

The Avenue School

Newsletter

SPECIAL NEEDS ACADEMY

School Year 2017-2018

Term 5

8B have had a lovely term! Amongst our usual timetable, we have had some exciting activities to take part in.

Jonny kindly arranged for all of us to take part in a Table Cricket tournament in the middle of the term. This was organised and hosted through the Lord Taverners sports charity. All of the students played their absolute best and we came second in the National Table Cricket semi- finals.

We were all very proud of our achievement and, most of all, we had lots of fun!

In our assembly slot for this term 8B decided to host a big musical celebration for the whole school. They helped to design and deliver invitations to all of the classes and staff and together chose a line-up of songs for everyone to sing-along to and enjoy together.

Most of the whole school joined us for our Friday celebration and the students of 8B were amazing hosts. It was an amazing event enjoyed by all!







Over the course of three weeks, some students from our early years classes worked alongside students from Churchend School to create some beautiful artwork based on the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. Our pupils used a variety of techniques to apply the acrylic paint, through blowing it through plastic bottles to applying it with their fingertips. Everyone's hard work has paid off and we're looking forwards to finding the perfect spot to hang our wonderful canvases after half term!



The Spring Bounce

Our first ever rebound therapy festival took place between 30th April and 4th May.

Rebound Therapy is the use of the moving surface of a trampoline to provide therapeutic exercise and recreation. Rebound Therapy can bring many benefits including facilitating movement and balance, as well improving muscle tone and strength. It's also great fun!



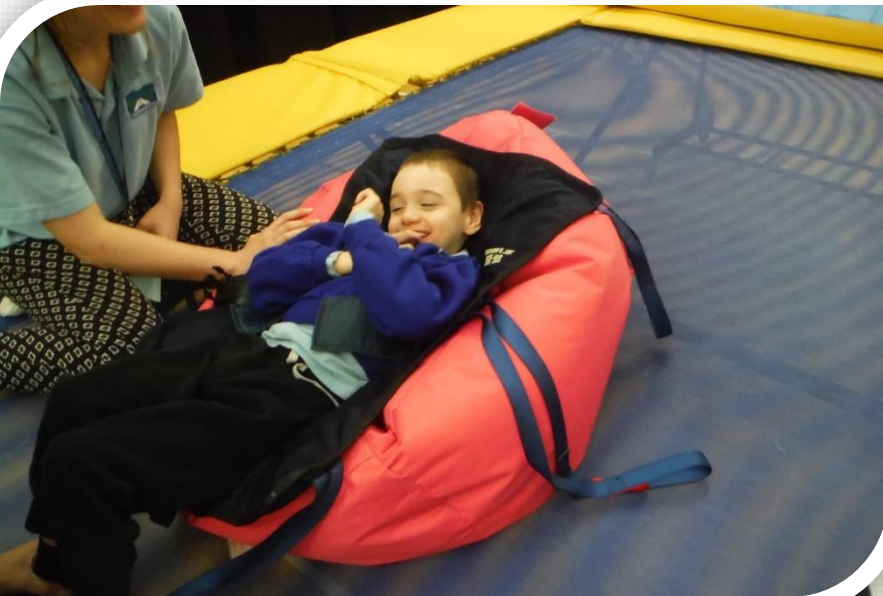
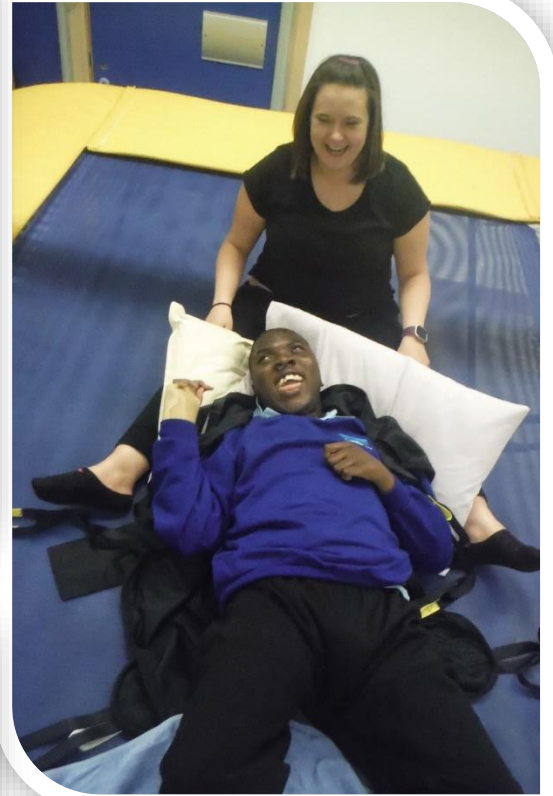
Following an in-depth staff training programme, every class took part in the festival and over six days, a total of 127 students took part in sessions!

