



Newsletter 6th October 2023

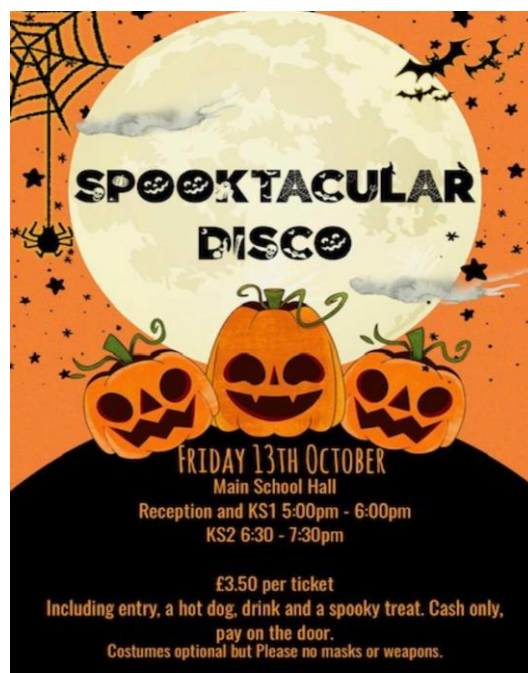
A Message from Miss McInnes:

Dear Parents,

What another busy few weeks we have had. Year 6 had a fantastic WW1 workshop, year 5 enjoyed a trip to the civic centre and Year 2 went out into town to conduct a very important traffic survey! Lunch play times have had a real boost thanks to our newly trained Sports Ambassadors. We have enjoyed celebrating your achievements outside of the class room in Friday's assemblies. Please don't forget to let us know of any achievements that happens out of school.

Thank you to all of you who donated to the Warminster Food Bank.

Next Friday is our first PTA event of the year, Halloween Disco! If you are able to donate any cakes towards this please will you give them to your child to bring into school on Friday morning.



Have a lovely weekend, the sun is due to shine!
Miss McInnes

Parent & Pupil Support:

Hello, I am the Parent and Pupil Support at The Avenue. My name is Natalia, or Mrs Goodway as the children will know me.

My role within the school is to provide pastoral support for all of the children, and you, the families. For families this may come in the form of impartial knowledge or advice, or signposting to other agencies, which may have more specialist knowledge.

I understand that life can have its ups and downs and am here to support you whenever needed, be that with a one-off question or with a more challenging situation.

Please feel free to email me ngy@avenue.wilts.sch.uk or telephone the office to arrange a telephone appointment on 01985 213383.

PTA & Volunteers: **WE NEED YOU!**

The PTA are always looking to recruit new volunteers to help support the school. If you are interested in joining please contact Nat our PSA at ngy@avenue.wilts.sch.uk

We are desperately looking for volunteers to help with walking to and from swimming on a Friday. If you could help please do get in touch with the school office or your class teacher. We would also welcome volunteers to listen to readers or run after school clubs. If you are interested in this then again please contact the school office admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk

Sport Ambassadors



The Sports Ambassadors went to Trowbridge to meet up with lots of other schools to take in some training. We have come back with great ideas that we want to bring back to The Avenue. We will be leading games and activities at play and lunch times for both key stages, Such as SPLAT and blue light/white light.

We are also interested in getting everyone moving during lessons. Promoting movement across the curriculum.

Rio, Henry, Nieve and Sienna.



Our Student Leadership Group took part in a live webinar yesterday with over 250 schools. They were participating in training to improve their public speaking skills, in order to be able to deliver assemblies confidently to the whole school. Amelia said after the event, 'It had helpful advice and I feel more confident and prepared for leading my first assembly'. Great job everyone!

Is my child too ill for school?

School attendance is so important for children's success and we want to see them in school as much as possible! However, as the weather turns cooler we know that some illness can't be avoided. This guide below taken from the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>) will help make the decision. We will always contact you if we feel they are too unwell to attend.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#).

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature \(38 degrees or more\)](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. If they feel well enough (minor cold symptoms) then they can come into school.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#).

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Starting Reception September 2024?
Moving to the area?
Looking for a nurturing school which will focus on both academic and personal progress?
Join us on our

OPEN DAY

**Thursday 2nd November &
 Wednesday 15th November**
09.30 or 2.30pm

Appointments are available to tour the school and speak to school staff - to book please contact the Office: admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk or 01985 213383



Ofsted rated 'Good'
'Children thrive and develop in this nurturing environment'



Please see information on the left - to join us for our Open Days.

Please call the school office to book an appointment.

Braeside Education Centre - October Half Term Activity Days

Following from previous successful school holidays, Braeside Education Centre will be running 'October Half Term Activity Days' as part of their Holiday Club offering.

The dates are Thursday 19th October, Friday 20th October, Monday 23rd October and Tuesday 24th October.

They have kept our costs the same as previous years, at just £36.00 per child, per day, for 8.30am – 5pm.

Below see their current flyer. Spaces can be booked via their website braeside-education.co.uk



Braeside Education Centre
October Half Term Activity Days!
£36 per day

Adventure - Challenge - Fun
 For ages 8 - 12 years
 (Childs up to 14 years)

Drop Off - 8.30am - 9.00am
Pick Up - 4.00pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 19th -
 Woodland Day
 (Map of Park, Leaf Track, Woodland, Pudding Time)

Friday 20th -
 Forest Day
 (Map of Park, Leaf Track, Woodland, Pudding Time)

Monday 23rd -
 Forest Day
 (Map of Park, Leaf Track, Woodland, Pudding Time)

Tuesday 24th -
 Forest Day
 (Map of Park, Leaf Track, Woodland, Pudding Time)

braeside-education.co.uk

Achievement Awards

On Friday 29th September 2023, 6th October 2023 we had our celebratory assembly, the following children achieved awards:

Mia	25 Certificate	Logan	400 Platinum Award
Henry	25 Certificate	Lexi	400 Platinum Award
Eva	100 Silver Award	Matthew	600 Diamond Award
Mariam	100 Silver Award		

Other Information:



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- **Intermediate Strings** - Royal Wootton Bassett, Bradford on Avon
- **Youth Orchestra** - Bradford on Avon
- **Junior Wind Band** - Chippenham, Bradford on Avon
- **Intermediate Wind Band** - Chippenham, Bradford on Avon
- **Concert Band** - Bradford on Avon
- **Steel Pans** - Bradford on Avon
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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

Make a difference in your community

COMMUNITY FIRST

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Your local Link Scheme needs you:
Demand for our service is growing and we urgently need new volunteers to support the service

YOUR MILEAGE PAID

If you could spare some time, or for more information please contact us: 01380 722 241
Email: linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk



Rising Stars Sports Clubs

Rising Stars sports clubs are open to any young person with SEN and/or disability from the ages of 8 to 16 years.

Clubs:

North Rising Stars Sheldon School, Chippenham Thursdays 5pm - 6pm	West Rising Stars Trowbridge Sports Centre Wednesdays 4.15pm - 5pm
South Rising Stars Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Salisbury Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm	£3.20 per session Term time only Pre-booking required

For more information and to book your place please contact:

Rob Paget disability sports development officer

Tel: 01722 434770 Email: robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk

SEN Dance Sessions

Age
5 - 10
4.15pm - 4.45pm

Age
11 - 25
5pm - 5.45pm

Starting
11 September
2023

Melksham
Community
Campus



SOCIALISE & STAY ACTIVE!

W.I.D invites young people to join in with creating movement through having fun and exploring the space! With the use of colourful props and music, this session will be engaging, inclusive and interactive.

Join us for refreshments after each session.

To register, please contact -
sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Get Active

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