



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

Monday 15th March 2021

Non-Uniform Day in aid of Avaya – 26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Lydiard Park Academy, the 'Houses' have decided to pull together and fundraise for a local girl called Avaya, a little girl at a school that is part of our Trust. Avaya, aged 5, attends Orchid Vale. She is a very determined pupil who is facing significant challenges.

Avaya was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma in January 2020. She has undergone numerous tests, scans and rounds of treatment. She has taken part in clinical trials and is currently undergoing further treatment. Despite everything that she has faced, she has continued with a smile on her face and has attended school whenever she has been able to. Everyone at Orchid Vale is extremely proud of Avaya, and we are proud to be associated with her through the Park Academies Trust.

Avaya was enrolled onto a clinical trial treatment (Beacon trial) in August. She has now finished this course of treatment and her disease has slightly improved and is deemed stable, but it's still not enough for the primary tumour to be removed. Her family are waiting for suggestions of next steps, from experts at a national neuroblastoma panel to see what they can offer Avaya next. But they also need to look at alternative treatments both in the UK and abroad that aren't covered by the NHS. Unfortunately, these come at a very high financial cost.

The family has set up a fundraising page:

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/avaya039s-fight-against-neuroblastoma>

Please feel free to share this link on social media.

On the 26th March we are doing a non-uniform day for all pupils and asking that pupils bring £1 to participate. This is a voluntary donation, but we hope that most pupils will support this worthy cause. If you would like to make a further donation, please feel free to do so directly using the link above. Donating online will enable any gifts to benefit from Gift Aid, increasing the total amount.

The theme for this event will be based on the 'Rainbow', we are inviting you to join us in 'Dressing as a Rainbow' or picking one of the colours to represent on 26th March 2021. A rainbow is a symbol of hope and by coming together in this community event, we are demonstrating hope and positivity for Avaya. We would like pupils at LPA to embrace this theme and avoid wearing grey or black tracksuits, for example.

Please note, that we will not be having a non-uniform day for Red Nose Day this year. As an academy we have decided to promote more local causes where our donations can have a greater impact, such as Avaya's example, a member of our wider Trust community.

We hope that you are able to support us with this important cause.

Yours sincerely,

The Heads of House

Miss Templeman, Mr Fraser, Miss Wozencraft and Mr Anley



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