The festival concluded with a whole school celebration assembly which gave us an opportunity to choose some 'Brilliant Bouncers' and to share photos and videos taken during the event.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event but particularly Ros, Gemma, Kellie R, Kelly S, Ellie and Dawn. In addition, a special thank you to Dominic for producing a fantastic video record of the event.









5A

To celebrate our IPC topic of 'Our World' this term, class 5A went on a trip to Thames Valley Adventure Park. We explored many different environments, full of vibrant smells, colours, textures and places to run or climb, learning how to wait and share. We all ate lunch together at the dining tables and shared lots of fun in the indoor soft play and sensory rooms.





6B

6B visited Thames Valley Adventure Playground as part of our IPC topic 'Our World'. Everyone had so much fun getting to explore the outdoors. Some students even had fun at getting staff wet in the splash area. We finished the day with a relaxing session in the sensory room.



1B

Working together, playing together



Class 1B's interaction and play skills are really developing. We have been learning to share space, resources and toys, to take turns in different situations, give items to each other and request play with each other. We are doing this with less and less adult support and we're really enjoying this – particularly during sensory story sessions, outside play times, in the splash pool and soft play!



2B found a mysterious packet of smarties at the messy table. Each student put a smartie on their tongue and talked about how it made them feel. Using a word bank, we each created a chocolaty poem; exploring how words can be put together to describe something. We think you will agree that they are very professional!

Chocolate is
delicious
And tasty
Lovely
Open bar

By James

Smell sticky sweet tastes
Smooth, melting packet.
Lovely delicious waiting.
Soft chocolate, it's brown.

By Lee.

I like
Lovely
Sticky
Delicious
Tasty
Sweet
Brown
Sticky,
Exciting,
Chocolate

By Shanthosh

Chocolate Heaven,
Tastes like sweet deliciousness,
It's incredible,
Waiting,
Lovely and melting,
Soft and tasty,
Favourite.

By Corey

The chocolate tastes incredible
Lovely, sweet smell,
Open mouth,
Lovely
Melting *By Stefan*

Chocolate,
Brown and sweet,
Open mouth,
Smooth and melting.

By Mark.

Chocolate is lovely
and delicious,
Brown and tasty,
It makes me feel
amazing.

By Jarred.

Chocolate is soft melting brown,
Milk Chocolate
White Chocolate
Makes me feel hungry.

By Given

Chocolate poem-delicious!
Excited.
Chocolate is tasty brown.
Soft, melting, amazing.
My favourite.
It makes me feel happy, sticky
hungry.

By Subhaan.



1A

1A went on a trip to the garden centre, where we explored the texture of the plants, looked at the colours and had a smell of them. We even watched the fish in the aquarium and listened to the water in the water feature.

We have also participated in sensory play. We were looking for worms in the soil, planting seeds, digging and made perfumes with flowers and water!

