year, but it is also the end of my time as Headteacher of this wonderful and very special school. It was not possible for me to speak to you all directly, but there are some important words I need to say before I leave. First I would like to thank you for entrusting your child's care and education to us. It has been an absolute privilege to lead the school and to ensure that they have some of the very best opportunities available in one of the very best environments. There is no doubt I will miss the pupils and I will miss the staff as well as the daily buzz and the thrill of hearing of every achievement no matter how small. I will follow the next part of The Avenue School's journey with keen interest and wish you all well for the future. I hope to attend events in the future, but rest assured I will never forget all those very special moments we have shared.

Have a wonderful Summer

Dame Sue



School Uniform

From September uniform must be ordered on line with Free delivery into school

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****IMPORTANT INFORMATION—SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS****

Please note that the last order date for delivery into school before the summer break is 30th June

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Charity Stall

As you are probably aware the school has a charity stall situated in its Reception area. We are always pleased to receive donations of items for the stall. We need items in excellent condition please. If you know a company or retail outlet that have any end on line items that they no longer want and are prepared to donate please speak to them on our behalf. We really have had some amazing items Every penny goes into our school fund to help to pay for those extra items to enhance the school lives of our wonderful pupils.



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School Terms & Holidays 2017 - 2018

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Term 1 2017

Monday 4 September 2017 - Friday 20 October 2017

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 4 September (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 35

Term 2 2017

Monday 30 October 2017 - Thursday 21 December 2017

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 30 October and Tuesday 31 October (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 39

Term 3 2018

Wednesday 3 January 2018 - Friday 9 February 2018

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Wednesday 3 January (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 28

Term 4 2018

Monday 19 February 2018 - Thursday 29 March 2018

Total days: 29

Term 5 2018

Monday 16 April 2018 - Friday 25 May 2018

Total days: 29

Term 6 2018

Monday 4 June 2018 - Friday 20 July 2018

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 June (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 35

Total days in school year: 195 (Including 6 in-service training days)

Pupils should not attend school on any of the days that are shaded above. Parents/Guardians please note that the school is normally closed for pupils on 5 days in the school year for Teachers In-Service Training days. In addition, we have allocated an extra day for Health and Safety Training. Please see above dates.

Public Holidays in year 2017/2018

Christmas	25-Dec-17	Good Friday	30-Mar-18	Spring Bank Holiday	28-May-18
Boxing Day	26-Dec-17	Easter Monday	2-Apr-18	August Bank Holiday	27-Aug-18
New Year	1-Jan-18	May Bank Holiday	7-May-18		

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Please make a note of these dates

EVENT	DATE
<i>Last day of Term 6</i>	<i>Thursday 20th July @1.15pm</i>
<i>First Day of Term 1 for pupils</i>	<i>Tuesday 5th September 2017</i>



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