



THE AVS WAY

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

SHOWING RESPECT

The Avon Valley Way is what defines us as a school. It is how we do things, and it epitomises the high expectations and high standards that we have throughout the school.

Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in your relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing.

TUTOR THEME OF THE WEEK

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In tutor time this week our students across the school will be looking in more detail at our Black History Month theme for 2022 "Time for Change: Action Not Words".

MESSAGE FROM LAURA BINDLEY - ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER BEHAVIOUR AND SAFEGUARDING



October marks the start of Black History Month and our theme for 2022 is "Time for Change: Action Not Words".

To get a better tomorrow we can't just focus on the past; the past is in the past. We can acknowledge and learn from it, but to improve the future, we need action, not words. We need to come together around a shared common goal to achieve a better world for everyone.

Black History Month at AVS is as important as ever. It's not just a month to celebrate the continued achievements and contributions of Black people from our school, our community, the UK and around the world. It's also a time for continued action to tackle racism, reclaim Black history and ensure Black history is represented and celebrated all year round.

The second page of our newsletter this week is dedicated to Daphne Steele, the first Black matron in the NHS.

UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES

Mon 3rd October	Year 7 boys Football vs LSS (A) Year 7/8/9 Girls Netball Training Year 7 boys Football Training
Tue 4th October	Year 8 boys Football Training Year 10/11 girls Netball Training Year 8 Netball v RHS (A) Year 9 Netball v RHS(A) Year 10 boys Football vs LSS (H)
Wed 5th October	Year 10 Netball v Harris (A) Year 11 Netball v Harris (A)
Thur 6th October	Year 7/8 Trampolining
Fri 7th October	Year 8 Football vs LSS (H) Year 9 Football vs LSS (A)

BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

We'd be very grateful to receive any unwanted reading books, suitable for 11-16 year olds, which can be read as part of our 'Drop Everything And Read' initiative.

Teenage fiction books welcome along with any other non-fiction genres, such as autobiographies, which may interest and engage our students.

Donated books can be dropped off by students on the table in our reception area.





Introducing

Daphne Steele

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PROFESSION

Nurse

BORN

1929 in British Guyana

ACHIEVEMENT

First Black Matron in the NHS

DIED

2004 Ilkely, West Yorkshire

Daphne's achievement was all the more remarkable, coming 16 years after the foundation of the NHS, and the arrival of the Windrush.

Born in 1929, in the Essequibo region of Guyana, Daphne was the eldest of nine children. From an early age she wanted to pursue a career in the medical profession, inspired by her father who worked as a qualified pharmacist.



'A woman of courage with a heart of gold' – the words her sister, Carmen Munroe, used to describe Daphne Steele.



Daphne Steele was one of the many people from the Caribbean who dedicated their lives to the National Health Service and, on 16th October 2018, a blue plaque was unveiled in her honour. Daphne became the first Black matron in the NHS, when she successfully applied for that role in 1964 at St. Winifred's hospital in Ilkley, Yorkshire.