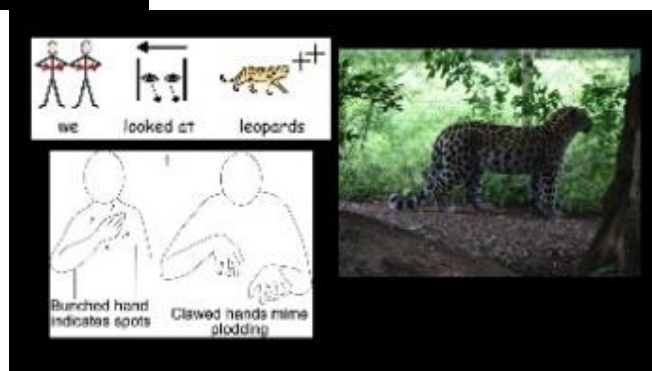
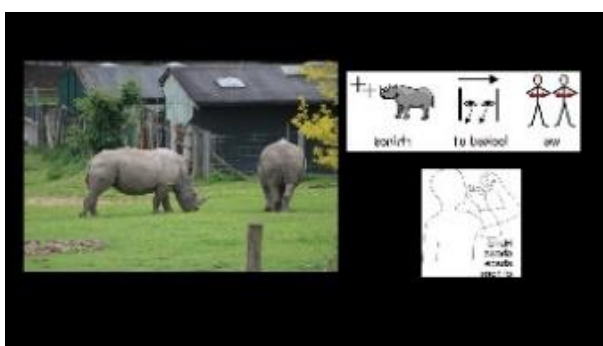
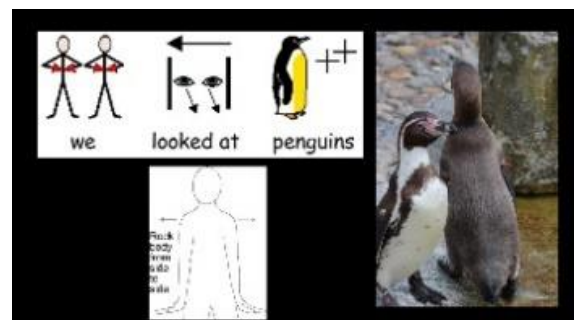
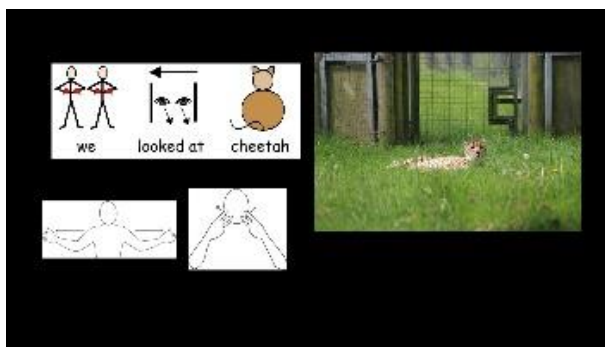
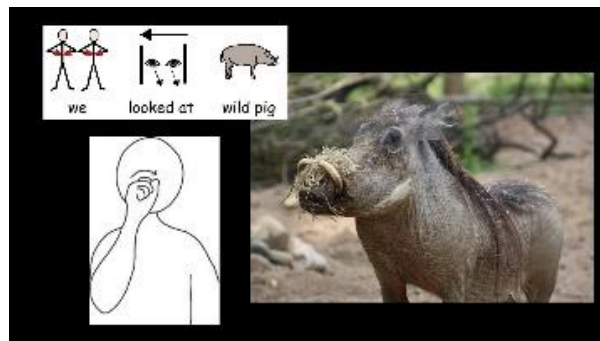
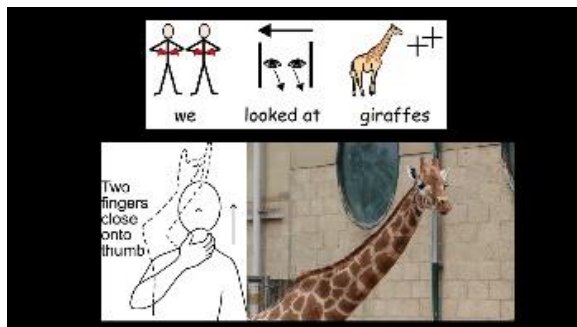
We also listened to the sensory story Boris the Bumblebee and The Little Seed.





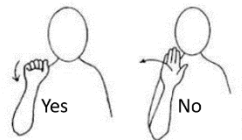


6A undertook a trip to Marwell Zoo as part of our IPC topic of Explorers and Adventurers. The group had a fantastic time, learning about animals and using our Makaton skills to name them. We visited all of the outside enclosures as well as the new tropic house.



4A

During the communication week, 4A went to The Link coffee shop. The pupils were using Makaton to order their drinks and favourite snacks. We all had lots of fun.



2A

Hi, Class 2A have begun taking yoga lessons on a Friday with Kelly S. The children have done really well and are able to copy many of the movements, showing good body control and concentration skills. The session is very calming and a fun way to unwind at the end of the week.



Class C

Class C have enjoyed making and tasting smoothies this term. We've also been practising doing the washing up and wiping the tables afterwards!



7B

7B have been experimenting with lots of different foods from around the world this term! For our current IPC topic - Our World, we have made and tasted many different flavours. From the salty chappatis of Asia to the tangy flavours of a Key Lime Pie - we have been visiting each continent's yummy food!



7A Summer Highlights

In 7A, we have been very busy this term and we have had opportunities to be part of the local community through the use of Tilehurst Library. We have also continued our weekly travel training and shopping which have enabled us to become more confident in our money skills. This term, we visited Marwell Zoo as part of our IPC-Explorers and Adventurers Topic and had an opportunity to see a variety of exotic wild life including ostrich and leopard. It was amazing!



We also had the opportunity to see other safari animals like the rhino, zebra and okapi! Others we saw include the giraffe, warthog and cheetah



We have also enjoyed exploring a range of life skills within school including cooking, house keeping and money skills



Two of our young people have also enjoyed work experience: Jessica at the school Library, and Chloe at the Stables in Newbury



Finally, for our Milepost 2 Exit Point, we enjoyed tent building and orienteering at Prospect Park



It has been a great term.

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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
Last day of Term 5	Friday 25 th May 2018
First Day of Term 6 for pupils	Wednesday 06 th June 2018
Non uniform day in exchange for tombola prices	Friday 8 th June 2018
Macmillan's Dress Up and Dance day	Thursday 14 th June 2018
The Avenue School Summer Festival	Saturday 16 th June 2018
Presentation day for College students	Friday 22 nd June 2018
New Parents information morning 10am-11.30am	Monday 2 nd July 2018
Parents Evening	Thursday 5 th July 2018
Prom	Friday 6 th July 2018
Last Day of Term 6	Friday 20 th July @ 1.15pm

We love sharing all our amazing pictures with you!

For data protection purposes can we please ask that you do not copy and share any of the pictures on social media.

Thank you

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