

The Avenue Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with what's going on... w/e



Head teacher's message

It has been a difficult week for everyone in the education community, especially in Reading, following the publication of the Ofsted inspection report of Caversham Primary School and the subsequent passing of the Head teacher Ruth Perry.

There is much talk in the education community about the limiting judgements that Ofsted are able to make, and the impact that these judgements have on school staff, particularly Head Teachers, Senior Leaders and Governors. In the case of Ruth Perry, this impact has been unspeakably tragic. This should never have happened, and must never happen again. We must never forget.

The Avenue School accept that school inspections are necessary to ensure high standards and effective safeguarding for our children, and we will co-operate with this process. I wish to make it very clear that we believe that the current Ofsted inspection regime is flawed and is not fit for purpose. We will not be defined by what is ultimately a single word inspection outcome. We, and all places of learning, are so much more than this.

We, alongside Ruth's family and our colleagues in education nationally, call for an urgent investigation and review into the Ofsted inspection at Caversham Primary School, and of the inspection system overall.

I have taken the decision to remove our Ofsted report from our website, therefore, if you are visiting our website to find out more about our school, I urge you to please take a look at the information on our website, arrange a visit, give us a call – before searching elsewhere for our Ofsted report.

We are sending our love and thoughts to Ruth's family, friends and colleagues. Best wishes, Symon.

Robin

We had a lovely moment in Robin class last week. Alice and Shreya sat with each other in the group room, tickled each other and were blowing raspberries. They really enjoyed each others company :o)



Red Nose Day

Harrier and Linnet class did a sponsored walk/swim during their swimming lesson to raise money for Red Nose Day. In total the boys completed an amazing 162 lengths of Meadow swimming pool which is 20metres long. In total they covered a massive 3240 metres between them. Both classes worked really hard to accomplish this and I hope together we have raised money for Red Nose Day.

BTEC cooking group had fun following the official Red Nose Day recipe to make biscuits, the HE room sent baking smells around The Square. Jack from Raven class spent time designing the faces of his class and captured some very funny faces. The class then used edible pens to copy the faces onto the biscuits.



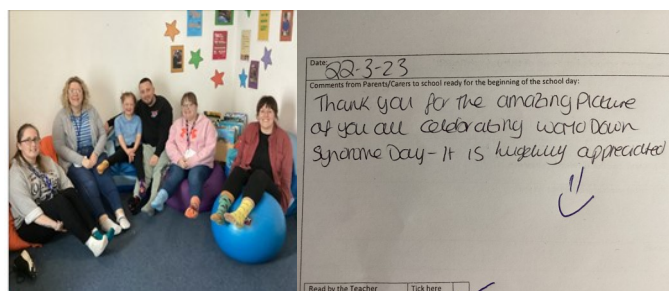
The whole school came together and showed off their dance moves!



TOTAL RAISED IS **£470!**

Down Syndrome Awareness day

On Monday we promoted diversity by wearing odd socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day. Here is Robin Class showing off their odd socks! It is lovely for staff to receive positive feedback—see the photo below!



Key dates

End of Term Fri
31st March
1:15 finish

INSET DAY
Monday
17th April

Pupils return Tues-
day 18th
April

Don't forget
clocks
change on
Sunday

