



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school during the last few weeks.

Class talks took place for years 1,2, 3, 4 and 6, with information about the curriculum and coming year being shared.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to know more or visit the school website for further information.

The **transfer to secondary school booklets** are no longer being issued. All families will need to apply online. The information on how to apply for a secondary school place is available on the Redbridge website www.redbridge.gov.uk From the website there are three easy steps to follow so you can make your application through the School's Admissions Service. Closing date for applications is the 31st October 2017.

Regards,

Mrs Walters

Class	Week of 6 th – 8 th September	Week of 11 th – 15 th September	Week of 18 th – 22 nd September	Week of 25 th – 29 th September
Reception				
Balta	-	100.00%	98.61%	99.54%
Blanco	-	100.00%	95.63%	98.41%
Shukla	-	100.00%	95.98%	97.18%
White	-	89.47%	99.21%	100.00%
Year 1				
Blue	100.00%	99.33%	97.64%	92.26%
Neela	96.55%	95.17%	93.49%	96.92%
Niebieski	96.77%	99.35%	100.00%	97.98%
Year 2				
Green	100.00%	98.33%	98.89%	98.89%
Harit	95.00%	97.29%	95.47%	98.11%
Verdi	93.55%	93.33%	93.33%	90.37%
Zielony	95.00%	98.33%	98.52%	96.67%
Year 3				
Dhumalah	96.91%	99.26%	97.94%	94.05%
Fioletowy	95.40%	95.17%	95.40%	95.79%
Purple	89.08%	92.07%	90.04%	90.04%
Purpura	98.89%	98.67%	94.81%	98.15%
Year 4				
Braz	94.67%	92.50%	95.11%	92.00%
Bronce	99.33%	96.00%	95.11%	97.33%
Bronze	92.36%	92.50%	89.33%	94.44%
Kamsya	98.72%	98.85%	94.02%	95.73%
Year 5				
Plata	92.86%	95.36%	94.05%	92.46%
Rajat	96.67%	96.00%	95.19%	97.41%
Srebro	94.05%	91.07%	98.41%	95.63%
Silver	96.55%	98.97%	98.47%	95.79%
Year 6				
Gold	95.56%	80.33%	83.70%	92.59%
Number of classes with 97% or more	5	12	9	10

DIVERSITY WEEK



Diversity Week got off to a super start on Monday 2nd October. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about African mask making and the use of cardboard as an artistic resource! Pupils worked hard to make nets for a range of mathematical 3D shapes to create fantastic giant sized masks which are displayed in the KS2 building.

Pupils and staff from across the school watched the Zulu Nation Dance troop perform cultural dances from South Africa and learnt about their culture, music and language.

Faith Leaders from a range of faiths led an assembly for pupils about their own faith. Children asked questions such as: 'How do you know if God can hear you when you pray?' 'Why are there so many wars and why does God not stop them?'



MP Wes Streeting Visits Avanti

MP Wes Streeting visited Avanti on Friday 19th September 2017. Pupils from across the school were awarded with their Ambassador badges and spoke to Wes Streeting about their concerns with regards to litter, green spaces, crime and whether there was a possibility to have Boris Bikes in Redbridge. Wes Streeting was very impressed with the Ambassadors and their commitment to improving not only the school but Redbridge.



DISPLAYS AT AVANTI



OUTSTANDING! Key Inspection Findings from the recent S48 Inspection:

How effective is the school in providing education for the Hindu life of the school? - **Outstanding**
 How effective are the leaders and members in developing the Hindu life of the school? - **Outstanding**
 How well does the school, through its distinctive Hindu Character, meet the needs of all learners? - **Outstanding**
 What is the impact of collective worship on the school community? - **Outstanding**
 How effective is the Religious Education? - **Outstanding**

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP PARENT VIEW



Remember to add your views!

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

The next Headteacher's Forum will be on: 7th December at 8:45am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to share your views and to hear the positive developments the school has made against the school priorities for 2017-2018. Please do come!

ANOTHER YEAR OF IMPRESSIVE YEAR 2 RESULTS FOR AVANTI!

Avanti Court is delighted to inform you that as a school we achieved super results in Reception-we are above both the National and Redbridge averages. A huge well done to Ms Sahota and her team for all their hard work!

Year 2, once again achieved phenomenal results with 90%+ of pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths-above both Redbridge and National! A huge congratulations to Mr Korrichh and his team for such an achievement!

Well done Year 1, who under Ms Shrestha's leadership achieved 94% for the phonics screening test, which Year 1 pupils sat in May. Our phonics scores again were above both Redbridge and National averages. Well done to Ms Shrestha and the Year 1 team!

