

The Avenue Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with what's going on... w/e 06.10.2023



Head teacher's message

Dear all,

I hope you have all had a positive week.

Thursday 5th October was National Teachers Day. Every day seems to be a national day, but this is one that obviously caught my eye. The focus is on attracting and retaining teachers to this wonderful profession. I hope that this day does raise the profile of teaching. Having the opportunity to work with our wonderful young people, as a member of a team of equally amazing people, making a real difference every day is so incredibly rewarding. I hope that my colleagues are all able to find a moment to really focus on, and share, the positives.

Have a wonderful weekend, enjoying the warmer and unseasonal weather.

Best wishes, Symon

Sign of the Week



Merlin Class

Over the last year, I have spent my Wednesday afternoons working with Tyler from Merlin class. We work together on a variety of garden projects, developing Tyler's DIY skills. Tyler has painted a bird hotel, with four coats of paint. He has also dug the hole, cut and fixed the post, mixing concrete to secure the post. Well done Tyler, you should be proud of what you have achieved.



LEGO Discover Day at Reading Central Library

Reading Central Library is holding a LEGO Discovery Day for 8-11 year olds on Saturday 7 October. There will be three 60-minute sessions involving a LEGO education trainer and each participating child will receive a free LEGO duck. Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance. Sessions are free but there is a 50p booking fee per participant. Booking opens soon at: [LEGO Discovery Day | What's On Reading \(whatsonreading.com\)](https://www.whatsonreading.com/lego-discovery-day).

Ridgeline Work Experience

Starling Class and a few of 6th form have been at Ridgeline as part of their Experience of a Workplace. We have received this incredible feedback from one of the staff who has been working with them.

"Would you pass on to their teacher how impressed we are with their work ethic, their positivity and their ability to complete a number of tasks allocated to them. As ever, I am blown away by what they achieve in a session. One said to me today "What's next Kay?" – our challenge is keeping up with them. Once again, a delightful group and so polite."

Well done to all involved.

Crowdfunding Charity Event

Please see the BBC news link below, an amazing charity crowdfunding by one of our Avenue Families. Bobby in 6th form recently attended work experience here and made this comment "Do you know what, I think I could work in a brewery ". <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-66946694>

Literacy Corner

Grapheme – the letters that are used to record a sound

Digraph – 2 letters that are used to record a sound

Trigraph – 3 letters that are used to record a sound

Fred talk – when we split a word up into its sounds (oral segmenting)

Fred fingers – when we press the sounds in a word onto our fingers to help us spell words (speeds sounds lessons and in Yellow, Blue and Grey *Get Writing Books*

Key dates

Parents Evening link: <https://avenuespecialschool.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Half term

23rd –
27th Oct

**INSET
Days**

30th &
31st Oct

**Christmas
Fayre**

24th Nov
4:00-7:00