Year 2 Results	Reading (Expected and above)	Writing (Expected and above)	Mathematics (Expected and above)	Percentage of pupils reaching the expected level in Reading, Writing and Maths	Science (EXS+)
Avanti 2016-2017	90%	91%	91%	90%	87%
Avanti 2015-2016	85%	78%	88%	76.7%	86%
Redbridge 2017	79%	71%	79%		83%
National 2017	76%	68%	75%		83%

Percentage of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development in Reception	
Avanti 2016-2017	84%
Avanti 2015-2016	82%
Redbridge 2017	72.7%
Redbridge 2016	71.7%

Year One Phonic Screening Check	Pass
Avanti 2016-2017	94%
Avanti 2015-2016	96%
Redbridge 2017	83.5%
National 2016	81%

ATTENDANCE!

As a school we wanted to achieve 97% attendance last academic year. We managed only to reach 95.9%. **Please** do remember that your child's attendance has a huge impact on their progress and attainment.

Parents we need your help- we can reach 97% but only by working with you!

ANOTHER AWARD FOR AVANTI!

Well done Mrs Shrestha for submitting the school's evidence for the Gold Travel Plan Award. I am delighted to inform you all that as a school we achieved the Gold Award-which is a brilliant achievement. This award recognises that as a school we support sustainable ways of travel.



EARLY YEARS AT AVANTI



HOW ARE WE SUPPORTING OTHER SCHOOLS?

I am delighted to inform you that Ms Sahota has been asked to support a primary school in Spain-she will be flown to Spain during the school holidays to ensure the Early years setting shines like ours! You might remember that she was asked to support the Cambridge University School last academic year!

I am so proud of Mrs Makwana who presented to other schools recently how she led Avanti to gain the Gold Quality Award for RE . We are the only school in Redbridge to have this prestigious award! We have been asked by Atam Academy in Redbridge to support them with faith assemblies, which is fantastic!

Mr Korrichh delivered an assembly on Diwali at Ilford Jewish Primary and Mrs Makwana delivered an assembly at Grove Primary. And Woodlands Primary.

Mrs Makwana, Ms Sahota, Mrs Bana, Mrs Sivadasan and Mrs Sanghera all led workshops for teachers and staff from the other Avanti schools on the 13th October 2017.

SAFEGUARDING-RADICALISATION WORKSHOPS

Radicalisation workshops took place in key Stage 2 recently by professional educationalist who through discussion and dialogue explored what radicalisation means with pupils.

You might hear words like extremism and radicalization from your children or on the news, but what do they mean?

Radicalisation is when someone starts to believe or support extreme views. They could be pressured to do things illegal by someone else. Or they might change their behaviour and beliefs.

This could happen if they feel:

- isolated and lonely or wanting to belong
- unhappy about themselves and what others might think of them
- embarrassed or judged about their culture, gender, religion or race
- stressed or depressed
- fed up of being bullied or treated badly by other people or by society
- angry at other people or the government
- confused about what they are doing
- pressured to stand up for other people who are being oppressed.

Someone who has been radicalised might believe that sexual, religious or racial violence is OK. They may be influenced by what they see online. And they might have links to extreme groups that preach hate.

What is extremism?

When people have very strong opinions, these could become extreme. People who have certain beliefs about politics or religions which are hateful, dangerous or against the law are often known as extremists. This harmful behaviour is called extremism. Extremists might use violence to express their views. And extremist racial or religious groups might use hate, fear or violence to control and influence people. You may have heard different groups mentioned, like Daesh, also known as ISIS or IS but there are other groups like Combat 18 who are also considered to be extremists.

Who to contact if you are worried or have concerns?

Call Childline on:0800 1111 or get in touch online: childline.org.uk. If you think someone is in serious danger, you can call 999 for urgent help.



IMPORTANT DATES

Half term begins on Thursday 19th October 2017-30th October 2017.

School is closed on the 30th October 2017.

Children return to school on: Tuesday 31st October 2017



SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2017-2018

As a school we have a number of priorities we will be working on to raise standards further over this academic year they are:

Key Priority Area 1: To further develop and improve the accountability of all leaders particularly middle leaders so all leaders have an excellent understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses so improvement planning is sharper in terms of impact.

Key Priority 2: To increase the percentage of pupils achieving Greater Depth in all three subjects and that those achieving GD in Yr 2 continue to do so throughout the school.

Key Priority 3: To raise the attainment of writing across the school

Key Priority 4: To improve attendance across the school to 97%

Key Priority 5: To raise standards of Science across the school

Key Priority 6: Improve the quality of Teaching and learning across the EYFS

HARVEST

Thank you very for all your generous donations. The food items were collected by Springfield Residential Home who were amazed once again by your generosity.



PLAYGROUND FUN...

A range of equipment is available for pupils each day in both playgrounds during lunchtimes so that they develop active healthy lifestyles!



ATTENDANCE

Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Most parents want their children to get on well in life. Nowadays, it is more important than ever to have a good education behind you if you want opportunities in adult life. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school or regularly.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. Pupils who arrive late often feel embarrassed. I spoke to a pupil in Key Stage 2 who said: *'I hate it when I am late. I have to walk into the lesson when everyone is working and I just don't know what to do. It makes me feel really stressed. I have to stand in line with all the other late parents and I know I am missing my learning.'*

Imagine if this is how your child is feeling every morning because they are late - as an adult how many of us would feel like this child turning up for work late or to an important appointment?

Attending school every day = 100% attendance.

Attending 4 half days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

Attending 3 half days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a **whole 2 years** from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Be on time, Be Punctual.....Every Second Counts!





LEARNING AT AVANTI



On Tuesday 3rd October pupils had the opportunity to learn all about African art and created some fantastic masks! Children explored different 3D shapes and using their mathematical knowledge used these to create a sculpture!



‘It was super watching the Zulu Nation dancers! Their music made me so happy and even though it was in a different language I could understand what they were communicating through their facial expressions, their tone of voice and their dance moves!’ Year 4 Pupil



Thank you Mrs Bana for arranging Diversity Week! From listening to Faith Leaders, to tasting food from a range of cultures, making African masks and of course ending with a super parade– Avanti leads the way when celebrating diversity!



On Friday 29th September, Year 4 visited 'The British Museum' to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. Each child had a booklet to complete. In order to answer the questions in their booklets, the children were detectives in the museum. As the children explored the museum, they were amazed to see the different artifacts and statues. They generated some really good questions such as 'Why did the pharaohs put their organs in canopic jars during the mummification process?'



PLAY AT AVANTI



AVANTI AND ILFORD JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARN FROM EACHOTHER!



It was an absolute pleasure to take out PRE Ambassadors to Ilford Jewish Primary School on Tuesday 10th October 2017 to learn all about the Jewish festival of Sakkot.

Ambassadors learnt about the time when Jewish slaves made their journey to the promised land and were told by God to build temporary homes in the desert, which is why Ilford Jewish Primary School has a temporary home built in their playground. They learnt that the word suk-kot means huts (some translations of the bible use the word booths), and building a hut is the most obvious way in which Jews celebrate the festival. They listened to two pupils who told them that Jewish families will build an open air structure in which to live during the holiday. The essential thing about the hut is that it should have a roof of branches and leaves, through which those inside can see the sky.

They also got to hold and smell an etrog (a citron fruit), a palm, myrtle and a willow branch, and learnt the importance of these during the festival.

Ambassadors were able to make comparisons between their own faith and the Jewish faith.



DIWLAI AT AVANTI COURT



At Avanti Court Diwali is a very exciting time. Pupils have been learning about the Diwali stories in their English lessons and through the arts. In class, children made gorgeous sweets and lassi! We organised special assemblies where children presented classical singing, dancing and played a musical instruments. We took part in the Govardhan puja assembly where we created the Govardhan hill with sweets, and later prasadam was distributed to families in the playground. The children were really inspired by the Diwali drumming assemblies and workshops.

Children from across the school took part in the Rangoli competition (see winners below). Staff and children at Avanti dressed up for the Diwali show and fireworks, which was a wonderful event. We welcomed VIPs including the Mayor and Councillor Paul Canal to our Diwali celebrations.

The week ended with children presenting their learning during Diwali week in an assembly followed by a scrumptious Diwali lunch. We also worked hard to spread the message of joy and the importance of Diwali to other schools in Redbridge by presenting Diwali assemblies at Grove Primary, Ilford Jewish Primary and Woodlands Primary school. We had the privilege of being invited to 10 Downing Street for Diwali celebrations! Mrs Walters, Mrs Bana and six children attended this event where our children sang a prayer accompanied by classical dance.

Rangoli Winners:

- Y1/2- Prisha Verdi)
- Y3/4- Yesha (Dhumalah)
- Y5/6- Aanya G (Silver)

Wishing all our families who celebrate Diwali a very happy and auspicious Diwali!
From Mrs Makwana and all the staff and pupils of Avanti Court

